#### **Harkins House**



Harkins House is a short-term shelter care facility for at-risk boys and girls age twelve to seventeen. The program provides a safe environment for Washington County youth whose home is no longer a resource. Since opening in 1977, Harkins House has served nearly 3,000 youth in our community.

Individualized care is provided to each youth, including a comprehensive evaluation, counseling and mental health services, an educational program, and positive recreational activities. Harkins House is a safe, structured program dedicated to providing the highest quality of care to the youths and families it serves.

### Laurie C. Rice 1952-2008

In 1978, Laurie began her thirty years of service at the Washington County Juvenile Shelter Program which would later be named Harkins House. She then worked on the Beaverton Team before moving on to help inspire and form the Early Intervention unit. From there, she went on to found the Substance Abuse /Drug Court program and built a strong, successful team. She created the Positive Parenting program which won over many reluctant parents. She led the strength-based approach in working with youth and families.

Laurie's own words best capture her vision - "At completion, youth are setting goals for themselves and have internalized a sense of self-efficacy, allowing them to believe in their capacity to create a positive future for themselves." Laurie is deeply missed but she will be remembered by seeing her vision live on as youth go on to realize their goals with the help of a scholarship award.



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# LAURIE C. RICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A HOW TO GUIDE....



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## THE BASICS

The Laurie C. Rice Memorial Scholarship is available for any youth who has attended and successfully completed Harkins House or who has successfully graduated from the Keys to Success Program. Scholarships are available for college, vocational programs, sports, music programs, and for positive extracurricular activities. Amounts of the scholarship are flexible and applicants may request a specific amount for attending a program, or make an open ended request. Applications must be received a minimum of one month prior to the program tuition due date to allow time for consideration. Applications are accepted year round.

### Qualifications

The qualified applicant will have demonstrated success while at Harkins House or in the Keys to Success program as exhibited by a positive review at discharge, successful completion of the program, level attainment, and/or positive behaviors while in the program. Applicants will be asked to sign a Release of Information form for Harkins House. The successful candidate will have no recent law violations.

### **The Application**

Applications are available at Harkins House and at the Juvenile Department. Applicants are asked to provide two personal or professional references, with one of these being staff from Harkins House or the Keys to Success program. In addition to completing the application form, two short essay questions must be completed.

Consideration may be made for applicants with writing difficulties. Applicants are also required to include a copy of their application or acceptance letter to the

program of their choice, and to provide contact information to the program.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the program.

### A Checklist

A complete application packet will include the following....

- ☼ Completed Application Form including short essay questions
- ☼ Signed Release of Information for Harkins House/ Keys to Success
- A copy of the program application or letter of acceptance

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