



LEAP1% Scholarship Fund



**Believe in them.
Invest in them.**

An initiative of Sea Mar Community Health Centers

The LEAP1% Scholarship Fund is made possible by individual donors and corporate and institutional sponsors.

The fund is dedicated to helping Latino and Latina students in Washington State attend colleges and universities. Awards are made at the LEAP annual conference, held in February in Tacoma and Olympia.

Contributions are **tax deductible**. Sea Mar is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3, organization.

What does it mean to be a LEAP1% donor?

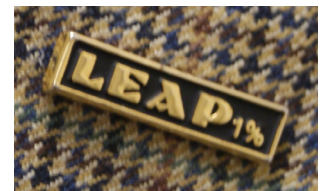
An individual contributes or raises 1% of his/her annual salary to the LEAP1% Scholarship Fund. One percent (1%) is defined as the range between .5% and 1%.

Example:	Maria's	1% Range	
	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>1%</u>
	\$50,000	\$250	\$500

Maria pledges to contribute and/or raise between \$250-\$500 to qualify as a LEAP1% donor.

Donors acknowledged

- All LEAP1% donors will receive an attractive black and gold lapel pin to acknowledge their support.
- All donors will be listed in the program of LEAP's annual education conference that is held in February.
- All donors will be notified annually of scholarship awardees.



How can I contribute to the LEAP1% Scholarship Fund?

By check payable to: Sea Mar Community Health Centers
c/o LEAP 1% Scholarship Fund
1040 S Henderson Street
Seattle, WA 98108

Online: http://www.seamar.org/donations_form.php

By Pledging: By pledging, you can make payments, or make a one-time contribution. See Individual Pledge Card.

LEAP1% Corporate and Institutional Sponsors

Sponsorship levels are the following:

Silver—\$2,500 **Gold**—\$5,000 **Platinum**—\$10,000



How will funds be used?

One hundred percent (100%) of funds received will be used for scholarships for Latino and Latina students in Washington State.

NOTE: While grade-point average and other indicators of academic success will be considered, individual and family hardship could be just as important, in some cases, more important, in determining scholarship awards.

Who will have priority for receiving scholarships?

- Students from low-income families who demonstrate a commitment to their education and who are considered residents for purpose of higher education, including 1079* students;
- Students who plan to pursue teaching degrees or counseling certificates and who show interest in serving in the public schools. Additional priority will be given to bilingual students.
- Students who are involved in leadership and/or service activities in their schools and communities.

* In 2003, the Washington State Legislature approved House Bill 1079, enabling undocumented (1079) students to be considered residents for purposes of higher education. Passage of the bill means that 1079 students qualify to pay in-state tuition at Washington State's public colleges and universities. Similarly, 1079 students qualify for scholarships made possible by the LEAP1% Scholarship Fund.



How will funds be accounted for?

A separate account for the LEAP1% Scholarship Fund will be established within Sea Mar Community Health Centers, a non-profit organization formed in 1978. All funds will be deposited in and disbursed from a special scholarship account. The fund will be part of the organization's annual audit, conducted by an independent accounting firm.

How will scholarship selections be made?

Scholarship selection committee members are chosen from among LEAP advisory board members, Sea Mar CHC staff, volunteers, and supporters.

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