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# Publisher's Legacy Helps College Dreamers

## Portland Observer offers three scholarships

The Portland Observer wants to help you make your college dream a reality.

Paying for college is expensive and even community college has major costs. Since 1998, The Portland Observer has given thousands of dollars to local students who wish to attend community college.

There are three scholarships to be given this year: Joyce Washington Scholarship, Cory Neal Washington Scholarship and Portland Observer Scholarship with a minimum of \$500 for each.

The grants from the Joyce Washington Scholarship Fund are named after Joyce Washington, the late publisher of the Portland Observer who passed in 1996. She was a single mother of seven children who worked to support her family. But she



Joyce Washington

also attended college as they grew older.

The scholarships exist to serve local high school students. Washington's son Cory, who also passed, has a scholarship in his name. Fundraising is through

Saturday's Cory Neal Washington Basketball Classic at Self Enhancement, Inc. as well as a Joyce Washington Golf Classic and a Diversity Festival.

Criteria to consider for the scholarships are listed on an application which can be picked up at the Portland Observer offices, located at 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., or via the website starting in June at [portlandobserver.com](http://portlandobserver.com).

Local organizations looking to sponsor a scholarship event or citizens looking to donate towards the scholarship fund, please contact Charles or Mark Washington at 503-288-1897 or [jwsf@portlandobserver.com](mailto:jwsf@portlandobserver.com).

To make a tax deductible donation, make checks to Joyce Washington Scholarship Fund (JWSF) at PO Box 3993 Portland, OR 97208

# Hard Work, Education Help Hispanics Advance

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weekends.

Labor force participation rates of Hispanic men have been higher than those of the population as a whole.

Education is one of the most important predictors of female labor force participation.

Bachelor's degrees earned by Hispanic women rose 430 percent from 1976 to 2000, while the number of bachelor's degrees earned by U.S. residents increased 35 percent during that time, according to HispanicBusiness magazine.

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