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**Community foundation accepting applications for 2019 scholarship program**

SPOKANE, WA, 1/16/2019 — Innovia Foundation, the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, announced the application round is now open for the 2019-2020 school year scholarship program.

Scholarship awards are typically between \$500 and \$2,000 and help students in Eastern Washington and North Idaho achieve their higher education goals by attending colleges, universities or vocational schools. Most applications are due by March 1 with the majority of the awards being announced by May.

“Our donors understand that with education comes opportunity,” said Innovia Foundation CEO Shelly O’Quinn. “We work with generous businesses and individuals throughout the region to provide scholarships for students who are college-bound or pursuing career training.”

In the spring of 2018, Innovia Foundation awarded over \$230,000 in scholarships to 124 students.

For more information about scholarship program criteria and eligibility, and to access the online application, visit the Innovia Foundation website at [www.innovia.org/students](http://www.innovia.org/students).

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Innovia Foundation (formerly Inland Northwest Community Foundation) connects donor generosity to the region’s most pressing causes and collaborates with community partners to drive transformation across 20 counties in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Since 1974, the Foundation’s endowment has grown to \$130 million. Through the generosity of donors and the passionate support of our nonprofit and community partners, Innovia Foundation has awarded more than \$75 million dollars to organizations that improve lives and transform communities.