

## Christine J. Neir Memorial Scholarship

The Christine J. Neir Memorial Scholarship was established by the Kirkland Heritage Society for the purpose of awarding an annual scholarship to seniors attending either Lake Washington or Juanita High School, to foster an interest in the local history of Kirkland, and to provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in historic Kirkland related activities.



**Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00**

### Timeline:

- Application period will start November 1st ending January 15th of each year.
- Scholarship recipient will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee by May 15th
- Award will be presented Between May 15th and June 1st.

### Applicant Criteria

- Applicant must be a senior at Lake Washington or Juanita High School
- Applicant must be planning to attend an institution of higher education for Fall Quarter of the same year as graduation
- Applicant must fill out the application form in full and return to the Career Center at LWHS or JHS by January 15th.

### Scholarship Payment

- Scholarship Award will be paid directly to the recipients chosen college or university for Fall Quarter of the same year as graduation.
- Proof of enrollment required.

### Scholarship Award Criteria

Students may enter only one submission, and their original work should be the result of student research into Kirkland history through books, newspaper articles, online sources, encyclopedia, articles, and/or oral histories taken by the students themselves. To encourage creativity in retelling or depicting Kirkland history, students may chose to submit their work in one or more of the following formats. Please include a bibliography.

- Written essay
- Audio essay
- Art exhibit
- Photographic exhibit
- Multimedia presentation.

### Submit Works to:

Kirkland Heritage Society  
203 Market St  
Kirkland, WA 98033  
[www.kirklandheritage.org](http://www.kirklandheritage.org)

### Questions:

Email: [neir@comcast.net](mailto:neir@comcast.net)

### About Christine J. Neir

Christine was born October 18, 1929, in Inkster, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Education. She married her college sweetheart Robert Neir in August 1951, and they found themselves drawn to the charms of Kirkland, a peaceful little town on the shores of Lake Washington, where in 1955 they built their first home on Rose Hill. Later they moved to a new home in the Houghton area, where Christine raised her four boys, whom all graduated from Lake Washington High School. Christine was very involved with her community. She was a reporter for the local Kirkland newspaper, employed with Washington Federal Savings & Loans in the Kirkland branch for 19 years, and her husband, Robert, was a Kirkland city councilman for twenty years and mayor for six. To recognize and honor Christine's life, her warm heart, unwavering love, and generous spirit, her family, friends and the Kirkland Heritage Society have sponsored this annual scholarship.