



## Frances Speno Ziel Memorial Award

**The Frances Speno Ziel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at the Juneau Community Foundation in 2025. This scholarship/award is for students and alumni of Chatham School District ages 16-30 to further their education or reach their life goals. This money is for college, vocational/career technical education, conferences, workshops, camps, and art/music studies. Selection will be based on your application, personal essay, and letter of recommendation.**

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### **Eligibility:**

- Students or alumni of the Chatham School District
- Must be between 16 and 30 yrs old.

### **Award:**

- \$1,200 to one applicant

### **Application Period:**

- Opens April 1, 2026
- **Due June 1, 2026**

### **Additional Information:**

- Visit <https://www.juneaucf.org/fund/frances-speno-ziel-memorial-scholarship/> to learn more about the Frances Speno Ziel Scholarship Fund.
- Grants will be made directly to the applicant to be used within the following year. Before award funds may be disbursed recipients will fill out a W9 and sign a grant agreement that details the one-year award period. *The Juneau Community Foundation does not provide tax advice regarding how to report these funds for tax purposes. The awardee should consult their tax advisor or the IRS.*
- The awardee must submit a report summarizing how the funds were spent and how they helped the awardee reach their goal.
- For questions or assistance submitting your application, email [scholarships@juneaucf.org](mailto:scholarships@juneaucf.org) or call the Juneau Community Foundation at 907.523.5450.

### **Application Instructions:**

1. Complete the application cover page and attach the application supporting materials. The checklist found on the second page of the application indicates all the necessary materials for this application to be complete.
2. Electronic submission of the application is preferred. If possible, combine your application packet into one PDF or docx file. Use the following naming convention for the file and in the subject line of your email: Last Name, First Name\_Speno Ziel Scholarship. Email your completed application to Rachel Disney, Juneau Community Foundation Operations Director, at [scholarships@juneaucf.org](mailto:scholarships@juneaucf.org).
3. Alternatively, mail or deliver your application to Juneau Community Foundation, 641 W. Willoughby Ave #206, Juneau, AK 99801. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2026.

[Application Deadline: June 1, 2026](#)



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## 2026 Application Cover Page

### 1. Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### Post-Secondary/Continuing Education Program You Will Be Pursuing:

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Program ID number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Application Supporting Material

### 2. Achievements

Page Limit: 1-2 pages

List academic, athletic, volunteer community service, work experience, hobbies, extra-curricular activities, or any other information you would like to share. Alternately, you may attach a resume or work samples if you are pursuing art for this section.

### 3. Personal Essay

Page Limit: 1-2 pages

Attach a personal essay describing your career or job plans, any obstacles you have encountered and how you overcame them, and your need for scholarship support. Your essay can be written or recorded in audio or visual format. Accepted formats are docx, pdf, png, jpg, and weblinks.

### 4. Letter of Recommendation

Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual willing to attest to your ability to succeed. The letter should describe your strengths in academic achievement, intellectual ability, leadership, or character. Your letter of recommendation can be from a teacher, counselor, employer, former employer, co-worker, community leader, or other person who knows you well and who can evaluate your academic skills, professional ability and/or potential, and personal character. Letters of recommendation cannot be from a family member.

### 5. High School Transcript or GED (if applicable)

Please include a copy of your high school transcripts or GED.

### 6. Checklist

- 1. Application Cover Page
- 2. Achievements
- 3. Personal Essay
- 4. Letter of Recommendation
- 5. High School Transcript/GED if applicable

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