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Business group gives \$11,000 for college scholarships

The East Vancouver Business Association handed out \$11,000 for college scholarships on Thursday night at its annual tree lighting, which took place at the Firstenburg Center.

The Evergreen School District Foundation Rick Melching Scholarship received \$5,000, the Clark College Foundation got \$4,000, and \$2,000 went to the Washington State University Vancouver Foundation. The money will fund the education of Evergreen district graduates who go to college at Clark or WSUV. "We're trying to encourage students graduating from the Evergreen School District to go to school here and to stay here, in order to better our employment pool," said Kris L. Greene, president of the business association.