

2017 WTA/DAVE WELDY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ACADEMIC APPLICATION

Since the inception of this program, over 245 scholarships totaling more than \$170,000 have been distributed to deserving applicants. Annual grants of \$500 to \$3000 for academic and vocational scholarships will be awarded by the Washington Trucking Associations to eligible students who are related to an employee of a current WTA member. The scholarship fund is sponsored by the Suppliers Conference of the Association. All proceeds from the Roger Mauch Memorial Golf Tournament and the WTA Eastside Golf Classic are donated to this scholarship fund.

Scholarship Eligibility: Must be a graduate or graduating senior of a Washington State high school (public school, private school, or homeschool), who is currently a Washington State resident and is the child, grandchild, niece or nephew of an employee of a current WTA member in good standing.

Selection Criteria: Must include the applicant's academic achievements, education and career goals, demonstration of leadership, level of financial need (please describe in the essay portion of the application), performance of community service and employment record.

Applicants may submit an application for either an Academic Scholarship or a Vocational Scholarship (depending on their educational goals), but not both. All applications must be received at the WTA office no later than close of business on Tuesday, June 30, 2017.

The scholarship review board will review the applications in July, and recipients will be announced immediately thereafter. Recipients of Merit Scholarship Awards may use funds to attend accredited colleges or universities, community colleges, or vocational institutions.

Academic Scholarship applicants must submit:

- Academic Application, which must be fully completed and attached as the first page of the application package. **(BE SURE TO LIST YOUR SPONSOR AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOU.)**
- Certified high school transcript from ninth grade to date of application.
- An essay, not exceeding 300 words, summarizing:
 - School and extracurricular activities and accomplishments
 - The applicant's objectives and goals for higher education
 - Financial need
 - Reasons the applicant believes he/she qualifies for the scholarship award
- Letter of endorsement from one community leader, not related to the applicant, who has had the opportunity to personally observe the applicant's character, industry and purposefulness.
- Renewal applicants must have proof of and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 to be eligible; however, it is not a guarantee that you will be selected as a scholarship recipient.

Renewal applicants must submit an application, essay (as described above), and college transcript.

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I am a: _____ New Applicant _____ Renewal* Applicant (*If you are a renewal applicant, please send an application, current proof of enrollment, and an essay updating your activities).

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
School I Plan to Attend: _____ State: _____

Intended Major: _____
New Student: _____ Currently Enrolled: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Honors, Awards and Commendations: (State year and nature of honor or award.)

Scholastic: _____
Extra Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Offices/Positions of Leadership: (State name or organization, position and year.)

Scholastic: _____
Extra Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Participation in School Extra Curricular and Civic Activities: (Where no office was held indicating organization and year, state only major activities.)

Scholastic: _____
Extra Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Work Experience: _____

Other Pertinent Information: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Company: _____

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION: I certify this information is true, complete and accurate to the best of my ability. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this information.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail (with attachments) to:

**Washington Trucking Associations
Merit Scholarship
2102 Carriage Drive SW, Bldg. F
Olympia, WA 98502**