

2016 Student Scholarship Application
Introduction and Important Dates of the Program

January 25, 2016

Dear Student:

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is again accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide recognition of overall achievement and community service by awarding monetary assistance toward the further education of selected graduating seniors from our LWSD High Schools - Eastlake, Juanita, Lake Washington, Redmond, Emerson, ICS, and Tesla STEM.

All student scholarships are \$1,000.00 and will be awarded as follows:

Qualification based on achievement and community service only

- One scholarship to the top candidate at each of the 7 LWSD high schools (7 awards)
- A minimum of three at-large scholarships selected from all of the remaining applicants

Additional qualifications required

- The Dr. L.E. Scarr Scholarship awarded to a student who will attend a vocational/technical school or community college
- The LWEA/Karen Bates Scholarship for a student pursuing an education degree
- The Jane Wierenga Memorial Scholarship for a student pursuing an education degree
- The Victoria Findley Scholarship for a student pursuing a degree in the field of health services such as Nursing, Public Health, or Health Informatics

In the event a recipient has not used the scholarship money at a college, university, or vocational school of his/her choice **by January 31, 2017**, the PTSA Scholarship award amount will remain in the LWPTSA Council Scholarship fund. If unusual circumstances prevent use of the award in the allotted time, you must contact the Lake Washington PTSA Council prior to **January 31, 2017**.

The LWPTSA Scholarship Committee has set the following timeline:

2016 – January 26	Applications delivered to each high school.
2016 – January 30	Applications available online at http://www.lwptsa.net
2016 – April 11	APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications from students must meet the criteria on the cover sheet and be postmarked or delivered by 6:00 PM April 11, 2016 . Applications will NOT be accepted after this postmark date. Mail or deliver to: Wendy DeLong, 14060 117th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034-1168
2016 – April to May	Applications will be read and rated by the committee.
2016 – Mid-May	High schools and recipients will be notified.
2016 – May to June	Scholarships will be awarded at each high school's Spring Academic Awards Program and recipients will be honored at the June 6 th LWSD School Board meeting, 7pm, at the LWSD Resource Center and a reception prior to the meeting.

If you have questions or need help with your application, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Sincerely,

Wendy DeLong
Chair, LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee
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The Lake Washington PTSA Scholarships are awarded to further the education of the chosen recipients and may only be used to pay for tuition, required textbooks, or room and board for on-campus housing.

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarships based on the following criteria:

1. Extra-curricular and community service activities.
2. Academic excellence and motivation.
3. Explanation of future goals.
4. Essay response – quality of expressing yourself.
5. Character references.
6. Correct completion of the application, properly postmarked or delivered to the designated address by **the deadline of 6:00 PM on April 11, 2016.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:

The following **requirements** must be met for your application to be accepted. **Failure to follow instructions or submittal of incomplete applications will result in automatic disqualification.**

1. Complete the main Application Form and all requested attachments, either typewritten or **legibly** printed.
2. Paper clip the following items to the ***completed and signed*** Application Form:
 - a. An official copy of your high school transcript that includes first semester grades of your senior year. An official transcript bears the signature and embossed seal of your school registrar. A progress report reflecting your first semester grades ***does not*** meet this criteria, nor do grade reports obtained online.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation. One should be from a faculty member at your high school. The other may be from an employer, family friend, or other appropriate individual. *Letters of recommendation from members of your immediate family are **not acceptable**.*
 - c. All pages containing your responses to the five (5) qualifications questions and one (1) of the essay questions listed on the main Application Form.
3. PAPER CLIP ALL attachments to the Application Form. **DO NOT USE STAPLES.**
4. Include only that information specifically requested on the Application Form and these instructions. **DO NOT include notebooks, folders, portfolios, etc.**
5. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by **6:00PM, MONDAY, April 11, 2016.**

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!

APPLICATIONS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED PROPERLY

AND ON TIME WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

6. Please mail or deliver completed applications to the Committee Chair:

Wendy DeLong, 14060 117th Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA 98034-1168

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL



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2016 Student Scholarship Application Form

Name of school now attending: _____

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Home Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Number of other children in your family: _____ Their ages, and names of schools they attend:

At which college or university do you intend to use this scholarship? _____

What field of study or employment do you plan to pursue? _____

(Please paperclip all attachments behind this page)

1. Questions: Please concisely answer the following questions on your qualifications; use no more than two (2) typed pages total to answer all five (5) questions.

1. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include work experience, volunteer, church, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. Write some ideas you have about what further education will mean to your life.
5. If there is any other information you would like the scholarship committee to be aware of, please include a brief description.

(OVER, OR PAGE 2, FOR QUESTIONS & SIGNATURE)

2. **Essay Instructions:** Select one (1) of the following three essay topics and respond as you deem appropriate. Please submit typewritten or legibly handwritten responses, limited to no more than two (2) double spaced pages.

A. Tell us about an experience or person that inspired you to make a change or expand your life's goals.

B. Who has had the greatest impact on your life and why?

C. Describe what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after college.

3. **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Complete the information below for each person providing a Letter of Recommendation on your behalf attesting to your character. One letter should be from a faculty member at your high school. The other may be from an employer, family friend, or other appropriate individual. *Letters of recommendation from members of your immediate family are **not acceptable**.*

A. Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Telephone and/or E-mail: _____

B. Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Telephone and/or E-mail: _____

4. **Affidavit:** I hereby certify that my replies to all foregoing statements are true and accurate, and to the best of my knowledge all attachments submitted with my application are original, true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship recipients will be notified by approximately mid-May.

Scholarships will be awarded at your high school's Spring Academic Award/ Scholarship Program and recipients will be honored at the June 6th LWSD School Board meeting.

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This application becomes the sole property of LWPTSA Scholarship Committee. It is recommended you keep a copy for your files. Neither LWPTSA Council nor the LWPTSA Scholarship Committee will be responsible for materials delivered late, lost, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or illegible.