

# Scholarship information

## Background

AWC Center for Quality Communities (CQC) promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement. Our goal is to help residents understand the important role their cities and towns play in Washington. The Center is a 501(c)(3) organization.

We believe in helping to ensure the success of student leaders who care about their communities. The Center for Quality Communities scholarship supports senior high school students who are actively engaged with their community and/or city government and want to pursue post-secondary education.

The scholarship fund is supported by people who are passionate about cultivating Washington's future local leaders.

## Scholarships

The CQC Board is offering \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school students on a competitive basis, who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2022. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution. Funds can be used for education expenses and will be deposited directly into a student account. The scholarship must be used by May 31, 2023 or the money will be returned to the scholarship fund.

## Student eligibility

Students interested in competing for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship must be:

- Involved (or have been involved) with a city government or a community/school leadership activity;
- Eligible to graduate from high school, complete home schooling, or receive a GED in spring/summer 2022;
- A Washington state resident; and
- Planning to continue education in the 2022-2023 academic year at an accredited college, community college, or trade school on at least a half-time basis.

## Timeframe

Washington's 281 cities and towns begin recruiting scholarship applicants in fall 2021.

Each participating city must forward the completed application package of one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities by **January 14, 2022**.

Scholarship winners will be notified in May 2022.

## City instructions & selection process

One nominee per city/town will be considered for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship.

Cities are asked to:

- Decide how you want to choose one local nominee (competitive process open to the community, competitive process open to active city volunteers, recruit through local schools, etc.). You may limit applicants to city residents.
- Publicize the scholarship.
- Collect completed application forms from local students.
- Write a letter of support for your nominee.

Once your city selects your scholarship nominee, send the complete application packet to the Center for Quality Communities:

### Email materials to:

Karen Tanner at [karent@awcnet.org](mailto:karent@awcnet.org)

-or-

### Mail materials to:

AWC Center for Quality Communities  
Scholarship Fund  
1076 Franklin St SE  
Olympia, WA 98501-1346

**Deadline to submit city nominee package to AWC Center for Quality Communities is January 14, 2022.**

For more information, check the Center for Quality Communities website at [cfqc.org](http://cfqc.org)





# 2022 scholarship application

The AWC Center for Quality Communities (CQC) is offering \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school students on a competitive basis. At the discretion of the CQC Board, up to two scholarships may be awarded to past CQC scholarship recipients who are continuing their education. Please **type** or **print**. Illegible or incomplete applications will be returned.\*

<b>1.</b>	First name: _____ Last name: _____
<b>2.</b>	Mailing address Street/P.O. Box: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
<b>3.</b>	Best phone number to reach you: _____ Email: _____
<b>4.</b>	Current high school: _____ If home-schooled, please check box: <input type="checkbox"/> If GED, please indicate date received: _____
Number of years attended _____	
<b>5.</b>	Have you been accepted into an accredited post-secondary program or college for the fall of 2022 as of this submission? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide institution name(s): _____ If not, please indicate the name of the institution(s) you plan to attend: _____
Proof of student enrollment from the school is <b>required prior to the release of funds.</b>	
<b>6.</b>	Career goals (please be specific):   
<b>7.</b>	Contact information of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) Name(s): _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Primary phone: _____ Email address: _____

\*Subject to change.  
Number of scholarships and award amount will be posted by 11/19/2021.

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Please describe your financial need. Include any financial aid you will receive and/or any circumstances that would help the committee understand your financial situation.

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List your city, community, and civic involvement activities. **(No additional materials will be accepted.)**

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List your school involvement and academic honors and awards. **(No additional materials will be accepted.)**

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**Personal essay**

In a separate document, write a concise essay in response to the following question. Please limit the length to two pages.

*Good leaders can guide and help others through both good and challenging times. This requires high standards of responsibility, empathy, and cooperation. Share a leadership experience you've had in serving your community, school, or family that has helped you understand the perspectives, motivations, and desires of people different from you. How has this experience, along with your civics education, helped you become a more effective leader?*

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**Applicant checklist (Send completed application packet to city for consideration):**

- Completed application including essay
- Completed and signed release form
- Letter of recommendation from a nonrelative (such as a community leader, high school teacher, principal, or counselor).  
*This is separate from the letter of support from the city.*

**Note:**

Must be in good academic standing  
Must be eligible to graduate spring/summer 2022

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**Statement of accuracy**

- I hereby affirm that all of the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree that the scholarship funds will be sent directly to the educational institution.
- I agree that if I don't use the funds awarded to me by May 31, 2023, they will be returned to the scholarship fund.
- I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

14.

**Release and consent**

The purpose of this form is to request permission to share your scholarship application with requesting Washington state academic institutions for the purpose of determining eligibility for other scholarship opportunities and to use your photo/image and name in our scholarship program materials, website, and/or social media as part of the AWC Center for Quality Communities.

Nothing herein shall constitute any obligation on the part of the AWC Center for Quality Communities to make any use of any of the materials or rights granted.

**Usage of photo/image and name**

Initials

I grant permission for my (or my child's) photo/image and name to be used in connection with the AWC Center for Quality Communities scholarship program materials, website, and/or social media, including any and all uses of video and any portraits, still pictures, or other photographic reproductions and sound recordings in which I (or my child) may be portrayed.

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**Share information with academic institutions**

Initials

I grant permission for my (or my child's) scholarship application to be shared with requesting Washington state academic institutions for the purpose of determining eligibility for other scholarship opportunities.

I do not grant permission for my (or my child's) scholarship application to be shared with requesting Washington state academic institutions for the purpose of determining eligibility for other scholarship opportunities.

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I hereby grant permission and execute this release as of the date and year below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian  
(required for minors under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you or your parent or guardian wish to rescind this agreement and remove your information or photo, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the AWC Center for Quality Communities. Such rescission will take effect upon receipt by the AWC Communications department.

If you have questions, contact Karen Tanner at [karent@awcnet.org](mailto:karent@awcnet.org) or 1-800-562-8981.

***Submit scholarship application to city for consideration.***