

WPEA Scholarship Program

Preference is given to candidates pursuing an initial degree or certificate at an accredited university, community college, vocational/technical college, or other accredited institution of higher education.

1. **PERSONAL ESSAY** —The personal essay will help the scholarship committee better understand your need for the scholarship.

Submit a typewritten, 11 pt Times New Roman, single-spaced, one page only essay, which includes the following information:
 - Your academic goals
 - Your career goals
 - How these goals will allow you to contribute to your community or society
 - Describe how your qualifications satisfy the scholarship criteria

2. **LABOR MOVEMENT/UNION ESSAY** —The labor movement/union essay will help the committee better assess your understanding of the labor movement in this country, and its impacts on the economic and social growth and prosperity of workers in America.

Submit a typewritten, 11 pt Times New Roman, single-spaced, one page only essay, addressing the following based on your experience or research:
 - If you currently or have in the past belonged to an organized labor union, describe to the committee how the labor movement and union membership has benefitted you and/or your family personally, professionally, socially, and/or globally.

OR

- If you have never belonged to an organized labor union, discuss the positive impact the labor movement and membership in organized labor unions has on workers, families, communities, and society.
3. **REFERENCE LETTER** — Please include one letter of reference (do not submit more than one letter). Possible authors include a teacher, counselor, advisor, supervisor, co-worker, or employer; someone who knows of your goals, potential, work ethic, and motivation.

NOTE: In order to give fair weight to all essays, the scholarship committee will not consider any portion of an essay exceeding the allotted length.

Application checklist

Please include the following:

- Completed application
- Signed FERPA release (Below)
- Current transcripts (Copies accepted)
- Personal essay
- Labor movement/union essay
- Reference letter

Applications must be emailed to Scholarships@wpea.org by April 30th.

All submission packets must be sent as a single .pdf file to be accepted. Only emailed applications will be accepted.

Questions? Please call 1-800-544-9732

FERPA release (authorization for release of information)

To comply with the conditions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA),

I, _____
authorize release of my enrollment status, grade history and other information necessary in regards to this application, to the Washington Public Employees Association/ UFCW Local 365 scholarship committee for the purpose of verifying the information.

Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant information

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Date of birth _____ Phone _____ Home email _____

Have you previously applied for this scholarship? Yes No

At the time of application and award, applicants must be dues-paying members-in-good-standing of the Washington Public Employees Association, or are the member's spouse, registered domestic partner, child, grandchild, mother, father, sister, or brother.

I am a current WPEA member Yes No *if no, skip to next section*

Employer (agency, college, library, or school): _____

My relative is a current WPEA member Yes No

Relative's name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Employer (agency, college, library, or school): _____

School information

School I will attend/currently attending _____

I am pursuing a degree/certificate in _____ I plan to graduate in _____

Status (select one)

- First-year Sophomore Junior Senior
 Graduate student Other _____ Not applicable

Current cumulative GPA _____ Classes are pass/fail Not applicable
If you are currently enrolled in college or recently graduated from high school, please include your most recent transcript.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition. I understand that, upon receipt, this application becomes the property of WPEA. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____