



Application Form Instructions

Growing quality community leaders

_____ is nominating one local candidate to compete for the AWC Center of Quality Community's Scholarship. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded to four Washington state students who have been actively engaged with their community and/or city government. Please read the following information carefully and complete Scholarship Application Form by _____ if you wish to be considered.

Background

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

Scholarships

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school students who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2012. 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.

Student Eligibility

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

- Involved (or have been involved) with a city government or with a community/school leadership activity;
- Eligible to graduate from high school, complete home school or receive a GED in spring/summer 2012;
- A Washington state resident; and
- Plan to continue education in the 2012-2013 academic year at an accredited college, community college or trade school on a half-time or more basis.

Timeframe

Beginning fall 2011, all of Washington's 281 cities and towns can recruit scholarship applicants.

- Individual application forms and supporting materials are due to _____ by: _____
- _____ will forward one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities to be considered in the statewide competition
- Scholarship winners will be notified by AWC Center for Quality Communities in May 2012

Applicant Instructions

- Deadline for scholarship applications to be submitted to _____ is _____.
- Check your student eligibility criteria.
- Make sure all supporting documents are attached with the application packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- If a question on this form does not apply to you please put N/A in the space.
- Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
- You will be notified by mail in May 2012 regarding the status of your application.
- If you have any questions, please call _____.

Required Application Package

- Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
- One letter of recommendation from a non-relative (can include a community leader, high school teacher, administrator or counselor).
- An official and recent high school transcript, proof of GED or home school progress.
- Personal Essay – Please answer the questions in Section 11.

Please mail your completed application package to:

Deadline is _____



AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Fund Application Form 2012

Please **type** or **print**. Illegible applications will be returned.

1.	First Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (_____) _____	
4.	Current High School: _____ If home schooled, please check box <input type="checkbox"/> If GED, please indicate date received: _____	Number of years attended: _____
5.	Have you been accepted into an accredited post-secondary program or college for the fall of 2012 as of this submission? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide institution name(s): _____ If not, please indicate the name of the institution(s) you plan to attend: _____ _____ _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the school is required prior to the release of funds.	
6.	Career goal (please be specific)	
7.	Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) Name(s): _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	

8.

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.

9.

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities:

10.

Personal Essay

On a separate piece of paper please write a concise response to the following question. Please submit your answer in Arial or Times New Roman 12 point font, double-space, and limit the length to two pages.

A sign of a good leader is being able to guide yourself and others through both good and challenging times, demonstrating high standards of responsibility, and showing commitment to community. Tell a story about a significant responsibility you assumed or were given. How did this experience help you grow as a leader? How did the project impact others? What did you gain?

11.

Applicant Checklist:

- Letter of recommendation
- Official high school transcript, proof of GED, or recent proof of home school progress
- Completed application including essay

12.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Center's scholarship program.

I hereby 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: _____