



AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

Background

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

The Center believes in educating 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

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 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

Washington's 281 cities and towns begin recruiting scholarship applicants in fall 2011. Each participating city must forward the completed application form of one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities by March 15, 2012. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 2012.

City Instructions & Selection Process

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

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 locally completed application forms.
- Write a letter of support for your nominee.
- Submit one application form and letter of support to:

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

Deadline for city nominee to be forwarded to AWC Center for Quality Communities is March 15, 2012.

For more information, check the Center for Quality Communities website at cfqc.org.