Washington State Department of Transportation

Scholarship Application for Highway Construction Trades

About Our Program:

This scholarship provides equal opportunities to individuals considering employment with WSDOT and/or highway construction. Our value of Thinking Beyond Today means we are preparing future employees by removing costly barriers.

To Qualify:

1. Fully complete this application. If any fields are left blank, the application will not be accepted.
2. Be a Washington state resident.
3. Describe the barriers you have experienced that have affected your educational or career path.
4. Provide proof of enrollment in your selected highway construction trade school.
5. Submit your application along with your proof of enrollment to WSDOT by email at TradesScholarship@WSDOT.WA.GOV.

What to Expect:

1. Once we receive and review your application, we will respond, letting you know we are in the process of reviewing your information.
2. After a decision has been made, we will send a follow-up email informing you of the award or denial.
3. Please follow up with the trade school and let them know if you were awarded a scholarship.
4. We will then need to receive an invoice from the trade school and will issue payment as soon as possible. Payments are issued in about 30 days.
5. You will receive a follow-up interview or survey after the competition of your program.

Due to the popularity of this program and the limited funding, we will give priority to first-time applicants. We request that all who have recently received scholarship awards limit their second or third requests to quarterly or 90 days between requests.

Student Information

Clear Form

Student Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date
Address	City	State	Zip
Email	Birth Year	Gender	

Have you previously received funding from this scholarship program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ First time applying ☐ 2nd, 3rd, or 4th time applying ☐ Follow-up to an incomplete application

What's the highest level of education you've completed?	Do you have a valid Washington State driver's license?
Are you a veteran?	Have you been involved in juvenile rehabilitation?
Have you been formerly incarcerated?	Have you ever been in the foster care system?

Ethnic Origin (check all that apply):

☐ Black ☐ Latino/Hispanic Native ☐ Native American

☐ Asian ☐ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other

☐ White ☐ Alaskan Native

What barriers, if any, are you facing? (check all that apply) and explain in an essay.

☐ Currently Un-housed ☐ Lack of Reliable Child Care ☐ Limited English Proficiency

☐ Disability ☐ Substance Abuse ☐ Limited Math Skills

☐ No Dependable Transportation ☐ No High School Diploma or GED ☐ Other

Trade Information

Name of enrolled trade school	School contact name and email address

Which trade are you enrolled in?

☐ Laborer ☐ Truck Driver (CDL-Class A)

☐ Carpenter/Pile Driver ☐ Diesel Mechanic

☐ Electrician ☐ Ironworker

☐ Cement Mason ☐ Other

Program Expected Start Date: Expected Program Completion Date:

List out the cost of tuition required for program completion:

Total Tuition Cost: $

Total scholarship request: $

Essay Question #1 (**for first time applicants only** - second application, see next page)

Please describe your interest in the highway construction trades, along with any life hardships that make you a strong candidate for the scholarship in your chosen field. Additionally, explain why you are suited to work in Washington State in your identified trade, whether it be with a union, construction company, or for WSDOT/Washington.

Essay Question #2 (for second & third time applicants only)

How has your education or training for work in the highway construction trades been going? What has been the most meaningful part of your education or training thus far? What has been the biggest obstacle you've overcome? What are you most proud of accomplishing so far? What steps will you take to secure work in the state of Washington in highway construction trades? Do you have any concerns or known barriers you might face once you're ready to go to work? Please include an update on where you are in your educational/training journey.

Applicant must *initial* to certify the following:

I am a Washington State resident.

If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree that any awarded amount will be paid directly to the listed program.

I authorize WSDOT to distribute these funds on my behalf.

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements on this form are true and correct. I also acknowledge that the information that I have provided is maintained for reporting purposes only.

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Signature of Applicant Date

_____ _____

Authorized Organizational Representative Date

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