



Lake Washington PTSA Council
2025 Staff Scholarship Program
February 6, 2025
Re: Scholarship Awards for Certificated Staff

Dear LWSD Certificated Staff,

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is pleased to once again offer **two (2) scholarships of \$500 each to LWSD Certificated Staff**. These scholarships are available exclusively to LWSD Certificated Staff Members and can be used for:

- **continuing education programs, or**
- **LWSD professional development courses**

This year, we are also pleased to announce that—thanks to the Lake Washington Education Association—we are offering **one (1) additional staff scholarship of \$500: The LWEA/Mawhinney Scholarship**, in honor of **former LWEA president and special education teacher Howard Mawhinney**. This scholarship will be awarded to a LWSD Certificated Staff Member pursuing or working in the **field of special education**. These funds are also to be used for continuing education programs or LWSD professional development courses.

One of the Council's goals is to assist in securing the best possible education for all our students. We believe that assisting staff members with their continuing education will contribute to the classroom learning environment and foster a team atmosphere between the staff and our school community. It is our hope that these scholarships, intended as support for our dedicated staff, contribute toward achieving that goal.

Staff applications are available on the LWPTSA Council website at: <http://LWPTSA.net/scholarships/>

Thank you for applying and please let us know if we may be of assistance at any time throughout your application process.

Sincerely,

Megan Selitrennikoff & Kathryn White

Co-Chairs Scholarship Committee

Lake Washington PTSA Council 2.8

Scholarships@LWPTSA.net



Lake Washington PTSA Council 2025 Staff Scholarship Application Form

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is pleased to offer a total of three (3) staff scholarships:

- **Two (2) professional development scholarships of \$500 each for LWSD Certificated Staff Members** *(see 3rd page of this application packet)*
- **One (1) LWEA/Mawhinney scholarship of \$500 for a LWSD Certificated Staff Member in the field of special education** *(see 4th page of this application packet)*

All three awards are to be used for continuing education / professional development beginning July 1, 2025. To be eligible to apply for these scholarships, applicants must be a current certificated LWSD staff member upon date of submission. Scholarships are to be used only for: continuing education at an institute of higher learning or through the LWSD staff development department. The LWPTSA Council is an organization that advocates on behalf of children, and we are looking for certificated staff members who want an opportunity to enhance their education to benefit all students.

Recipients will be announced by June 2, 2025. All granted funds must be requested by the recipients for use prior to January 31, 2026. Funds are paid by LWPTSA directly to the approved school/vendor the awardee designates. Funds not paid out prior to January 31, 2026, will remain in the LWPTSA Scholarship Fund to be carried forward.

The Scholarship Committee will award staff scholarships based on the following criteria:

1. Application must meet stated requirements and be returned by the deadline.
2. Priority will be given to applicants who best convey how a scholarship will help them directly apply a course of study to their roles as certificated LWSD staff members, helping them better meet the needs of students both in the classroom and in the school as a whole.

Please submit your application materials via a single email with your name in the subject line to Scholarships@LWPTSA.net.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by 11:59 PM PST on Friday, March 14, 2025

Lake Washington PTSA Council 2025 Staff Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Academic History Information

Bachelors: Date Awarded _____ Masters: NO YES Date Awarded _____

Have you applied for or been accepted into a graduate program or professional advancement or certification program? YES NO

Program/School: _____

Date Accepted: _____

Essay Questions: Please answer the following questions and limit your answers to no more than two (2) total double-spaced, typed pages. Please save your document as a PDF and submit it via email to Scholarships@LWPTSA.net with this application.

1. Please describe your professional advancement goals and how these goals benefit your students and school?
2. To what program would you specifically apply these scholarship funds?
3. What characteristics and qualifications may distinguish you for consideration of this scholarship, including any applicable volunteer experience?

Affidavit: I hereby certify that my submissions to all foregoing statements, questions and essays are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Applications may be provided electronically to a judging panel, but outside of that process, all information provided will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions regarding the application or the requirements, please contact Megan Selitrennikoff and/or Kathryn White, LWPTSA Council Scholarship Co-Chairs, at Scholarships@LWPTSA.net.

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**Lake Washington PTSA Council 2025 Staff Scholarship Application Form:
LWEA / Mawhinney Scholarship for LWSD Certificated Staff in Special Education**

Applicant Information

Do you work in, or are you pursuing the field of special education? __ YES __ NO

Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Academic History Information

Bachelors: Date Awarded _____ Masters: __ NO __ YES Date Awarded _____

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