



## LWPTSA Council 2025 Scholarship Applications

Dear Students:

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards. These scholarships are awarded to selected graduating seniors from LWSD high schools. Lake Washington PTSA Council Scholarships may be used to pay for anything billed by the university/college/vocational school, including tuition, room and board, and other fees. It also includes payment for books and computers, with a receipt. We are not able to reimburse for furniture.

### **Information About the Scholarships**

Each available student scholarship is \$1,250. Students may apply for multiple scholarships; however, a maximum of one scholarship will be awarded per student.

- **Award A: Two-Year, Vocational, or Technical Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student planning on attending a two-year, vocational or technical college. **(1 award)**
- **Award B: Merit Scholarship:** Eight scholarships for students planning on attending a four-year institution. These merit scholarships will be awarded to two students residing in each of the 4 LWSD Learning Communities (Eastlake, Juanita, Lake Washington, Redmond). Tesla STEM, ICS, Emerson and Cambridge students will be considered in the learning community in which they reside. **(8 awards)**
- **Award C: LWEA/Teeley Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student entering the field of education. **(1 award)**
- **Award D: Turnaround Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student who has demonstrably turned their academic career around. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who did not perform at their best in the early years of their high school career but "turned around" their situation and can demonstrate a significant improvement in their academic achievement over the course of their high school career. This is for students planning on attending either a two- or four-year institution. **(1 award)**
- **Award E: Perseverance Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student who has overcome hardship. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a well-rounded community member and can show excellence in their life and academics in the face of hardship or a challenging life circumstance. This is for a student planning on attending either a two- or four-year institution. **(1 award)**
- **At-Large Scholarship:** In 2025, the scholarship committee may choose to award 1 additional "At-Large" Scholarship from the entire pool of applicants. **(1 award)**

### **Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Friday, March 14, 2025**

Recipients will be notified and winners posted on our website in mid-May. Recipients will be honored at the LWSD School Board meeting on June 2, 2025, or at another appropriate event.

Applications are available online at <http://www.lwptsa.net> or via your school's counseling service.

## Instructions for Applicants

The following requirements must be met for your application to be accepted. Failure to follow complete instructions, or submittal of incomplete applications will result in automatic disqualification.

1. Complete the Student Scholarship Application, Questions and Essay (not needed for Award A). If you are applying for more than one scholarship, please submit one entire application for each scholarship. Questions and essays can be reused as appropriate.
2. Request two letters of recommendation to be sent to [scholarships@lwptsa.net](mailto:scholarships@lwptsa.net) via you or directly via the writer. One should be from a faculty member at your high school. The other may be from an employer, family friend, or other appropriate individual. *Letters of recommendation from members of your immediate family are not acceptable.* You may use a letter of recommendation written for other applications.
3. Email the following components to [scholarships@lwptsa.net](mailto:scholarships@lwptsa.net) by the deadline:
  - **Completed** "2025 Student Scholarship Application Form" as a PDF file. Using print to PDF will ensure the application retains your changes. Be sure you signed your application.
  - **Answers to Questions and Essay for the relevant prompts** (no essay necessary for Award A). Please save and submit as a single PDF file per scholarship you are applying for.
  - A copy of your high school transcript **that includes first semester grades of your senior year.** By submitting your application and transcript to us, you are issuing us permission to verify your grade report with your school.
  - Your two letters of recommendation unless the teacher/reference will send it directly to us.
4. Include only information specifically requested on the application form and these instructions. **DO NOT include resumes, notebooks, folders, photos, portfolios, etc. Also, DO NOT add your name to every page of your application.**

Applications must be received via email by **11:59 PM on Friday, March 14, 2025.**

**APPLICATIONS NOT RECEIVED ON TIME OR INCOMPLETE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

**Important Information:** In the event a recipient has not used the scholarship money at a college, university, or vocational school of their choice by **January 31, 2026**, the PTSA Scholarship award amount will remain in the LWPTSA Council Scholarship fund. If unusual circumstances prevent the use of the award in the allotted time, you must contact the Lake Washington PTSA Council prior to **January 31, 2026**.

For questions or help, please contact LWPTSA Council Scholarship Chair, Megan Selitrennikoff and/or Kathryn White at [scholarships@lwptsa.net](mailto:scholarships@lwptsa.net).

*This application becomes the sole property of LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee. Neither LWPTSA Council nor the LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee will be responsible for materials delivered late, lost, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or illegible. In the event there are insufficient applicants deemed qualified, the LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee reserves the right to award scholarships at their discretion to another scholarship category.*

**Every effort will be made to keep the information in these applications confidential. Copies of the applications with names redacted will be electronically distributed to judging panels.**

# 2025 Student Scholarship Application Form

Please indicate which scholarship this application is for:

- Two Year, Technical, Vocational School Scholarship
- Merit Scholarship – Indicate your home high school (where you live, not where you attend)
  - Eastlake  Juanita  Lake Washington  Redmond
- Field of Education Scholarship  Perseverance Scholarship  Turnaround Scholarship

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ LWSD Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Current high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home high school if attending a choice or alternative school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of colleges/schools to which you have applied or plan to apply: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Letters of Recommendation:** Complete the information below for each person providing a Letter of Recommendation on your behalf attesting to your character. One letter should be from a faculty member at your high school. The other may be from an employer, family friend, or other appropriate individual. *Letters of recommendation from members of your immediate family are not acceptable.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Affidavit:** I hereby certify that my replies to all foregoing statements are true and accurate, and to the best of my knowledge all attachments submitted with my application are original, true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Individual Scholarship Questions

Based on the scholarship(s) you are applying for, please answer the questions for each scholarship. You can use the same answers for multiple scholarships but be sure to answer any award-specific questions as well and submit one application and questions/essay PDF for **each** scholarship. **Please save your answers to the questions and your essay as a single PDF for submission.**

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### **Award A: 2 Year, Technical, or Vocational School Scholarship** (1 award)

This award will be given to a student who is a well-rounded community member and shows excellence in their life, through academics, extra-curricular activities, or a commitment to volunteerism and who is planning to attend a vocational, trade, or technical school, or pursue a 2-year degree. No essay is required.

**Questions:** Please concisely answer the following questions; use no more than three (3) typed, double-spaced pages total to answer all six (6) questions.

1. List your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.). Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
2. List your activities in the community (including non-paid work experience, volunteer work, faith community, family obligations, clubs, etc.) Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
3. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer(s), dates of employment, job responsibilities and approximate number of hours worked.
4. List awards, honors, and/or other special achievements.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description. This can include any unusual life circumstances that have affected your plans.
6. Award A Specific Question: Describe your educational goals upon graduation from high school. If you plan on attending a vocational school or pursuing an associate degree, tell us about that. If you plan on eventually transferring to a 4-year college, that's ok too! We're just interested in understanding your goals for the future.

**Essay Question:** No essay required for this scholarship.

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### **Award B: Merit Scholarships** (8 awards)

Merit scholarships will be awarded to students who are well-rounded community members and show excellence in their lives, through academics, extra-curricular activities, work, and/or a commitment to volunteerism. Applicants should have a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

**Questions:** Please concisely answer the following questions; use no more than two (2) typed, double-spaced pages (1,000 words) in total to answer the five (5) questions.

1. List your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.). Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
2. List your activities in the community (including non-paid work experience, volunteer work, faith community, family obligations, clubs, etc.) Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
3. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer(s), dates of employment, job responsibilities and approximate number of hours worked.
4. List awards, honors, and/or other special achievements.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.

**Essay Question:** Tell us something you have accomplished during your high school years that makes you proud. Please let us know what you accomplished and why it was important to you. Please submit no more than two (2) typewritten, double-spaced, pages for your essay. If you have an essay that you've already written for another application, feel free to re-work its content and submit.

**Award C: LWEA/Teeley Education Scholarship** (1 award)

Education Scholarship will be awarded to a student entering the field of education and who shows excellence in many facets of their life. Applicants should have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Questions:** Please concisely answer the following questions; use no more than two (2) typed pages total to answer all six (6) questions.

1. List your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.). Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
2. List your activities in the community (including non-paid work experience, volunteer work, faith community, family obligations, clubs, etc.) Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
3. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer(s), dates of employment, job responsibilities and approximate number of hours worked.
4. List awards, honors, and/or other special achievements.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.
6. Award C Specific Question: Tell us why you are interested in entering the field of education.

**Essay Question:** Tell us something you have accomplished during your high school years that makes you proud. Please let us know what you accomplished and why it was important to you. Please submit no more than two (2) typewritten, double-spaced, pages for your essay. If you have an essay, you've already written for another application, feel free to re-work its content and submit.

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**Award D: Turnaround Scholarship** (1 award)

The Turnaround Scholarship will be awarded to a student who did not perform at their best at the start of their high school career but "turned around" their situation and can demonstrate a significant improvement in their academic achievement over the course of their high school career. This award is for students planning on attending a two-year or four-year institution.

**Questions:** Please concisely answer the following questions; use no more than two (2) typed pages total to answer all five (5) questions.

1. List your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.). Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
2. List your activities in the community (including non-paid work experience, volunteer work, faith community, family obligations, clubs, etc.) Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
3. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer(s), dates of employment, job responsibilities and approximate number of hours worked.
4. List awards, honors, and/or other special achievements.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.

**Essay Question:** Please describe for us, what caused you to turn your academic career around? Let us know if there was a specific situation, person, or event that changed your focus. Please submit no more than two (2) typewritten, double-spaced, pages for your essay.

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**Award E: Perseverance Scholarship** (1 award)

The Perseverance Scholarships will be awarded to a student who is a well-rounded community member and shows excellence in their life and their academics in the face of hardships or a challenging life circumstance. A hardship can be any obstacle that the student feels has impacted their life: financial hardship, illness/health issues, substance abuse, challenging family situation, etc. These awards are for students planning on attending a two-year or four-year institution.

**Questions:** Please concisely answer the following questions. Use no more than two (2) typed pages total to answer all five (5) questions.

1. List your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.). Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
2. List your activities in the community (including non-paid work experience, volunteer work, faith community, family obligations, clubs, etc.) Please include approximately how many hours per month was spent on each and for what years you participated.
3. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer(s), dates of employment, job responsibilities and approximate number of hours worked.
4. List awards, honors, and/or other special achievements.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.

**Essay Question:** Please describe for us the life circumstances that lead to you apply for the Perseverance Award. Please submit no more than two (2) typewritten, double-spaced, pages for your essay.

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**ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.**

**Electronic copies of applications with applicant names removed will be used for electronic distribution to judge panels.**