

2026 Dependent Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance after high school to dependents of PSE members, including grandchildren, interested in continuing their education. Scholarships are awarded based on many factors including financial need, academic achievement, leadership and service.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ An IRS-dependent of a PSE member in good standing.
- ✓ A high school senior or equivalent (i.e., private school, privately tutored, G.E.D., or accredited correspondence school), who plans to enroll, by the fall term following the granting of the scholarship, as a full-time student in an accredited institution. Accredited institutions include universities, community colleges, trade and vocational schools

OR

Currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate institution such as a university, community college, trade or vocational school.

Deadline

The completed application form and supporting information must be returned to the PSE office in Auburn postmarked on or before **April 7, 2026**.

Checklist

You may wish to use the attached application checklist to ensure you have provided all elements of the application.

Selection Process

Qualified applications are reviewed by the PSE Scholarship Committee. The Committee is comprised of classified school employees who review applications and select winners. The Committee gives the greatest amount of weight to financial need (35 points). Other criteria, in priority order, include: letters of recommendation, essays, activities, honors and awards, GPA and transcripts

Fund Disbursement

The scholarship awards will be paid in the month of September. Scholarship funds are issued by check, drafted to the educational institution and mailed to the recipient for use during the academic year.

PSE reserves the right to revoke the scholarship if it is not used within the academic year or if the award is based on inaccurate information. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to PSE.

Contact

If you have any questions, contact Robin Avery at 253.876.7415 or via email: ravery@pseofwa.org

Scholarship Application Checklist

Completed application form.

Please respond completely to each portion of the application. Use "N/A" if not applicable to your situation.

Complete Federal Tax Form 1040 or 1040EZ or 1040A.

Nothing but these forms will be accepted. No W-2's, 1099 forms or E-file. All tax forms submitted must be signed and dated by the PSE member claiming you as a dependent or by their tax preparer. Please cross out social security numbers and bank routing information

Transcript.

Letters of Recommendation.

Two letters of recommendation.

50-100 word essay.

A 50-100 word essay describing your educational goals.

100-150-word essay.

A 100-150 word essay describing the positive impact the labor union movement has played in your life, your family's life or in the United States of America.

Signature.

Make sure you have signed and dated your application.

Mailed and postmarked on or before April 7, 2026.

No late applications will be accepted.

Mail to:

PSE of Washington
Scholarship Committee
P O Box 798
Auburn, WA 98071-0798

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON/SEIU LOCAL 1948
2026 Dependent Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name of PSE member who qualifies you to apply for the scholarship: _____

PSE Member Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I am a: **Current high school applicant** **A post high school applicant**

Current High School Applicant

High School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

What institution do you plan to attend this coming year?

What is your intended Major or Field of Study?

Most recent cumulative GPA: _____ Attach a complete grade transcript, including grades for the first semester of Grade 12.

Post High School Applicant

Institution currently enrolled in _____

What is your Major or Field of Study? _____

Most recent cumulative GPA: _____ Provide us with a copy of your transcript.

Essays

Two essays must be included. Please attach:

- ❖ A 50-100 word essay describing your educational goals.
- ❖ A 100-150 word essay describing the positive impact the labor union movement has played in your life, your family's life or in the United States of America.

Hardship or Extenuating Circumstances

Are you claiming hardship or extenuating circumstances that make it difficult for you to achieve your educational goals?

Yes, please describe in 100 words or less. No

Awards, Recognition or Activities

Honors and awards

Leadership positions

Other activities

(special interests or talents, community service, etc).

Work Experience

Describe your work experience and significant duties.

How do you plan to finance your education?

(List jobs, gifts, loans, grants, scholarships, etc. and their amounts)

Parental Statement of Financial Resources: Verification of parent or guardian’s financial resources (1040, 1040A or 1040 EZ Federal tax return(s) must accompany your application. No E-file worksheets will be accepted. IRS tax documents are used to verify income and dependent status. 2023 Taxes are allowed if current tax forms have not been filed.

If necessary, provide a copy of that portion of a court decree which states the PSE member **may not** claim the scholarship applicant as a dependent for IRS purposes. A signed affidavit will also be accepted.

Certification

My signature indicates that:

1. The application and attached information is accurate and complete.
2. The funds will only be used to pay expenses for my education.
3. PSE will be informed if I am unable to use the scholarship.
4. Unused funds will be returned to PSE.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send this application and accompanying information to:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 798
Auburn, WA 98071-0798**

All application information is confidential, will only be used by the Committee, and will not be returned to you.