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2027 Scholarship Summary
Agriculture/Veterinary Education Scholarship - $5,000

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The Agriculture/Veterinary Education Scholarship was established in support students interested in pursuing a degree in an agriculture related field or veterinary sciences. The $5,000 award is paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- Senior graduating from high school in the state of Washington and attending an accredited two- or four-year college, university, career or trade school
- Demonstrated interest in the field of agriculture or veterinary sciences, and an intention to pursue a career in one of these fields
- Demonstrated financial need
- Preference may be given to students who have participated in FFA or 4-H
- Unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Agriculture/Veterinary Education Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application we will automatically apply you to all online scholarships that you qualify for.

Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1st.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Recipient will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, 2027, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required.

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2027 Scholarship Summary
Anderson Law Enforcement / Police Scholarship
Includes Police/ Sheriff / State Patrol / Game Warden / Corrections Officer

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Scholarship Description: The Anderson Law Enforcement / Police Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a career in the field of Law Enforcement. The $5,000 award is payable in full the first year following award. All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Washington resident: Graduating seniors ***OR*** returning students/adult learners
- Attending an accredited college or university (two or four year) in Washington; school must offer a Criminal Justice program
- Preference will be given to students pursuing a career in law enforcement
- Cover letter
- Unofficial transcripts (high school or most recent two years of schooling)
- Two letters of recommendation: One from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Anderson Law Enforcement / Police Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application, we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for.

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2027 Scholarship Summary

Community Hero Scholarship - $5,000

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The **Community Hero Scholarship** valued at $5,000 is awarded to two students from across the state of Washington pursuing higher education at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or trade/technical school. ***Students must be a graduating high school senior.***

Applicants must have met and been recognized for at least one of the following criteria:

- The applicant has been a catalyst for a cause that meets basic human needs or enriches the lives of others, or
- The applicant has exhibited dedication and selflessness, or
- The applicant has made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large, or
- The applicant has gone "above and beyond" to serve and inspire others

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- High School senior - All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Applicants must also be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.
- **Additional Requirement: Applicants must provide a 500-word essay describing how they impacted the community. Applicant can also provide further documentation such as newspaper articles, webpage acknowledgements or other information highlighting your community impact.**

The $5,000 awards are payable over one year. All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books.

Application: The Community Hero Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for. Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1st.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Recipient will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, 2027, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required. For questions and additional information, please contact us, at 253.841.5120 or by email at *scholarships@thefair.com*.

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Fair Chance Scholarship – $5,000
High School Seniors

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to Washington's students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The $5,000 **Fair Chance Scholarship** is awarded to twenty high school seniors from across the state of Washington pursuing higher education. All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college, university or trade school to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- Attending (Fall 2027) an accredited two- or four-year college, university or trade/technical school
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Students must be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement
- Most recent copy of transcript (unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation: one from scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Fair Chance Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for.

Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1st.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Recipient will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, 2027, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required.

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2027 Fair Chance Trade School / Career Training Scholarship - $5,000

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Do you dream of a career in Culinary Arts? Want to fuel your dream of having your own auto mechanics garage? Would you rather light up your career as an electrician? Trade schools in Washington encompass a wide variety of hands-on education while providing career-focused training in high-demand fields such as healthcare, legal services, and emergency services. Learners can earn vocational certificates and degrees to prepare for careers as paramedics, medical assistants, occupational therapy assistants, and dental hygienists. Trade school graduates can also work as electricians, HVAC technicians, paralegals, cosmetologists, and mechanics. It's never too late to pursue the career training you really want. Whether you are a few years out of high school or a seasoned professional ready to change tracks, we have a scholarship award to help you get there. For many students, a traditional four-year degree isn't a great fit. But that doesn't mean you can't further your education and set yourself on a path toward a great career. Also called technical school or trade school scholarships, vocational scholarships help students cover the cost of furthering education at a qualifying institution.

Scholarship Description: The Trade School/Career Training Scholarship is funded by the Washington State Fair Foundation to support students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Two $5,000 awards are paid directly to the recipient's vocational / technical school to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- High School Senior or adult learner planning to attend an accredited vocational / technical school / career school
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement
- Unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Trade School / Career Training Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application, we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for. Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1st.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Recipient will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, 2026, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required.

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2027 Hojem Forestry Science Scholarship

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The $4,000 Hojem Forestry Scholarship designed and awarded to a student from the State of Washington pursuing a degree in silviculture/forestry or closely related field. Examples of related fields may include Forest Biology, Wood Science and Technology and Natural Resources. This scholarship is paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington State
- Graduating high school senior or adult learner (at least one year out of high school).
- Attending an accredited trade school or a two-year or four-year college or university or trade.
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Student must be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity of at least 8 hours per month, on average. (preferred, but not required)
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement.
- Most recent copy of transcript (unofficial).
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Hojem Forestry Science Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for.

Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1, 2025.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m.

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2027 Kent & Carolyn Hojem Music Scholarship

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The $4,000 Kent and Carolyn Hojem Music Scholarship is awarded to one student from across the state of Washington who demonstrates true dedication to achieving excellence in their chosen career path. The scholarship is designed to aid deserving individuals passionate about a career in the music industry including performance (musicians, vocalists) as well as music education, music history and music therapy.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- Graduating high school senior or adult learner (at least one year out of high school)
- Attending an accredited two- or four-year college, university or trade/technical school
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Student must be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average (preferred, but not required)
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement
- Most recent copy of transcript (unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Kent and Carolyn Hojem Music Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application, we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for.

Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1, 2025.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m.

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2027 Scholarship Summary

Fred Oldfield Scholarship for the Arts - $3,000

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: Two Fred Oldfield Scholarships for the Arts are awarded to one graduating senior from either Puyallup High School, Rogers High School, Emerald Ridge High School, Sumner High School, Bonney Lake High School, OR Tacoma School of the Arts **AND** one student from across the state of Washington. The $3,000 awards are paid directly to the recipient's college, university or school of the arts to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Graduating senior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7
- Demonstrated involvement in the study of the arts (i.e.: music, theater, art, graphics, fashion design, etc.)
- Intention to pursue a career in the arts
- Financial need may be considered, though is not a requirement
- Most recent copy of transcript (unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation: one from scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Fred Oldfield Scholarship for the Arts application is available online. By completing our online application, we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for

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Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m.

For questions and additional information, please contact us, at 253.841.5120 or by email at *scholarships@thefair.com*.

Recipients will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required.

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2027 Ren & Kathy Martin Trade School / Career Training Endowment Scholarship

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Trade schools in Washington encompass a wide variety of hands-on education while providing career-focused training. Students can earn vocational certificates and degrees to prepare for careers as electricians, HVAC technicians, paralegals, cosmetologists, and mechanics.

It's never too late to pursue the career training you really want. Whether you are a few years out of high school or a seasoned professional ready to change tracks, we have a scholarship award to help you get there. For many students, a traditional four-year degree isn't a great fit. But that doesn't mean you can't further your education and set yourself on a path toward a great career. Also called technical school or trade school scholarships, vocational scholarships help students cover the cost of furthering their education at a qualifying institution.

Scholarship Description: The Ren & Kathy Martin Trade School / Career Training Endowment Scholarship was created to support students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Two $1,000 awards are paid directly to the recipient's vocational / technical school to be used toward tuition or books.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- High School Senior or an adult learner planning to attend an accredited vocational / technical school / career school
- Financial need may be considered, though is not a requirement
- Unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation: one from scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.

Application: The Trade School / Career Training Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application, we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for. Apply online at https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/ beginning December 1, 2026.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m.

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2027 Scholarship Summary

Korum Family Arts Scholarship - $2,500

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The Korum Family Arts Scholarship is intended to promote appreciation for the arts, to encourage young artists in the pursuit of their artistic and educational growth and to showcase the **uniqueness of Washington State**. Two $2,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who complete the online application process **and** enter their art by the deadline. Recipients must use the scholarship in order to attend a college, university or career/trade school of his or her choice. Monies will be forwarded directly to the recipient's educational institution and must be utilized within 24 calendar months of the date of its award; thereafter it is forfeited. Applicants are responsible for delivering or shipping their art to the Washington State Fair by the intended deadline.

"Uniqueness of Washington" art entry criteria:

- Scholarships are open to any eligible high school senior (2026-2027 school year) who completes the online application process **and** submits eligible artwork by the entry deadline.
- Art is limited to one entry per student.
- ***Online application closes on February 1, 2027***, and art is due to be delivered to the Washington State Fair Foundation ***by March 10, 2026***.
- Entries should showcase the **uniqueness of Washington State** – i.e.: ***share what makes Washington special to you.***
- Types of art accepted include painting, drawing, and mixed media **(no ceramics, no photography).**
- Entries should be no larger than 20" x 20" and unframed.
- ***Original artwork only.***
- Students must have a minimum 2.7 GPA.
- Students must be residents of Washington
- Entries will be judged on creativity, composition, and technique, as well as how effectively the entry celebrates ***the uniqueness of Washington State***.
- Art must be delivered in a portfolio or protective container.
    - Students name and school name should be included on the portfolio and the students contact information should be on the back of the art entry – please print clearly and include the art piece title, student name, mailing address, email and phone number. Please also include school name, art teacher's name and city.
- Artwork must be suitably matted with posterboard, matboard or foam board. Frames are NOT allowed.
- Winning art will be displayed during the Spring Fair in April and all entries will be included in the Jr. Sr. High Art Show during Spring Fair.

ART ENTRY DEADLINE – MARCH 10, 2027

- **In person drop off** for art entries is available Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at:
  - Washington State Fair Foundation
  - Attn: Kim Arnone
  - 110 - 9th Avenue SW
  - Puyallup, WA 98371
  - Deliver art to the Administration office and let the receptionist know it is for the Foundation.
- Korum entries can be mailed to the Fair at the artists expense and must be received by the Fair **no later than Wednesday, March 10, 2027.**
- Send art to:
  - **Washington State Fair Foundation**
  - **Attn: Kim Arnone**
  - **110 9th Ave. SW**
  - **Puyallup, WA 98371**
- Korum Family Art Scholarship entries submitted by mail will be returned by mail if the artist's mailing address is further than 35 miles from the Fairgrounds. Return postage will be paid courtesy of the Washington State Fair Foundation. Artwork mailed within 35 miles of the Fair needs to be picked up.
  - In person art pickup is Tuesday, **April 20, 2027, between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM**. If other pickup times are needed please make arrangements by contacting scholarships@thefair.com.
- The Fair is not responsible for mailed artwork that is lost or damaged in the mail.
- Unclaimed art will be forfeited after 30 days.
- Both the online scholarship application and art must be received by their respective deadlines to be eligible for the $2,500 scholarship awards.
- By submitting the artwork, the student agrees that Korum for Kids Foundation and Washington State Fair Foundation are granted reproduction rights.
- Upon award, the recipients are required to complete an Award Form and submit it along with a JPG photo and photo release, and brief personal biography (required forms will be provided to scholarship recipients).
- Award monies will be held for distribution to college, university or career/trade school. Funds not distributed within 24 months of award date will be forfeited.

For questions regarding the Korum Family Art Scholarship please contact Kim Arnone, Foundation Coordinator, 253-841-5120 or kima@thefair.com.