

# Scholarship information

## Background

AWC Center for Quality Communities promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement. Our goal is to help residents understand the important role their cities and towns play in Washington. The Center is a 501(c)(3) organization.

We believe in helping to ensure the success of student leaders who care about their communities. The Center for Quality Communities scholarship supports senior high school students who are actively engaged with their community and/or city government and want to pursue post-secondary education.

The scholarship fund is supported by people who are passionate about cultivating Washington's future local leaders.

## Scholarships

Up to six \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school students who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2021. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution. Funds can be used for education expenses and will be deposited directly into a student account. The scholarship must be used by May 31, 2022 or the money will be returned to the scholarship fund.

## Student eligibility

Students interested in competing for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship must be:

- Involved (or have been involved) with a city government or a community/school leadership activity;
- Eligible to graduate from high school, complete home schooling, or receive a GED in spring/summer 2021;
- A Washington state resident; and
- Planning to continue education in the 2021-2022 academic year at an accredited college, community college, or trade school on at least a half-time basis.

## Timeframe

Washington's 281 cities and towns begin recruiting scholarship applicants in fall 2020.

Each participating city must forward the completed application package of one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities by **March 12, 2021**.

Scholarship winners will be notified in May 2021.

## City instructions & selection process

One nominee per city/town will be considered for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship.

Cities are asked to:

- Decide how you want to choose one local nominee (competitive process open to the community, competitive process open to active city volunteers, recruit through local schools, etc.). You may limit applicants to city residents.
- Publicize the scholarship.
- Collect completed application forms from local students.
- Write a letter of support for your nominee.
- Submit one student application packet and letter of support. You may either:

### Email materials:

Karen Tanner at [karent@awcnet.org](mailto:karent@awcnet.org)

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### Mail materials:

AWC Center for Quality Communities  
Scholarship Fund  
1076 Franklin St SE  
Olympia, WA 98501-1346

**Deadline to submit city nominee package to AWC Center for Quality Communities is March 12, 2021.**

For more information, check the Center for Quality Communities website at [cfqc.org](http://cfqc.org)

