



LWPTSA Council 2016-2017 Scholarship Applications

Dear Students:

The Lake Washington PTSA Council is accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards. These scholarships will be awarded to selected graduating seniors from LWSD high schools. Lake Washington PTSA Council Scholarships may only be used to pay for tuition and required textbooks.

Information about the Scholarships

All student scholarships are \$1,000. Students may apply for multiple scholarships, however a maximum of one scholarship will be awarded per student.

- **Award A: L.E. Scarr 2 year, Vocational, or Technical school Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student planning on attending a two-year or technical college. **(1 award)**
- **Award B: Merit Scholarship:** For students planning on attending a four-year institution. Two merit scholarships to two candidates residing in each of the 4 LWSD Learning Communities (Eastlake, Juanita, Lake Washington, Redmond) **(8 awards)**
- **Award C: LWEA/Bates and Jane Wierenga Memorial Scholarship:** Two scholarships to two students entering the field of education **(2 awards)**
- **Award D: Turn Around Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student who has demonstrably turned their academic career around. 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. **(1 award)**
- **Award E: Perseverance Scholarship:** One scholarship to a student who has overcome a hardship in life. The Perseverance Scholarship will be awarded to a *student who is a well-rounded community member and can show excellence in their life and their academics in the face of hardships or a challenging life circumstance.* This award is for students planning on attending a two-year or four-year institution. **(1 award)**

We will also award a minimum of two additional scholarships, at the discretion of the scholarship committee:

- One Jackie Pendergrass At-Large scholarship selected from remaining applicants **(1 award)**
- A minimum of one At-Large scholarship selected from remaining applicants **(1 award)**

January 16, 2017	Applications open.
April 12, 2017, 4pm	Applications due. Applications will NOT be accepted after this date.
April - May 2017	Applications are evaluated by the Scholarship Committee
Mid-May, 2017	Recipients and high schools notified of scholarship award winners
June 5, 2017	Recipients will be honored at a reception at the June 5 th LWSD School Board meeting.

All applications are available online at <http://www.lwptsa.net> or at your school's counseling office.

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 Form and all requested attachments, typewritten, double-spaced.
2. Paper clip the following items to the ***completed and signed*** Student Scholarship Application Form.
 - a. **An official copy of your high school transcript** that includes first semester grades of your senior year. An official transcript bears the signature and embossed seal of your school registrar. A progress report reflecting your first semester grades does not meet this criteria, nor do grade reports obtained online.
 - b. **Two letters of recommendation.** 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.*
 - c. **All pages containing your responses to the included questions and the essay question for the scholarship(s) you are applying for.** If you are applying for more than one scholarship, please send complete applications for EACH scholarship. However, you do **not** need to send duplicates of your letters of recommendation or transcript. Please include all documents in one envelope.
3. **PAPER CLIP** ALL attachments to the application form. **DO NOT USE STAPLES.**
4. Include only information specifically requested on the application form and these instructions. **DO NOT include notebooks, folders, photos, portfolios, etc.**
5. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by **4:00 PM, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.**
APPLICATIONS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED PROPERLY AND ON TIME WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
6. Applicants will be notified via email that their application has been received.

Please mail or deliver completed applications to the LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee:

Mail to: LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 97039, Redmond, WA 98073

Deliver to: PTSA Office, LWSD Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98073

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, 2018**, 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, 2018**.

If you have questions or need help with your application, contact LWPTSA Council Scholarship chair, Irene Neumann at scholarships@lwptsa.net.

This application becomes the sole property of LWPTSA Council Scholarship Committee.

It is recommended you keep a copy for your files.

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.

2017 Student Scholarship Application Form

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of school currently attending: _____

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: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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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

Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for:

- ☐ **LE Scarr Two year, Technical, Vocational School scholarship**
☐ **Merit Scholarship** - Indicate which is your home high school
 ☐ Eastlake ☐ Juanita ☐ Lake Washington ☐ Redmond
☐ **Field of Education Scholarship;** ☐ **Perseverance Scholarship;** ☐ **Turnaround Scholarship**

Based on the scholarship(s) you are applying for, please answer the questions for each scholarship. Please note: There are many questions in common between applications, however, some scholarships have award-specific questions that we would like you to answer. Your responses may be duplicated on applications, as appropriate.

Award A:

L.E. Scarr 2 Year, Technical, or Vocational School Scholarship (1 award)

L.E. Scarr award will be given to a student that is planning on attending 2 year, technical or vocational school. 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. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, music, sports, clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include non-paid work experience, volunteer, church, family obligations, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer, dates of employment and job responsibilities.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.
6. Describe your educational goals upon graduation from high school.

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, or a commitment to volunteerism. Applicants should have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Questions: Please concisely answer the following questions; use no more than two (2) typed, double-spaced pages in total to answer the five (5) questions. You may use an additional two (2) typed pages to answer the essay question.

1. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, Music, Sports, Clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include non-paid work experience, volunteer, church, family obligations, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer, dates of employment and job responsibilities.
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.

Award C:**LWEA/Bates and Jane Wierenga Memorial Education Scholarships** (2 awards)

Education Scholarships will be awarded to students entering the field of education and who show excellence in many facets of their lives. 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. You may use an additional two (2) typed pages to answer the essay question.

1. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, music, sports, clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include non-paid work experience, volunteer, church, family obligations, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer, dates of employment and job responsibilities.
5. If there is any other information of which you would like the scholarship committee to be aware, please include a brief description.
6. 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.

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. You may use an additional two (2) typed pages to answer the essay question.

1. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, music, sports, clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include non-paid work experience, volunteer, church, family obligations, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer, dates of employment and job responsibilities.
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.

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

The Perseverance Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a well-rounded community member and can show 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. 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 three (3) typed pages total to answer all six (6) questions. You may use an additional two (2) typed pages to answer the essay question.

1. Describe your activities and interests in high school (ASB, music, sports, clubs, etc.)
2. Describe your activities in the community (include non-paid work experience, volunteer, church, family obligations, clubs, etc.)
3. List awards, honors, and other special achievements.
4. If you have had a job(s), please list your employer, dates of employment and job responsibilities.
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.

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