

Scholarship information

Background

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

Six \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded to high school students who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2018. 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.

Timeframe

Washington's 281 cities and towns begin recruiting scholarship applicants in fall 2018. Each participating city must forward the completed application form of one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities by March 9, 2018. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 2018.

Student eligibility & instructions

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

- Involved (or have been involved) with a city government and/or significant school leadership activity;
- Eligible to graduate from high school, complete home school or receive a GED in spring/summer 2018;
- A Washington state resident; and
- Plan to continue education in the 2018-2019 academic year at an accredited college, community college or trade school on a half-time or more basis.

Process

- Complete Quality Communities scholarship application form
- Complete the personal essay.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a non-relative (can include a community leader, high school teacher, administrator or counselor).
- Submit scholarship application to city for consideration.

City instructions & selection

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

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 locally completed application forms.
- Write a letter of support for your nominee.
- Submit one application form and letter of support by March 9, 2018 to:

Center for Quality Communities Scholarship
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