

Sample of the WSOS 2018-2019 Scholarship Application

Are you eligible to apply?

Before completing the application, please confirm you believe you are eligible by answering the questions below. In order to complete this application, you must confirm you believe you meet all of the criteria. Note that all eligibility factors will be confirmed by the WSOS team.

Are you a Washington state resident? Please note that residency is NOT the same as citizenship. You can read the requirements of Washington state residency here.
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28B.15.012>.

- Yes
- No

Did you or will you have earned your high school credential (diploma, GED, or alternative) from a Washington state high school or institution by June 2018?

- Yes
- No

Will you be pursuing an eligible, high-demand major in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care? See the list of eligible high-demand STEM or health care majors here:
<https://waopportunityscholarship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Eligible-Majors-Alphabetically-2018-2019.pdf>

- Yes
- No

Will you be working toward your FIRST bachelor's degree, (i.e. have never before earned a four-year degree)? This scholarship is only available for students working toward their first bachelor's degree. Scholarship funds are not available for subsequent bachelor's degrees or post-baccalaureate programs (e.g., MA, PhD, DMD).

- Yes
- No

Will you be enrolling in an eligible Washington state college or university at least half-time (6+ credits) during fall term 2018? For a list of eligible institutions, visit: <https://waopportunityscholarship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Eligible-Colleges-2018-2019.pdf>.

- Yes
- No

Do you meet the term limit requirement for this scholarship?

Please only count terms completed post high school graduation. Full-time is defined as 12 or more credits. If you are not sure, please select "Yes, I think so" and continue completing the application.

- Yes, I am a high school senior in Running Start.
- Yes, I am a high school senior not participating in Running Start.
- Yes, I will have completed six or fewer full-time quarters by fall 2018.
- Yes, I will have completed four or fewer full-time semesters by fall 2018.
- Yes, I think so. I understand that this will be confirmed as part of the selection process.
- No, I have exceeded the term limits for this scholarship.

Do you have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) through fall quarter or fall semester 2017 of at least a 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale)?

- Yes, I have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- I don't have a GPA, but I understand my academic achievement will be confirmed in another way.
- No, I have a cumulative GPA lower than 2.75.

Will you file the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or submit the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)?

The FAFSA can be found at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>, and the WASFA can be found at www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa. Note that you must file by Wednesday, March 7, 2018, to be considered eligible for the scholarship.

- Yes
- No

Do you meet the family income requirement for the scholarship?

You must have a family income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) less than the amount listed by family size on this chart: <https://waopportunitiescholarship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2018-19-Family-Income-Chart.pdf>.

Yes

No

[Based on your answers to the eligibility questions you will be prompted to check a box indicating you are eligible for the scholarship and that you understand your final eligibility will be reviewed and determined by WSOS staff. If you are eligible, you will receive a response indicating your scholarship will not be reviewed or considered.]

Required Student Information

Title

Mr.

First Name *

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Middle Name

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Last Name *

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Suffix

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Other

Mailing Address *

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City *

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State *

Washington

Zip Code *

98058

Preferred Phone Number *

2064460853

Simply enter your 10 digit number here. Do not use hyphens.

Type of Phone Number *

Home

Does this phone number belong to you or someone else? *

- It belongs to me.
- It belongs to someone else.

Secondary Phone Number

Type of Phone Number

Cell

Preferred Email *

kim@gmail.com

Re-Enter Preferred Email *

kim@gmail.com

Email is our primary means of communication. Please enter your personal email rather than a family member's email, if at all possible. If we are unable to email you, you will NOT know if you were selected for this scholarship. To ensure receipt of our emails, please add info@waopportunityscholarship.org to your approved senders list. Note that Gmail will send our emails to your "Promotions" tab.

By typing your initials below, you are acknowledging that you are completing this application on behalf of yourself. Your family members should not complete this application for you. *

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Optional Student Information

Your answers to the following optional questions will allow us to report, in aggregate only, requested information to the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Board, the Washington State Legislature and other interested parties such as the Washington Student Achievement Council and private donors. These questions are not required, and the answer will not be used for selection of this scholarship.

Are you of Hispanic/Latinx descent (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture/origin, regardless of race)?

Additionally, with which race(s) do you self-identify? Regardless of your answer to the previous question, please mark the following box(es) to indicate your self-identification preference.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Gender

Age Category

Because you indicated above that you are below the age of 18, a parent or guardian must complete the rest of this section on your behalf.

On behalf of my child, I give the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship and Washington STEM staff permission to share my child's name and the status of her/his scholarship application with personnel associated with his or her current school, school district, STEM Network or Educational Service District. I understand that only his or her name and application status (started but incomplete or completed) will be shared. I understand the purpose is for staff at his or her current school to follow up with my child to complete the application on time.

I give the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship and Washington STEM staff permission to share my name and the status of my scholarship application with personnel associated with my current school, school district, STEM Network or Educational Service District. I understand that only my name and application status (started but incomplete or completed) will be shared. I understand the purpose of this sharing is for staff at my current school (if applicable) to follow up with me to complete the application on time.

Academic History & Plans

Parents' Education

What is the highest level of education completed by your mother? *

If you have a birth mother, stepmother, and/or adoptive mother, select the highest level of education completed by any of them.

What is the highest level of education completed by your father? *

If you have a birth father, stepfather, and/or adoptive father, select the highest level of education completed by any of them.

Evidence of Academic Preparedness

Which of the below best describes your high school graduation status? *

- I am a high school senior or will earn my high school credential by June 2018.
- I have already graduated or earned my high school credential.

Are you participating in Running Start? *

- Yes
- No

Did you participate in Running Start while in high school? *

- Yes
- No

Have you earned any college credits since graduating from high school or earning your GED (excluding any you may have earned in Running Start)? *

- Yes
- No

Please select which of the below best describes how you earned or will earn your high school credential. *

Please report the date you earned or will earn your high school credential. *

Please select the Washington state high school or tribal school from which you received or will receive your diploma. *

Please type the name of your high school below. *

Please type the name of the institution from which you were or will be granted your GED below. *

Please type the name of institution which granted or will grant your alternative high school credential below. *

Please select the school district in which your "Intent to Homeschool" was filed. *

[After completing this section, you will be reminded that you must submit official transcripts. Depending on your educational experience you'll need to submit one or more of the following transcripts that apply to your specific situation: official homeschool transcript, high school transcript, official GED score, Running Start credits and/or official transcripts from colleges or universities where you've attended through fall 2017. Failure to do so will result in your application not being considered. Even if your high school does not report a GPA, you are still required to submit your official high school transcript to apply for this scholarship. We will work with your school to determine your eligibility.]

Please select the institution you most recently attended or are currently attending from the list below.

Please type the name of the university you most recently attended or are currently attending below.

[In this section you'll be prompted to enter either a Grade Point Average (GPA, rounded to two decimals) through fall 2017 from your high school transcript, Running Start college, college or university you are attending or GED score, as applicable to your situation.]

Attended from (date): *

Attended to (date): *

Have you attended any other colleges since earning your high school credential?

Please list all other colleges you have attended since graduating from high school or earning your GED. Include dates of attendance, starting with the most recent. If you don't know the exact day the term started or ended, please use the first of the month. For example, fall term 2012 would be 09/01/2012.

Academic Future

Please select the Washington state college or university where you plan to be enrolled during the fall of 2018. *

If you are not yet sure at which institution you will be enrolled, choose your top choice. If selected, you may notify us of a change in May 2018 when you would be required to formally accept the scholarship.

Not all majors are available at all universities. It is your responsibility to check with the academic advising office on your campus to ensure that your intended major of study has the same CIP code as the major you indicate below.

This scholarship exclusively supports students who have a dedicated interest in pursuing specific, high-demand STEM and health care fields. If your specific major is not on this list, you are not eligible to apply. If your plans change in the future, and you decide to pursue a major that is not included on the list below, you will be unable to renew your scholarship for future years. If selected, you will be expected to remain in an eligible major to continue receiving funding and will periodically be required to provide evidence of study.

Select the eligible, high-demand STEM or health care major that best describes your academic plans. *

You selected "Accounting and Computer Science". This is not the same major as "Accounting" which is ineligible. *

I acknowledge that this major is not "Accounting".

You indicated interest in a high-demand STEM or health care field above. Please restate your commitment to that major below.

Type the CIP Code of the major of interest you indicated above. *

The CIP code is the number that immediately follows the major you selected from the drop down option above.

Type the name of the major of interest you indicated above. *

Enter your four digit birth year.

Financial Information

We strongly recommend completing the FAFSA and/or WASFA before you complete the section below so you have the required information available. To answer the following questions, you may reference your 2018-2019 FAFSA and/or WASFA, 2018-2019 SAR or 2016 tax return. While you may complete this section using estimates, you must submit the 2018-2019 FAFSA and/or 2018-2019 WASFA by the deadline of March 7, 2018, to be considered eligible for this scholarship. The WASFA is available at <http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa>. The FAFSA is available at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

You are a **DEPENDENT** student if your parent(s) or guardian(s) were or will be required to provide financial information when you complete(d) the 2018-19 FAFSA or WASFA.

You are an **INDEPENDENT** student if your parent(s) or guardian(s) were **NOT** or will **NOT** be required to provide financial information when you complete(d) the 2018-19 FAFSA or WASFA.

Did you or will you file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) as a dependent or an independent student? *

I have filed or will file the 2018-19 FAFSA as a dependent.

The financial information provided below is: *

From my filed FAFSA

Provide the following information on your household size and total family income as reported or will be reported on your 2018- 2019 FAFSA.

Dependents students should include:

- Yourself
- Your parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Your siblings who are under 18 years of age

NOTE: Your siblings who are 18 or older, if they are currently enrolled in college as undergraduate students; do not count siblings over the age of 18 who aren't enrolled in college

Household Size: Dependent students should enter line 73 from the FAFSA/SAR.

Household Size *

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Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): Dependent students should enter lines 85 from the FAFSA/SAR.

2016 Adjusted Gross Income: *

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Please note that Adjusted Gross Income may differ from total income.

Untaxed Income: Dependent students should add lines 94a-i on the FAFSA/SAR. Please note that if your parents did not file 2016 taxes, you must include any income that was reported on lines 88 and 89 of the FAFSA/SAR.

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2016 Untaxed Income: *

Total Annual Household Income (AGI + Untaxed Income)

This box automatically adds the adjusted gross income and untaxed income for 2016 that you enter.

Essay

Top of Form

Instructions

A minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 words are required for the essay question before the application can be submitted. Before you submit your essay, we strongly recommend you do the following:

- Read the question first.
- Outline your response before you begin writing.
- Write a draft of your essay. Write it in Word to serve as a word counter, and paste it into the box below.
- Review your draft with a trustworthy resource such as a teacher, mentor or family member.

Essay Question

Please answer the following:

We are interested in your potential to advance Washington state's economy. Can you tell us why your academic goals address a need in the state? *

Optional: Further Information

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or your academic journey in 300 words or less?

Agreements

Minor Status

Are you a minor (under the age of 18)? *

- I am under the age of 18.
- I am 18 years or older.

Because you are under 18, both you and your parent or guardian need to initial and sign this form.

Parent or Guardian's Pledge of Accuracy and Agreement

Earlier in this application, your child may have provided a cell phone number. If so, do we have your permission to text your child at that number with important updates and opportunities? *

- Yes
- No

By my electronic signature on this form, I promise all the information provided in my child's application is complete, current and accurate to the best of my knowledge. All the information my child provided from his or her Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is complete, current and accurate.

1. Parent or Guardian's Initials *

I acknowledge that the information submitted in this application may be reviewed by the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship staff, approved consultants, college staff or other approved volunteers for the purposes of selection and/or verification of information provided by my child.

2. Parent or Guardian's Initials *

I understand that all information, including but not limited to: GPA, college or university enrollment, program of study, actual or intended academic major, FAFSA or WASFA household size and FAFSA or WASFA income information is subject to review or verification by any colleges or universities my child may be attending during the period of the scholarship and by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) or their successor.

3. Parent or Guardian's Initials *

I understand that if at any time information provided in this application is found to be false or inaccurate, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal from the scholarship program.

4. Parent or Guardian's Initials *

Applicant's Pledge of Accuracy and Agreement

Earlier in this application, you may have provided us with a cell phone number. If so, do we have your permission to text you at that number with important updates and opportunities? *

- Yes
- No

By my electronic signature on this form, I promise all of the information provided in my application is complete, current and accurate to the best of my knowledge. All the information I provided from my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is complete, current and accurate.

1. Applicant's Initials *

I acknowledge that the information submitted in this application may be reviewed by the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship staff, approved consultants, college staff or other approved volunteers for the purposes of selection and/or verification of information provided by me.

2. Applicant's Initials *

I understand that all information, including but not limited to: GPA, college or university enrollment, program of study, actual or intended academic major, FAFSA or WASFA household size and FAFSA or WASFA income information is subject to review or verification by any colleges or universities I may be attending during the period of the scholarship and by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) or their successor.

3. Applicant's Initials *

I understand that if at any time information provided in this application is found to be false or inaccurate, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal from the scholarship program.

4. Applicant's Initials *

Release & Consent

By my electronic signature on this form I consent to:

Authorizing all information now approved for release to be transferred to another organization should another organization other than Washington STEM (WA STEM), the current program administrator, be later named as the program administrator for this scholarship.

Authorizing the use of any and all information from this application in connection with WSOS research and evaluation activities. This includes academic or financial information as long as this will not be made available to the public in a form that would allow a single student to be identified. Stated differently, application information may be made available to the public in an aggregated form, however, such as an average or a total for a group of students.

Authorizing any college or university that I/my child attends while receiving the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship to release to WSOS information including, but not limited to: academic records, transcripts, program of study, academic major, state residency, financial aid, information from FAFSA or WASFA and any other pertinent information needed by WSOS, both while a student and after I/my child am/is no longer attending, in order to manage and report on this program.

Authorizing the Washington Student Achievement Council, or their successor, and WSOS to share any information received from my/my child's FAFSA or WASFA, scholarship application or transcript, for as long as necessary to manage and report on this scholarship.

If you/your child are/is selected for this scholarship, WSOS may (1) release your/your child's name and the name of the college or university you/your child are/is attending to interested parties such as news media, school districts, governmental agencies, and legislative personnel for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of scholarship recipients, and (2) use my/my child's name, picture, or likeness (the "Likeness Materials") for any program or WSOS purpose.

Typing my name below will serve as my electronic signature to all agreements and consent presented above. *

Applicant Agrees

Applicant First Name *

Applicant Last Name *

Date *

Typing my name below will serve as my electronic signature to all agreements and consent presented above. *

Parent or Guardian Agrees

Parent or Guardian First Name *

Parent or Guardian Last Name *

Date *

IMPORTANT: Final Submission Steps

1. Mail your required academic records.

To review which transcript or academic records you must provide, revisit the Academic form in your application. You may also review which forms you should submit by visiting <https://waopportunitiescholarship.org/scholarship-supports/scholarship/new-applicants/transcript-requirements/>

Mail to: Washington State Opportunity Scholarship, 1414 31st Ave S, Suite 302, Seattle, WA 98144

Your materials must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Academic Records Submission *

I understand that I must still submit my academic records and that my application will not be considered without them.

2. If you haven't already, file the 2018-19 FAFSA or 2018-19 WASFA by March 7, 2018.

2018-19 FAFSA or 2018-19 WASFA Completion *

I already filed the FAFSA or WASFA.

I will file the FAFSA or WASFA by March 7, 2018. I understand that I will not be considered eligible if I fail to do so.

3. Tell us how you heard about us!

How did you learn about the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship? Please select (check) all that apply. *

A Counselor

A Teacher

Social Media

An Event

A WA STEM Representative

A CAN Representative

- A MESA Representative
- A DREAM Representative
- A Scholarship Website
- Other

4. Click "save" to save this form, and then click "Submit" when redirected to the next page.

If you click "save" at the bottom and do not click "Submit" once directed to the main page, your application will NOT be considered.

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