

Graduate Scholarship - Letter of Recommendation

To help us better understand the applicant's background we ask that they submit one letter of recommendation from a professional or academic reference who can speak to their commitment to working in a Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) in Washington state. The letter will support our understanding of the applicant, their experiences and future plans. The insights you share play a key role in our evaluation of potential graduate scholars. We appreciate you taking the time to write your letter.

In your letter, please include the following:

- How do you know and interact with the applicant?
- Why do you think the applicant would be a fit for the WSOS Graduate Scholarship?
- How have the applicant's experiences (clinical practicums, volunteer positions, employment etc.) demonstrated a commitment to working in a Medically Underserved Area or Health Professional Shortage Area?
- What skills or behaviors did the student display to succeed in that environment?
- Is there anything else we should know about the applicant?

Link for references to upload the letter of recommendation:

<https://washingtonstem.app.box.com/f/447983b3a1ea46b18c70fa0167967b23>

Please title your letter as "*Applicants last name, Applicants first name LOR*"

Letters must be uploaded by **July 19, 2021 at 9am.**

About the WSOS GRD Scholarship

Washington has one of the fastest growing state economies with more trade, health care and STEM jobs than we can fill. The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) connects our state's leading industries with top Washington talent by reducing barriers to education and training and facilitating entry into high demand careers for Washington students. The vision of the Graduate Scholarship (GRD) is to actualize the intent of HB 2143 by increasing the number of health care professionals providing physical and behavioral health care, particularly in communities designated as a Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or a Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) in Washington.

- Awarded students will receive a \$2,500 onetime award during the first scholarship term plus \$4,500 per 120 clinical hours which may be divided among terms, depending on the program's clinical structure, to reduce the financial burden of completing their degree.
- DNP and practitioner-based MSN enrollees will receive a total award of up to \$25,000.
- HRSA designated [MUA](#) or [HPSA](#) preceptor sites will receive \$3,600 per 120 clinical hours, which may be divided among terms, depending on the program's clinical structure, to incentivize hosting a nurse practitioner in training at their site. Up to \$18,000 per Scholar in DNP and MSN preceptor remuneration funding is available.
- As part of their post degree plan we ask that scholars intend to practice in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) as designated by HRSA for at least 2 years after program completion.