

Graduate Scholarship (GRD) - 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 will play a key role in evaluating applicants. We appreciate your time.

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 this scholarship?
- How have the applicant's experiences (clinical practicums, volunteer positions, employment etc.) demonstrated a commitment to working in a MUA, HPSA or with medically underserved populations?
- Is there anything else we should know about the applicant?

Use this link to upload the letter of recommendation:

<https://washingtonstem.app.box.com/f/0737617fafa244fe877fc22b496a9f4a>

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

Letters must be uploaded by **June 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. PT.**

About the Graduate (GRD) Scholarship

Washington has one of the fastest-growing state economies with more trade, health care and STEM jobs than we can fill. 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 Graduate Scholarship \(GRD\)](#) was created by state legislators in an effort to increase the number of health care professionals providing physical and behavioral health care, particularly in underserved communities in Washington state.

- Recipients will receive a **total award of up to \$25,000 over three years**. Funding will be divided evenly over the Scholar's remaining DNP or MSN program terms, beginning in the fall term after the student is selected.
- We ask that students complete at least half of their clinical practicum hours in a MUA or HPSA designated area, as assigned by their program's clinical coordinator.
- Preceptor sites in a MUA or HPSA will receive \$3,600 per 120 clinical hours, which may be divided among terms to incentivize hosting a nurse practitioner in training at their site. Up to \$18,000 per Scholar in preceptor site funding is available. Funding is available only for businesses or organizations, not individuals.
- As part of their post-degree plan, we ask that scholars intend to practice in a Washington state MUA or HPSA as designated by HRSA for at least two years after program completion.