



Washington State Employee Credit Union Scholarship Program

WSECU

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Must be a full time student.
- Must be a WSECU member (NOTE: Effective 2009, being a member's dependent does not qualify an applicant. Applicants must be WSECU members themselves.)
- Applicant must be a WSECU member in good standing when the application is reviewed and the scholarship is awarded. *Membership in any other credit union does not satisfy eligibility for this program.*
- WSECU elected volunteers and their family members as well as Scholarship Committee Members and their family members, are not eligible for this scholarship.

When is the deadline?

March 1

What are the details of the award?

- Up to 27 scholarships will be awarded annually and are not renewable.
- Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Twenty \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a four-year college or university for undergraduate or graduate studies.
- Seven \$1,000 awards will be made to students attending community college or pursuing trade certification in a vocational or technical area.
- No scholarships will be awarded to students seeking their second degree within one level of achievement (i.e. second bachelor's or second master's).
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load.
- Institutions must be accredited, nonprofit two or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- A student may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

What are the selection criteria?

- An independent selection committee will evaluate the applications and select the winners.
- The committee will consider:
 - Financial need
 - Community involvement
 - Essay content
 - Recommendation Forms
 - Academic achievements and records
- *Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.*

I have several potential school choices. Which one should I list on the application?

You should list your first choice on the application. If you are chosen to receive an award, it will be your responsibility to make certain ISTS is aware of your final school choice so that your check can be issued accordingly.

How and when will I receive notification?

- Notifications are sent approximately two months after the deadline.
- Winner and non-winner notifications will be sent by email.
- Add info@applyists.com to your email address book or "safe senders list" so these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder.
- **Do not 'opt out' of any email sent from info@applyists.com or you may not receive vital information regarding your scholarship applications.**

Note: Your email address will only be used to communicate with you about your scholarship applications or other opportunities administered by ISTS for which you may be eligible to apply. We will not provide your email address to any third-parties.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

- You must enroll as a full time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.
- You must continue in school the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by scholarship sponsor.
- You must deliver your scholarship check(s) to the proper office at your institution.

How and when are checks issued?

- Checks will be mailed to each recipient's mailing address as entered on the application.
- Checks will be made payable to the institution only.
- Checks will be issued in August.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to notify ISTS should the check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

- Upload your required documents online. If you are unable to upload them, mail or fax your supporting documents following the instructions printed from your online application. If you do not follow the instructions exactly your application may not be considered.
- Your submission must be complete by March 1, 2010.

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against your scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax advisor for more guidance.

Program Administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact ISTS by email at contactus@applyists.com . When emailing please include the name of the scholarship program or sponsor (WSECU).