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2026 Scholarship Summary
Community Hero Scholarship - \$5,000

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to students for continuing education. Scholarship awards are made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's donors and Board of Directors.

Scholarship Description: The Community Hero Scholarship valued at \$5,000 is awarded to two students from across the state of Washington pursuing higher education at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or trade/technical school. ***Students must be a graduating high school senior.***

Applicants must have met and been recognized for at least one of the following criteria:

- The applicant has been a catalyst for a cause that meets basic human needs or enriches the lives of others, or
- The applicant has exhibited dedication and selflessness, or
- The applicant has made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large, or
- The applicant has gone "above and beyond" to serve and inspire others

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Applicants must also be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a scholastic contact and one from an employer, volunteer contact, or advisor of school-sponsored activity. Letters written by relatives of the applicant are not allowed.
- **Additional Requirement:** Applicants must provide a 500-word essay describing how they impacted the community. Applicant can also provide further documentation such as newspaper articles, webpage acknowledgements or other information highlighting your community impact.

The \$5,000 awards are payable over one year. All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university to be used toward tuition or books.

Application: The Community Hero Scholarship application is available online. By completing our online application we will automatically apply you for all online scholarships that you qualify for. Apply online at <https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com/> beginning December 1, 2025.

Deadline to apply: Monday, February 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

For questions and additional information, please contact us, at 253.841.5120 or by email at scholarships@thefair.com.

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