



2026 Scholarship Summary  
**Fair Chance Scholarship – \$5,000**  
**High School Seniors**

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

**Scholarship Description:** The \$5,000 **Fair Chance Scholarship** is awarded to twenty high school seniors from across the state of Washington pursuing higher education. All funds are paid directly to the recipient's college, university or trade school to be used toward tuition or books.

**Criteria:**

- Must be a resident of Washington
- Attending (Fall 2026) an accredited two- or four-year college, university or trade/technical school
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Students must be currently working, volunteering, or involved in a school-sponsored activity at least 8 hours per month, on average
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement
- Most recent copy of transcript (unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation: one from 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.

**Application:** The Fair Chance 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.

Recipient will be notified by the Foundation on/about April 1, 2026, at which time a completed Award Form and jpg photo (with signed photo release) will be required.

For questions and additional information, please contact us, at 253.841.5120 or by email at [scholarships@thefair.com](mailto:scholarships@thefair.com).

The mission of the Washington State Fair Foundation is to financially support the scholarship and educational programs of the Fair and to help preserve and improve the Fair for future generations.

More information can be found at [www.thefair.com/foundation](http://www.thefair.com/foundation).