



## 2026 Fair Chance Trade School / Career Training 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.

Do you dream of a career in Culinary Arts? Want to fuel your dream of having your own auto mechanics garage? Would you rather light up your career as an electrician? Trade schools in Washington encompass a wide variety of hands-on education while providing career-focused training in high-demand fields such as healthcare, legal services, and emergency services. Learners can earn vocational certificates and degrees to prepare for careers as paramedics, medical assistants, occupational therapy assistants, and dental hygienists. Trade school graduates can also work as electricians, HVAC technicians, paralegals, cosmetologists, and mechanics.

It's never too late to pursue the career training you really want. Whether you are a few years out of high school or a seasoned professional ready to change tracks, we have a scholarship award to help you get there. For many students, a traditional four-year degree isn't a great fit. But that doesn't mean you can't further your education and set yourself on a path toward a great career. Also called technical school or trade school scholarships, vocational scholarships help students cover the cost of furthering education at a qualifying institution.

**Scholarship Description:** The Trade School/Career Training Scholarship is funded by the Washington State Fair Foundation to support students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Two \$5,000 awards are paid directly to the recipient's vocational / technical school to be used toward tuition or books.

### Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Washington
- High School Senior or adult learner planning to attend an accredited vocational / technical school / career school
- Prior involvement with the Fair (4H, FFA, etc.) and financial need may be considered, though neither is a requirement
- Unofficial transcripts
- 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.

**Application:** The Trade School / Career Training 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](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.

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