BUILDING OUR FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The ASSOCIATION of Washington Community and Technical College Administrators and Exempt Staff administers the Building Our Future scholarship. The program is designed to encourage well-qualified and motivated community and technical college students to pursue the academic credentials that would allow them to assume administrative or faculty positions in the Washington community and technical college system.

We believe students who graduate from community or technical colleges and then complete their academic requirements for a bachelor’s and/or master’s degree have the potential to be effective administrators and instructors since they have first-hand experience with community and technical colleges. They will bring a special dimension to our campuses and have a special allegiance to our mission and goals. If we are committed to the community college experience, we must encourage our students to return to us as full associates. They will become role models for other students and will provide support to current faculty and staff members as well as students.

The scholarship of $1,200 is for a normal academic year with a full-time academic load to provide assistance for tuition, books and related expenses. The scholarship is intended to support community college graduates who will continue their academic studies (i.e. junior year) at a baccalaureate institution immediately after completing their Associate in Arts & Sciences degree. The purpose of the scholarship is to actively recruit and support students who are seriously considering a community or technical college teaching/administrative career upon completion of college.

Scholarships are for those who have:
- Completed or will complete their associate degree at a community or technical college during the year they are considered for the scholarship
- Been admitted to a four-year college prior to receiving the scholarship stipend
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Expressed a sincere and serious desire to teach\(^1\) and/or administer at a community or technical college
- Enrolled or will enroll for full-time load as defined by the baccalaureate college
- At least two letters of recommendation from community or technical college faculty members attesting to their ability to complete a degree, their seriousness in completing the degree, and their expressed serious interest in teaching or administering at a community or technical college. One of these letters must be from their intended major field of study, or the discipline preparatory to that field at the community college level. The other can be from any faculty member who knows the student’s work and goals.

\(^1\)Includes counselors, librarians, etc. Note that many community college faculty positions require a master’s degree in the discipline to be taught.
WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?
$1,200 per year

SELECTION PROCEDURES
Announcements of the scholarship will be distributed to all community and technical colleges in February. Applications are due by May 17 to the office of the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

A selection committee composed of four members of The ASSOCIATION Executive Committee and one member from the Professional Recognition Committee will select the recipient(s). Announcement of the winner(s) will occur at The ASSOCIATION summer conference.

METHOD OF PAYMENT
The scholarship award will be dispersed through the financial aid office of the four-year college or university the recipient will attend. The recipient will receive funds on a term basis, 1/3 each quarter or 1/2 each semester for the upcoming school year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Application for the scholarship program must include:
• The completed scholarship application, including the required essay on the student’s interest in a Washington state community or technical college career.
• Copies of all college transcripts.
• Two recommendations from community or technical college faculty (one must be from student’s intended field of study, i.e., chemistry faculty if chemistry is the student’s major).
  Recommendations must address:
  ✓ Ability to succeed
  ✓ Motivation to succeed
  ✓ Strong interest expressed to teach/administer at a community or technical college

(Please provide copies of the Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation to each faculty who is to write a letter.)

Please be aware that this process is quite competitive. The quality of letters of reference and the completed application are both very important factors in the evaluation process.

PLEASE NOTE

Applications are due by:
May 17

Applications should be submitted to:
Rhonda Coats, Vice President for Student Services
South Puget Sound Community College
2011 Mottman Rd SW
Olympia, WA 98512-6292
rcoats@spscc.ctc.edu
The ASSOCIATION
Application for Building Our Future Scholarship

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Applicant:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Which Washington community or technical colleges have you attended?</th>
<th>What was (is) your date of graduation from the community or technical college?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>How many units (credits) have you completed?</td>
<td>What is your current GPA?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What four-year college do you plan to attend?</td>
<td>Have you been admitted to the college?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>□ Yes □ No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>When will your enrollment begin?</td>
<td>What is your proposed major?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>_______________________ Quarter       __________ Year</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Provide your plan for completing your degree (time frame, courses, etc.).</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Provide the names of two faculty members from whom you have requested letters of recommendation.</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Explain why you need scholarship assistance to complete your college courses (not to exceed 150 words).</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>On a separate page, tell us why you are interested in a career in the community/technical colleges in Washington state, and the special talents and expertise you would bring to your work in our system (maximum one page).</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Signature of applicant:**

**Date:**

---

**Return by May 17, to:**

Rhonda Coats, Vice President for Student Services  
South Puget Sound Community College  
2011 Mottman Rd SW  
Olympia, WA 98512-6292  
rcotts@spscc.ctc.edu
The ASSOCIATION

Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

Building Our Future Scholarship

(Please provide a copy to each faculty member asked to write a recommendation.)

Your letter is one of the key components in our review of the scholarship application. In order for us to fully evaluate the applicant, please be sure you have addressed each of the following points:

1. The academic ability of the student to succeed in the major and degree chosen.

2. The motivation of the student to succeed in their chosen course.

3. The interest expressed by the student in returning to a teaching (including counselor or librarian) or administrative position in a Washington state community or technical college.

Students please note: One faculty letter should be from someone in your intended major or its preparatory area of study; the other faculty member can be from any discipline.