

2010 WASA/PEMCO 21ST Century Educator SCHOLARSHIPS



Three \$4,000 scholarships—\$1,000 per year for four years based on “student in good standing” status and the continuing pursuit of a career in education.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be received at the WASA office by Monday, March 15, 2010.



WASA/PEMCO 21st Century Educator Scholarships

The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and the PEMCO Foundation proudly support careers in public education.

What are the WASA/PEMCO 21st Century Educator Scholarships?

The Washington Association of School Administrators and the PEMCO Foundation have pooled their resources to assist three outstanding Washington seniors in furthering their K–12 educational careers. Awards of \$1,000 for four years will be granted from **three applicant pools: Eastern Washington, Western Washington, and Minorities.**

Who is eligible?

Any high school senior who:

- Is enrolled in a Washington public or accredited private school.
- Has at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a standard 4.0 grading scale.
- Intends to major in and pursue a career in K–12 education.

What criteria are used for judging the Educator Scholarships?

The scholarship committee is looking for outstanding students who plan to pursue K–12 educational careers; however, the committee also looks for “well rounded” students. Preference is given to students who have accomplishments in the following areas:

- Leadership
- Community Service
- Honors and Awards
- Student Activities
- Educational Goals

To apply for an Educator Scholarship, you are required to write **two essays**: One describing your accomplishments in the criteria categories listed below and one describing your educational goals.

Criteria Categories

- **Leadership**
Describe how you have shown leadership skills by guiding, directing, or setting examples to others. Leadership can be shown in your academic, community, or personal life.
- **Community Service**
Describe volunteer work (not for pay) that benefits individuals, groups, nonprofit organizations, agencies, schools, or the community. Attending regular meetings of clubs, organizations, or religious affiliations does not qualify as community service.
- **Honors and Awards**
List honors and awards received in academic, athletic, or leadership areas. Describe honors and/or awards you have received and what you have gained from those experiences.
- **Student Activities**
Describe student activities in which you have participated during grades 9–12. Also, include any elected positions held (such as student council president) while participating in these activities

Educational Goals

Describe why you have chosen K–12 education as your future profession.

Please note!

- **Be sure to include all necessary materials and copies.**
- **Incomplete applications may result in disqualification.**
- **Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2010.**

Assemble your application packet in the following order, top to bottom:

- 1. **2010–11 application form**, fully completed and signed. *This instruction folder does not need to be returned.*
- 2. **Criteria Essay**, written by you, no longer than two typewritten, single-sided pages, describing how you meet the criteria listed.
- 3. **Goals Essay**, written by you, no longer than one typewritten, single-sided page, describing why you have chosen education as your future profession.
- 4. **Three reference letters**, written by three responsible adults at least 21 years of age and not related to you. (For example, your high school counselor, principal, a teacher, or a community member.) The letters must validate the information in your Criteria Essay and should describe your relationship and the length of association with that reference.

Each reference letter must be current (not over six months old) and must contain the address and phone number of the person writing the reference.

Reference letters must be included in your application packet.
- 5. **Returned packet must include the original and one copy of all materials, with the exception of the official transcript.**
- 6. **Official Transcript of Grades.** Only one copy is required to complete your application packet. It must clearly show a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The document must have an official signature and/or school seal. A transcript sent in a sealed envelope is acceptable; however, it must accompany your application packet.

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Mail To:

21st Century Educator Scholarships
c/o WASA
825 Fifth Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Your application packet must be RECEIVED at the WASA office no later than 5 p.m., March 15, 2010. **NO FAXES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Applications received after this date, regardless of postmark, will be automatically disqualified.

Selected scholarship applicants will be notified and invited to participate in an awards ceremony at the statewide administrators conference in June in Spokane.

This application packet may be copied and distributed. Additional applications and forms can be printed from the WASA website: www.wasa-oly.org/services/schol10.pdf.

Questions? Contact WASA at 360-943-5717 or email Eve Johnson at ejohnson@wasa-oly.org.

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