

WA-CCER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION For FINANCIAL NEED 2016/2017

Amount of Award

WA-CCER will award one \$500 scholarship to qualified graduating seniors. The scholarship is to be used for tuition and other direct school expenses at an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the 2017/2018 school year only (Technical Schools will qualify as a two-year program). Decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee are final.

Student Eligibility

1. Graduating High School Senior who has been, or is presently, in an approved WBL Program or Career Choices.
2. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university or technical school as a full-time student, beginning fall, 2017.
3. Demonstration of financial need.
4. Recommended by WA-CCER member (Work Sight/Work Base Learning Coordinator, JWG Specialist or Career Choices Teacher).

Application Process

1. Application Packet **received** by WA-CCER Scholarship Selection Committee by Monday, May 1st, 2017 (**no late applications will be accepted**).
2. Applications will be reviewed by the WA-CCER Scholarship Selection Committee.

Directions for Completing Scholarship Applications

1. Prepare title page entitled "WA-CCER Scholarship Packet". Include complete legal name, address, telephone number (include area code), and high school.
2. Prepare a Personal Statement telling the Selection Committee about yourself in 500-750 words. This personal statement should address (1) your long-term educational and career goals, (2) how you have made, or are making, a contribution to your community or school, and (3) anything else you think is important for the Selection Committee to understand who you are and how you see your future. Include information about which college/s (technical school/s) you have applied to and how you chose those particular school/s. Let the Committee know your first-choice school and how you plan to finance your education.
3. A copy of your official transcript.
4. When you receive your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, attach a copy to your scholarship application, or you may submit other acceptable documentation of financial need such as a school letter showing that you qualify for a "Free or Reduced Lunch Program. (**Do not send FAFSA Application**).
5. Attach two letters of recommendation, one from the WBL Coordinator or Career Choices teacher who is a current WA-CCER member, and one from a school representative or a current or previous employer. Your letters of recommendation should include how long and in what capacity the writer has known you and why you deserve to receive this scholarship.
6. Your name should be on the Title Page and your Personal Statement.
7. Arrange material in order listed above, place in a large manila envelope, and mail it to: Mr. Joe Derrig, WA-CCER Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o AG West Black Hills High School, 7741 Littlerock Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98512. Or email to: joe.derrig@tumwater.k12.wa.us on or before Monday, May 1st, 2017.

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following to determine WA-CCER Scholarship recipients

1. Personal Statement/Essay (30%)
2. Evidence of Financial Need (20%)
3. Letters of Recommendation (20%)
4. Community Service/Contributions to School and Community (20%)
5. Discretionary (10%)