

# **2017 Dependent Scholarship**

This scholarship provides financial assistance after high school to dependents of PSE members, including grandchildren, interested in continuing their education. Scholarships are awarded based on many factors including financial need, academic achievement, leadership and service.

## **Number of Scholarships**

Two Dependent Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded.  
One Dependent Scholarship in the amount of \$500 will also be awarded.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ An IRS-dependent of a PSE member in good standing.
- ✓ A high school senior or equivalent (i.e., private school, privately tutored, G.E.D., or accredited correspondence school), who plans to enroll, by the fall term following the granting of the scholarship, as a full-time student in an accredited institution. Accredited institutions include universities, community colleges, trade and vocational schools

OR

Currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate institution such as a university, community college, trade or vocational school.

## **Deadline**

The completed application form and supporting information must be returned to the PSE office in Auburn postmarked on or before March 1, 2017.

## **Checklist**

You may wish to use the attached application checklist to ensure you have provided all elements of the application.

## **Selection Process**

Qualified applications are reviewed by the PSE Scholarship Committee. The Committee is comprised of classified school employees who review applications and select winners. The Committee gives the greatest amount of weight to financial need (35 points). Other criteria, in priority order, include: letters of recommendation (15 points), essay, activities, honors and awards, grammar and language, general appearance of material, GPA and transcripts (all receive 10 points each).

## **Fund Disbursement**

The scholarship awards will be paid in the month of September. Scholarship funds are issued by check, drafted to the educational institution and mailed to the recipient for use during the academic year.

PSE reserves the right to revoke the scholarship if it is not used within the academic year or if the award is based on inaccurate information. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to PSE.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions, contact Pam Trudeau at 866.820.5652 or via email [ptrudeau@pseofwa.org](mailto:ptrudeau@pseofwa.org).

# **Scholarship Application Checklist**

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## **Completed application form.**

Please respond completely to each portion of the application. Use "N/A" if not applicable to your situation.

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## **Complete Federal Tax Form 1040 or 1040EZ or 1040A.**

Nothing but these forms will be accepted. No W-2's, 1099 forms or E-file. All tax forms submitted must be signed and dated by the PSE member claiming you as a dependent or by their tax preparer.

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## **Transcript.**

Only an official copy of your transcript will be accepted.

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## **Letters of Recommendation.**

Two letters of recommendation.

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## **50-100 word essay.**

A 50-100 word essay describing your educational goals.

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## **100-150-word essay.**

A 100-150 word essay describing the positive impact the labor union movement has played in your life, your family's life or in the United States of America.

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## **Signature.**

Make sure you have signed and dated your application.

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## **Mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2017.**

No late applications will be accepted.

### **Mail to:**

PSE of Washington  
Scholarship Committee  
P O Box 798  
Auburn, WA 98071-0798

**PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON/SEIU LOCAL 1948 (PSE)  
2017 Dependent Scholarship Application Form**

**Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Cell

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of PSE member who qualifies you to apply for the scholarship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PSE Member Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Cell

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a:**       **Current high school applicant**       **A post high school applicant**

**Current High School Applicant**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

What institution do you plan to attend this coming year?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended Major or Field of Study?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Most recent cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a complete grade transcript, including grades for the first semester of Grade 12.

**Post High School Applicant**

Institution currently enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Major or Field of Study? \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Provide us with a copy of your transcript.

**Essays**

Two essays must be included. Please attach:

- ❖ A 50-100 word essay describing your educational goals.
- ❖ A 100-150 word essay describing the positive impact the labor union movement has played in your life, your family's life or in the United States of America.

**Hardship or Extenuating Circumstances**

Are you claiming hardship or extenuating circumstances that make it difficult for you to achieve your educational goals?

Yes     No If yes, please describe in 100 words or less.

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**Awards, Recognition or Activities**

Honors and awards

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Leadership positions

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Other activities

(special interests or talents, community service, etc).

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**Work Experience**

Describe your work experience and significant duties.

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**How do you plan to finance your education?**

(List jobs, gifts, loans, grants, scholarships, etc. and their amounts)

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**Parental Statement of Financial Resources:** Verification of parent or guardian’s financial resources (1040, 1040A or 1040 EZ Federal tax return(s) must accompany your application. No E-file worksheets will be accepted. IRS tax documents are used to verify income and dependent status.

If necessary, provide a copy of that portion of a court decree which states the PSE member **may not** claim the scholarship applicant as a dependent for IRS purposes. A signed affidavit will also be accepted.

**Certification**

My signature indicates that:

1. The application and attached information is accurate and complete.
2. The funds will only be used to pay expenses for my education.
3. PSE will be informed if I am unable to use the scholarship.
4. Unused funds will be returned to PSE.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this application and accompanying information to:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 798  
Auburn, WA 98071-0798**

*All application information is confidential, will only be used by the Committee, and will not be returned to you.*