

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON/SEIU LOCAL 1948 (PSE)

2009-10 Member Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to PSE members who wish to enhance their skills or pursue additional educational goals. Scholarships are awarded based on many factors, including financial need, academic achievement, leadership and service.

Number of Scholarships

Four scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be awarded.

Eligibility

Applicants for PSE scholarship awards must meet the following requirements:

- Be a PSE member in good standing.
- Plan to enroll or participate in the educational opportunity at an accredited institution within a 12-month period beginning June 2010. Accredited institutions include universities, community colleges, trade and vocational schools, as well as courses offered through a local Educational Service District (ESD), driver-trainer, mechanic, food service, office professional and other professional certification courses, including pursuit of a teaching certificate.

Deadline

The completed application form and supporting information must be returned to the PSE office in Auburn postmarked on or before March 15, 2010.

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 seven 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: essays, union activity, letters of recommendation (15 points each), activities, honors and awards, and general appearance of materials (10 points each).

Fund Disbursement

The \$500 scholarship award will be available June 2010. Scholarship funds are issued by check, drafted to the educational institution, and mailed to the recipient for use during the academic year. The scholarship may also be issued as reimbursement for tuition, lodging and mileage.

PSE reserves the right to revoke the scholarship if it is not used within the 12-month period beginning June 2010, 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 866.820.5653 or via email ptrudeau@pseofwa.org.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Completed application form.

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

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 you or your tax preparer.

Letters of Recommendation.

Two letters of recommendation.

50-100 word essay.

A 50-100 word essay describing your educational goals.

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.

Signature.

Make sure you have signed and dated your application.

Mailed and postmarked on or before March 15, 2010.

Late applications will not 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)
2009-10 Member Scholarship Application Form**

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Home Work Cell

Email _____

PSE Chapter: _____ Job Classification: _____

Education and Training

If you have obtained a degree from an accredited institution, what is the degree and what institution granted the degree?

List the professional or staff development classes you have completed, the dates you attended, certificate awarded and who provided the instruction.

What institution do you plan to attend if you are awarded a scholarship? _____

What is your intended field of study? _____

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.

Awards, Recognition or Activities

Honors and awards

Leadership positions

Other activities

(special interests, community service, etc).

Statement of Financial Resources: Verification of your 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.

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:

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