



NORTH THURSTON
Education Foundation
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Scholarship Application

North Thurston Education Foundation Application Form & Instructions

The North Thurston Education Foundation provides a wide variety of scholarships to help graduating seniors from North Thurston Public Schools, finance their post-high school education, beginning the year after graduation. Scholarships are available for students' pursuing education at community colleges, vocational or technical schools, or four-year colleges and universities.

Applicants should demonstrate skills for success in their chosen post-secondary program, good citizenship, and leadership qualities. While many scholarships are based on financial need, some are merit-based. Awards range from \$1,000 to full tuition, with most being one-year grants. A few scholarships are renewable for up to four years with good academic progress. For full details about this year's scholarships and selection criteria, visit www.ntef.org/scholarships. (Fillable application is available, please use.)

To apply, submit the following materials to your College & Career Specialist, high school counseling office, or by mail, PO Box 3312, Lacey, WA 98503. Must be submitted or postmarked by Wednesday, March 26, 2025:

Applicants must submit the following:

- A completed and signed application form, including all requested information, with your name on any attachments.
- A transcript through the first semester of senior year (*unofficial copies are acceptable*).
- A copy of the page showing your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the FAFSA (*Please ask if using the WAFSA*)
- Two letters of recommendation:
 - One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor documenting your abilities, leadership, and citizenship. (*Required*)
 - One additional letter from school staff, a coach, employer or community member. (*Optional*)
- A short essay (500 words max) allowing the committee to get to know you as a person. Please include:
 - Your accomplishments and goals.
 - Challenges you have faced and how those challenges have shaped your goals.
 - Any other information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.
 - You will be considered for any scholarships for which you are eligible, but you are encouraged to highlight any factors that make you particularly suited for specific scholarships.

Important Note: Failure to include all required documents will result in disqualification. Late applications will not be accepted. Please do not use staples on application materials

First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

Phone _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email (*personal, not school email*) _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Do you live with your parents? Yes No

If NO, please list the name, number and relationship of the person(s) with whom you live:

Alternative Contact Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

High School Attending: _____

Preferred Pronouns? he/him she/her they/them other _____

What is the name and address of the college, university, or technical school that you plan to attend:

_____ (Some scholarships are based on vocational, 2 or 4 year attendance)

Already accepted for admission? Yes No If accepted, when will you begin? (MM/YY)? _____

What course of study will you most likely pursue? (Intended major is needed for some scholarships)

If you would like to be considered for some of our designated scholarships, please answer the following:

Are you the first generation to attend college in your family? Yes No

Are you BIPOC? (Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color) Yes No

Gender? Female Male Other

Not counting yourself, how many members of your immediate family expect to be attending college or a vocational school during the 2025-2026 school year? _____

Number of siblings living in the home: _____

Please enter the adjusted gross income (AGI) from the most current Federal Income Tax return filed by your parent(s) or guardian(s). If your parents/guardians did not file a joint return, their individual AGIs should be combined. _____ (Required for all applications.)

Attach a copy of the Student Aid Index (SAI) page from your FAFSA. (Required for need-based scholarships.)

If there are special financial circumstances that you believe the committee should consider in evaluating your application, please describe them in a separate attachment. Be sure to include your name and "special circumstances" on the attachment.

Please answer every question or put N/A. We prefer you type out the fillable application online then print.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

I certify that all information on this application and the other documents submitted with it are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to submit a copy of my senior picture or a similar photograph, and consent to the Foundation's use of the photography to promote the Foundation's Scholarship Program.

Date _____ Applicant Signature _____

If you have questions, please contact:

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