

Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA) Ethnic Awareness Committee Scholarship Academic Year 2009-2010

The Award

The WFAA scholarship is designed to make higher education more accessible to promising students of color. This award is a one-year scholarship for a student of color attending a WFAA member college or university. The scholarship award amount is variable, up to \$1,500.

Scholarship Guidelines

Eligibility is based on the following:

- Strong leadership ability;
- Academic promise, must have a minimum 3.0 GPA or its equivalent;
- Financial need as certified on the application (determined by a 2009-2010 FAFSA)
School certification demonstrating financial need as determined by the 2009-2010 FAFSA is required.
- Must enroll at least halftime at a WFAA member community or technical college, public or private college/university.
- Must be a Washington State resident and a U.S. Citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

**Priority given to Undergraduate Students & Need Based Students!

Application Requirements

1. A complete Scholarship Application, including the School Certification (bottom of application).
(Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make sure you have **all** pages included in your packet.)
2. A typed statement (maximum 2 pages) addressing each of the following:
 - your personal and educational goals and what motivated you to further your education;
 - how you have been influenced by your culture and how you will use your education to contribute to your culture or across cultures;
 - personal/extra-curricular activities; including community service, employment, high school/college, multicultural activities, honors and awards.
3. Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a professor, counselor or instructor) that provide an assessment of your academic and leadership potential.
4. An official high school transcript (if you are a graduating senior) or an official college transcript(s).

Applications should be postmarked by Friday, June 26, 2009

Mail completed application packet to:

**WFAA Ethnic Awareness Scholarship Committee
C/o Lisa Fortson
Pierce College Fort Steilacoom
Financial Aid
9401 Farwest Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98498-1999**

Recipients will be notified by September 15, 2009

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Ethnic Awareness Committee Scholarship

Academic Year 2009-2010

Name: Last First M. I.

Social Security Number

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Phone Number

Current Local Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Phone Number

Ethnic Background:

- American Indian/Alaska Native
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Black/African American
 Hispanic
 Other (please specify) _____

Educational History (from the current/last school you have attended):

Name of Institution City State

Dates of Attendance GPA

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Name of the WFAA college/university you plan to attend during the 2009-2010 academic year:

Name of Institution City State

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

School Certification

To be completed by the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. Information provided must be from the 2009-2010 FAFSA form. **Please provide estimated information if actual figures are not available. (REQUIRED)**

Student's Name and Social Security Number _____

Student's Cost of Attendance \$ _____

Financial Aid Awarded (exclude loans) \$ _____

Student's Unmet Need \$ _____

Name of Institution _____

FAA's Name (please print) _____

FAA's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Phone Number _____

Please use the space below for any comments and/or suggestions.