

Educational Grant



Description:

The **Washington Economic Development Group** partners with new and existing businesses in Washington County to promote an environment of sustained economic development, thereby *making Washington County a great place to live, work and raise a family.*

To this end, we wish to support those seeking post-secondary education and training to develop skills with plans to return to Washington County for employment, add value to our communities and support our mission of creating a thriving economy.

WEDG will award **four \$1500 educational grants** to eligible area students planning to pursue a trade-related degree at an Iowa community college or technical school. **Applications are due by March 15, 2025.**

Requirements:

- Open to all graduates of Washington County High Schools.
- Must be a US Citizen or hold a Permanent Resident Card.
- Student must plan to attend an accredited Iowa community college or technical school.
- Intend to return to Washington County for employment after graduation.

Provisions:

- Funds will be paid directly to the school, 50% at the beginning of each the fall and spring term, and may be used for tuition, books and class/material fees.
- Children of WEDG directors and staff are eligible to apply.
- Students may apply and be awarded more than one time.

Award Criteria:

Grant selection will be rated by a point system to include the following:

- Career Path & Work Experience - 50 points
- Letter of Recommendation - 50 points
- Education/GPA - 10 points
- Volunteerism & Leadership - 15 points

Letter of Recommendation

Each applicant is required to submit a **Letter of Recommendation**. This is sometimes referred to as a personal reference or character reference. It is written by a non-relative who can speak to your character, personality, integrity and skills. Some examples of who you might ask are a teacher or instructor, your employer or a coach. **They may complete the attached form, or they can use it as a guide to write a letter. This letter must be submitted by you as part of your application.**

Grant Award Process:

- A. Application should be submitted **no later than March 15, 2025**, via google form at:
<https://forms.gle/QJgCvmVdYazBPpL78>
- B. WEDG will create a subcommittee of the Board of Directors to review the applications and select the recipients.
- C. Grant recipients will be announced at Senior Class Awards Night.

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