

WASCO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INTRODUCTION

This is an application for a WASCO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION grant. These scholarships are only for Wasco High School graduates, present or former and are awarded a maximum of four (4) times to a single applicant. To be considered for a scholarship, entering college freshmen must have at least a "C+" (2.5) grade point average for the first seven (7) semesters of high school, and to receive a scholarship must be registered for a minimum of 12 college units or full-time course load at an appropriate trade or technical school. University and College students must have no less than a "C" (2.0) grade point average for all completed semesters or quarters, and all students must carry a minimum of 12 units or equivalent full-time course load for the duration of the scholarship year.

The choice of recipients of all scholarships is solely the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the WASCO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION. The dollar amount per award and the number of scholarships granted depends on funds available and the number of qualified applicants. It is anticipated, however, that four year university and college scholarships will be granted in the amount of approximately \$1,000 and the two year college and trade or technical school scholarships will be granted in the amount of approximately \$500.

An application checklist is provided with these materials to help you assemble the required information. The application form is also available at www.wasco.k12.ca.us click on the Wasco Community Scholarship Association link.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. You are a candidate in a very competitive application that most likely will result in recognition and the awarding of scholarships to less than one-half of all applicants.
2. Carefully read all instructions!!
3. Prepare your application being mindful of specific requirements. Legibility and attention to detail are important.
4. Prepare your written essay. Closely follow the essay instructions.
5. Obtain your official transcript. While this is straight forward for applicants in high school, it can be more difficult for students in a college or university. Do not wait until the last minute to do this! See instructions.
6. Prepare to obtain your required recommendations. Present each of your two required recommenders with a legal-sized white envelope and a Recommendation Form. Tell each recommender that he or she should write a recommendation letter and together with the Recommendation Form, seal those items in the accompanying envelope, then sign it across the seal of the envelope and return it to you. These recommendations must be sent to WCSA with the envelope seal unbroken. Indicate at the top of each Recommendation Form the date when the recommendation must be returned to you so you can meet the post mark deadline date of March 5, 2012.
7. All of the above materials must be in one package and mailed to: (no drop offs at WUHS office)

Wasco Community Scholarship Association
P.O. Box 7
Wasco, CA 93280

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the attached application for scholarship form.
2. Write and include in your application package one (1) essay as set forth below:
In order to ensure consistency between applications, follow these guidelines in writing your essay.
 - a. Restate the essay question at the beginning of your essay.
 - b. Your full name should appear on the upper right corner of the essay page.
 - c. Use 12 point font size and one-inch margins on all sides in your essay responses.
 - d. Use Times New Roman or similar font.
 - e. Use 1.5 line spacing.
 - f. Sign and date your essay to prevent errors in matching the essay to applications.
 - g. Accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation are essential.

ESSAY QUESTIONS: On no more than one (1) page for your essay, please answer one of the following:

Prompt #1 **What do you consider the most important event of the past 100 years? Why?**

Prompt #2 **Tell us about a situation where you have NOT been successful and what you learned from the experience.**

Applications Without The Required Essay Will Not Be Accepted

The Essay Will Be Reviewed for Form as well as Considered for Substance

3. Include your official academic transcript(s) as part of your application package. For college and university student applicants include academic transcripts of all higher education institutions you attended. It may take up to four weeks to obtain an official transcript. When you make your transcript request, obtain a fee receipt. (When you make the request you will incur a fee and you should be given a transcript order receipt.) Be sure the receipt is correctly dated. If your official academic transcript cannot be obtained in a timely manner, WCSA will accept your application package as timely with the original transcript order receipt, if, and only if, the date on the transcript order receipt is at least four weeks prior to the application deadline. To have a competitive application, however, your official academic transcript must subsequently be received by WCSA prior to review of the 2010 applications by the WCSA Awards Committee.

Applications Without Official Transcript(s) or Timely Dated Receipt Will Not Be Accepted

4. WCSA requires two (2) written recommendations for each applicant. For high school and trade school student applicants, at a minimum one out of the two written recommendations must be from a teacher. First and second year college and university students may have recognizable predicaments in obtaining insightful current references. For college and university student applicants, at a minimum one recommendation should be from a professor, while recommendations from teaching assistants will be accepted, they are not encouraged. The second reference may come from community or volunteer or employment colleagues or supervisors, and/or other personal reference (not including relatives or roommates). A standard recommendation form is included for you to copy and distribute.

5. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare the written essay and application, obtain the required transcripts and recommendations, and submit this material in one package so it is post marked on or before **March 5, 2012**. Except as noted above regarding official transcripts, applications and required materials post marked after the above stated deadline date will not be considered.

6. Mail all items referenced above to:

**Wasco Community Scholarship Association
P. O. Box 7
Wasco, CA 93280**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete and submit the entire application form. Your file will be considered complete when all of the items in the application checklist below are received by WCSA. We strongly recommend that you keep a copy of your application and all materials submitted with it (excluding references). Please do not submit any additional letters of recommendation or supplemental application materials other than those specifically requested in the application checklist.

- One original fully completed, signed and dated application form
- One written essay in conformance with written instructions
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official academic transcript(s); or original transcript order receipt with appropriate written explanation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS BASED SOLELY UPON QUALIFICATION.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE POST MARKED ON OR BEFORE:
MARCH 5, 2012**

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2012 APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT CONTACT AND SUMMARY INFORMATION

Last Name First Name Middle Initial or Name

Have you previously applied to WCSA for a scholarship? No Yes How many times have you received a scholarship? _____

Current Street Address

City State Zip Telephone E-mail

Until what date will your current address apply?

Permanent Street Address

City State Zip Telephone Permanent E-mail

Application results should be sent to or communicated via what address?

Date of graduation from W.U.H.S. Social Security #

What is your marital status? Single Married If married, number of dependents, including yourself? _____

If married, what is your spouse's occupation? _____

Are you employed? Yes No Are you partially or wholly self supporting? Please explain:

Will you work while pursuing your advanced degree? Yes No Part Time Full Time

Are you related to a veteran of the United States Armed Services? Yes No If so, please identify the person(s) by name, relationship to you and area of service. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If so, please explain on a separate sheet.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICANTS

Which are you planning to attend in the coming academic year? Junior College College or University Trade/Tech School

To which institutions or schools have you applied? _____

What will be your major area of study? _____

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICANTS

Name of educational institution or school you are currently attending: _____

Number of years of higher education you have completed? _____ Units Completed? _____

Will you be transferring to a different college, university, or school for the next academic session? Yes No

If so, please identify the college, university or school: _____

What is or will be your declared major? _____

SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

Please indicate your involvement in school activities, including but not limited to athletics, club memberships, campus organizations, offices held, awards and/or recognition; if more space is needed use an additional sheet. _____

Please indicate your involvement in community activities, including but not limited to volunteer and civic organizations, church, clubs and other volunteer work, etc.; if more space is needed use an additional sheet. _____

DECLARATION ON APPLYING

In submitting this application, you affirm that you have reviewed the entire application and that, to the best of your belief and knowledge, the information you have given is true and accurate. As an applicant and if you are selected to receive a WCSA scholarship, you further understand and agree:

- WCSA scholarships are awarded a maximum of four (4) times to a single applicant.
- In order to receive an installment payment for a granted scholarship you must provide WCSA with verification that you are registered and taking a minimum of 12 college/university semester units, or the quarter equivalent, or a full time course of study at a valid trade or technical school.
- Granted scholarships will be paid by WCSA in two installments; one in the fall and one in the winter of the academic year.
- Your transcript(s) verify that you have never collected and kept WCSA scholarship money without maintaining minimum units as required above for entire academic year.
- You agree to release those portions of your student record file that are pertinent in determining the granting of scholarship assistance to any individual directly involved in the process.
- You grant to WCSA the unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of you for public information activities relating to the granting of scholarships and for general WCSA fund raising and informational purposes.
- If granted a scholarship, you authorize the release of information regarding grade-point averages, academic major and minors, and educational and career goals. This information may be made available for public information activities related to the granting of the scholarship and/or award.

Your signature below affirms your **Declaration on Applying**.

Please print your name on this line

Signature

Date

For scholarship award presentation purposes only, what are the names of your parents / legal guardian?

Name

Relationship

Name

Relationship

WASCO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial or Name

Recommender's Name: _____

Instructions to Applicant: Please reproduce this recommendation form and give it to two people who have significant and direct knowledge of your qualifications and character. See application instructions for further information.

Application Waiver: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 opens many student records for the student's inspection. The law permits the student to sign a waiver relinquishing the right to inspect letters of recommendation. The applicant's signature below constitutes a waiver; no signature means the applicant will have the right to read this reference.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Instructions to Recommender: Thank you for taking the time to write a recommendation for the applicant to WCSA named above. WCSA provides cash scholarships to graduates of Wasco Union High School, Wasco, California in order to recognize and encourage pursuit of advanced education. Your candid opinion of the applicant's character, intelligence, attitude, scholastic abilities, scholastic goals and leadership qualities is most important.

Applicants for a WCSA scholarship are ranked in consideration of the following:

- Scholastic ability and intellectual curiosity.
- Personal initiative and desire to obtain an advanced education.
- Abilities to cope with the diverse academic, social, economic and political challenges in pursuing an advanced education.
- School, community and employment activities and intention to be involved and to give back to family and community.
- Financial need.

We ask that you answer the following questions and statements below or on your professional letterhead (if appropriate). Please also observe the following:

- Sign and date your recommendation form and any supplemental pages
- Attach this form and any supplemental pages together and place them in a sealed envelope.
- Write your signature over the envelope seal.
- Return the envelope to the applicant as soon as possible. The applicant must submit your recommendation as part of his or her application package. All applications and supporting documents must be post marked to WCSA on or before March 5, 2012

Based on your personal experience with the applicant, please direct your comments to these specific questions.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Evaluate the applicant's ability, perseverance and capacity to complete his/her educational goals. _____

4. What are the applicant's strongest points? _____

4. Which of the applicant's personal qualities or competencies warrant some improvement? _____

5. We appreciate any comment you can offer regarding the applicant's intellectual curiosity, commitment to success and her/his desire to play an effective role in their community. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____