



# YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Youth Vocational Scholarship supports low income youth in vocational training at local public colleges (Bellingham Technical College, Skagit Valley College and Whatcom Community College).

Key industry sectors supported by this scholarship include:

- Health and Allied Services
- Construction
- Advanced Manufacturing, including Marine Manufacturing

**Priority will be given for scholarships in the following occupations:**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| ▪ Nursing Assistant          | ▪ Industrial Machinery Mechanic        |
| ▪ Laboratory Technician      | ▪ Plumber, Pipefitter, and Steamfitter |
| ▪ Dental Assistant           | ▪ Process Control Technician           |
| ▪ Medical Records Technician | ▪ HVAC                                 |
| ▪ Home Care Aid              | ▪ Instrumentation                      |
| ▪ Medical Assistant          |                                        |



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School

\_\_\_\_\_  
GPA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT TO THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE.**

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please provide a letter of recommendation from an employer, school counselor or instructor (please do not include letters from relatives or friends). The letter should attest to your responsibility, dependability, academic or employment successes and the skills and attributes that support your application for this scholarship.

# COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHEET

Please respond to the following questions. If additional space is required, continue with your answers on a blank sheet of white paper. Be sure to write the question number on the sheet.

1. What career are you interested in?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How long will it take you to complete training for this career?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What local college are you planning on attending for your training?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Will you receive a certificate, degree, or license?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What courses did you take in high school that supports this career choice?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe your job search plans after completion of training:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What types of entry-level jobs will you apply for when training is completed?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Where will you work once you have completed your training?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did you find to be the entry-level wage for this occupation?    \$\_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you have children? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_    If yes, will they require childcare? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
11. How will you support yourself and/or your family while in training?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you plan to work during training?    Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
13. Do you have reliable transportation for attending training and work? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
14. Have you applied for financial aid or other scholarships? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.
15. Have you completed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## ESSAY QUESTION

In 500 words or less, explain how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your career goals. Please tell us about experiences that have influenced your decision to pursue this career and how these experiences will help you in this career choice. Essays must be typed.

## EMPLOYEE INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW WORKSHEET

*A requirement of this application is for you to conduct an informational interview. The interview provides an opportunity for you to visit a place of business in your career choice and talk to people in that career. This worksheet is to be used to assist you in asking questions.*



\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Interview

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

1.) What do you do in a typical day?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.) What does your company look for when hiring new employees?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3.) How long have you worked in this occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

4.) What is the rate of pay for entry-level workers?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5.) What are the "normal" work hours/days?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6.) Is the industry: \_\_\_ growing \_\_\_ declining  
\_\_\_\_\_

7.) What are the chances for promotion?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8.) How many were hired in the last six months?  
\_\_\_\_\_

10.) Please describe below any additional insights gained from the interview:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Funding for these scholarships is being provided by the Northwest Workforce Council. Applicants for these scholarships must meet certain eligibility requirements to be considered eligible for this scholarship. Listed below are general eligibility requirements:

- Applicant is a member of a family with limited income (see table below).
- US Citizen or eligible to work in United States
- Valid Social Security Card and Photo ID
- And, for males 18 year and older be registered for Selective Service

Income Requirements	
Family Size	Income Last Six (6) Months
1	\$5,445
2	\$8,474
3	\$11,634
4	\$14,360
5	\$16,947
6	\$19,818
For each additional family member, add \$2,625	

### Scholarship Award:

- Financial awards are based on an individual's need, but will not exceed \$3,600 per year for up to two years.
- Scholarships may be used for required tuition and costs directly associated with program completion, not for pre-requisites.
- For the financial aid to remain active, full-time students must maintain a minimum of a "C" grade average.

Before any scholarship is awarded, program eligibility must be verified and documented for the individual. No funds are awarded directly to individuals. Arrangements for tuition, books and support items necessary for vocational training are arranged by the Council through the establishment of a training account at local colleges and vendors.

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in this scholarship opportunity. Please double-check your work to ensure the following are included in your packet:

- Complete, accurate responses to all questions
- Copy of your most recent high school transcript
- Financial Aid approval letter or proof of Financial Aid application submission
- Letter of recommendation
- Typed 500 word essay supporting your education / career choice

**Mail completed Scholarship Award Application and attachments to:**

WorkSource  
Youth Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 2009  
Bellingham, WA 98227

**APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 20, 2012**

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