



## **Washington State Chefs Association/American Academy of Chefs Scholarship Application Procedure**

*The Washington State Chefs Association and American Academy of Chefs are not for profit organizations founded by dedicated chefs committed to giving back to the future of the industry.*

**Eligibility:** To be considered eligible for a WSCA/AAC Scholarship you must be enrolled and in good standing as a high school senior, at an accredited culinary school or institution in Washington State or part of the apprenticeship program in culinary arts and a member of the ACF. The combination of your work experience, prior education or training and current course of study should indicate preparedness for the pursuit of a career in the culinary arts. You should have a strong academic record, good character references and demonstrate financial need. A 100 point system will be used – see attached.

Only one student per school should apply and only complete applications will be considered. You must send in the following to be considered for a scholarship.

- ✓ Completed Application Form
- ✓ An Essay of at least 500 words telling us why you wish to pursue further education in the culinary field and what your goals are for the future.
- ✓ Official transcript for your current year of study
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation from a supervisor, teacher, counselor, advisor or culinary professional familiar with your skills.
- ✓ Letters confirming your participation in competitions and with volunteer activities.

Mail or email complete application by the deadline date to:

Mark Linden CEC AAC  
20288 111th Way SE  
Kent, WA 98031  
[Mlinden01@comcast.net](mailto:Mlinden01@comcast.net)  
253-880-6686

Students will be advised by mail of any acceptance or denial. The WSCA/AAC reserves the right to cancel any scholarship at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of the academic progress, any of the other scholarship requirements or falsifies information.

*The Washington State Chefs Association and American Academy of Chefs does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex and age, religion, color, national origin, marital status or disability.*

A 100-point system will be used to determine the recipient as follows:

➤ **Cumulative GPA (30 points)**

2.50 – 3.00 (10 Points)      3.01 – 3.50 (20 points)      3.51-4.00 (30 points)

➤ **Participation in Culinary Competitions (20 points)**

*Must have competed in the past 12 months on a local, regional or national level in an ACF sanctioned competition, Prostart, Skills USA or ACFEF Knowledge Bowl.*

*One competition per application should be submitted. Please include verification letter including Name, Date, and Location of Competition.*

Participation (5 points) Bronze (10 Points) Silver (15 points) Gold (20 Points)

➤ **Volunteer for School or Industry Activity (15 points)**

*Provide written proof of participation in a charity event such as a food drive, cooking activity in a shelter or related charity or assisting with an ACF Event*

1 Activity (5 points)      2 Activities (10 points)      3 Activities (15 Points)

➤ **Essay (20 points)**

*Must be a typed minimum 500-word essay explaining why you would be a worthy recipient and should include details of your leadership ability, community service, culinary experience and goals for the future.*

➤ **Two Letters of Recommendation (15 points)**

*Two letters of recommendation from a supervisor, teacher, counselor, advisor or culinary professional familiar with your skills.*



**Washington State Chefs Association/American Academy of Chefs  
Scholarship Application Form**

**Personal Information:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ACF Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information:**

You must be attending a culinary school at the time of the scholarship awards.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

How much is your annual tuition? \_\_\_\_\_

How are you funding your education (identify percentage of funding from each source)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents Contribution

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships/Grants

\_\_\_\_\_ Work Income

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Loans

\_\_\_\_\_ Government Loans

\_\_\_\_\_ Savings

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Information:**

Are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

**Related Work Experience:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>
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**Describe extra-curricular activities (community service, clubs etc) that you have been involved in and note any special awards or recognition you have received. Provide Documentation.**

**References**

Two letters of recommendation must accompany your application from a supervisor, teacher, counselor, advisor or other culinary professional familiar with your skills. List your references below and include their letters with your application.

**Reference #1**

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2**

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**To help us in our planning please tell us how you learned of the scholarship.**

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**To the best of my knowledge, all of the information I have provided is accurate and true. I understand that by my signature below, I am authorizing my attending school to provide the Washington State Chefs Association any necessary information to verify my attendance and the accuracy of this application.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or email this form and other requirements to:**

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