



## Oregon/SW Washington Chapter Scholarship Award

### Overview:

The **Oregon/SW Washington Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments (herein A4LE) Scholarship** is a competitive, needs and merit-based scholarship program designed for graduating students who seek financial support for their pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities.

### Qualifications:

1. The candidate shall be a graduating high school student.
2. The candidate shall display engagement with and/or service to those around them in school, community, family and/or employment.
3. The candidate must be accepted into a post-secondary educational program following their graduation, (i.e.: university, technical school, community college, etc.).
4. Applicant must be from an Oregon/SW Washington School District which has a current School District/Public Authority Membership in A4LE. If the membership expires during the processing of the application, the applicant will not be disqualified from consideration for the scholarship. Applicants from the following School Districts are eligible to apply:

*Battle Ground School District, Evergreen Public Schools, Hockinson School District, Lake Oswego School District, North Clackamas School District, Oregon City School District 62, Portland Public Schools, Vancouver School District 37*

5. The candidate will submit a personal and creative essay, video, digital resource, etc. on the required **Essay Subject**:

*“There has been increasing evidence that the design and condition of an educational facility has significant impact on the quality of education and a student’s ability to learn. Daylighting and views, flexible spaces, lighting, acoustics, technology, access to the outdoors, and air quality, are just some of the design characteristics that have that impact. In **500 words or less**, describe how the design and condition of your high school facility has contributed to the quality of your education. Describe the changes to your high school facility that you would propose, that if implemented, would improve the quality of education for future students.”*

**Award Value:**

The amount of this Scholarship will be a one-time lump sum of **\$2,500**, to be applied toward post-secondary education.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The candidate will be evaluated based on the following scoring criteria:

Acceptance into a post-secondary educational program following their graduation	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Engagement with and/or service to those around them in school, community, family and/or employment (Item 7 on application)	<b>Maximum Points Available: 25</b>
Essay Subject	<b>Maximum Points Available: 50</b>
Question Response (Item 8 on application)	<b>Maximum Points Available: 25</b>
<b>Evaluation Criteria Total</b>	<b>Total Points Available: 100</b>

**Selection of Candidate:**

Qualified students shall apply directly to the Oregon/SW Washington A4LE Scholarship Committee. The committee will receive and review the applications to determine the student to receive the scholarship award. Applications are to be emailed by March 30th to the address listed below:

Donna Robinson  
[donna@a4le.org](mailto:donna@a4le.org)  
480-391-0840 x2

The recipient, along with their School District, shall be notified by the Oregon/SW Washington A4LE Scholarship Committee if they are selected to receive the scholarship award. This notification will be made by May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the anticipation of joining our chapter members at our chapter year-end event at a date to be determined.

**Scholarship Award Process:**

1. The School District shall distribute information on the scholarship to eligible students.
2. Oregon/SW Washington A4LE Scholarship Committee will receive the applications and make a recommendation on the award of the scholarship to A4LE by April 15<sup>th</sup> and the recipient will be notified by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. The successful candidate shall provide confirmation of enrollment at a post-secondary educational institution in the fall term for the first year of education, to the Oregon/SW Washington A4LE Scholarship Committee.
4. The Oregon/SW Washington A4LE Scholarship Committee shall forward the scholarship amount to the successful candidate prior to the end of December of the awarded year to apply toward their post-secondary education.

**Association for Learning Environments  
Scholarship Application  
Due March 30<sup>st</sup>**

Please <b>type</b> or <b>print</b> your answers. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____ Email: _____
4.	Date of Birth:    Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
5.	Current School: _____ Number of years attended: _____
6.	I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 20____: _____ I will be entering the following program/college: _____ <i>*Confirmation of enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds.</i>
7.	List your engagement with and/or service to those around you in school, community, family and/or employment: _____ _____ _____ _____
8.	Describe the challenges you face in pursuing post-secondary education, and what opportunities the scholarship would present to you.     
9.	Please provide a copy of your transcript attached to this application.
10.	The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Circle "Yes" or "No" to be sure you have attached each item required.  Yes / No    Completed signed application form with completed sections (this form) Yes / No    A copy of your most recent transcript Yes / No    Essay Subject (500 words maximum) Yes / No    A copy of your acceptance letter to post-secondary education