



Opportunity Internship Application

The Opportunity Internship Program can provide scholarships for low income high school students to build educational and employment pathways into high demand occupations within targeted industries. Training must be completed through Washington State public colleges, universities, technical schools and apprenticeship programs.

The Opportunity Internship Program provides internships and pre-apprenticeships for low income students, providing guidance with college applications and financial aid, and a guaranteed job interview if a participating student successfully completes a postsecondary program of study. Opportunity Internship program graduates who enroll in a qualifying postsecondary education program within one year of high school graduation will be eligible receive the State Need Grant for up to one year of financial assistance, including apprenticeship programs for related and supplemental instruction.

For timely consideration early application submittal of the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) is recommended. State Need Grant awards are provided through the financial aid offices at your chosen post secondary training provider. Failure to apply for FAFSA or to apply for FAFSA in a timely way may result in a lack of available State funds for your Opportunity Internship Scholarship.

High demand industries supported by this scholarship include:

- Health Care
- Marine and Advanced Manufacturing
- Construction

For additional information on high demand industries and occupations supported by this scholarship, visit:

http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Activities_HighSkills.asp

or

<http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/>

For information on the Washington State Need Grant, visit:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/sng.asp>

Carefully review information and instructions before submitting the application.

To eligible for the Opportunity Internship Scholarship:

- Submit a Opportunity Internship Application prior to internship participation
- Enrolled in high school and on track to graduate in June of 2010, 2011 or 2012
- Eligible to receive free or reduced lunch at time of application
- Complete an approved internship or pre-apprenticeship program in a demand occupation or industry of at least 90 hours
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) Applications are available on line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Graduate from high school
- Enroll, in an apprenticeship program or an undergraduate certificate or degree program in a public university, college, community college or technical college in the state of Washington

Complete the following sections of the Opportunity Internship Application:

- Section 1 - Applicant Information
- Section 2 - School Information (completed by your high school)
- Section 3 - College Planning Worksheet

**Please complete each part of the application in ink.
Print clearly and answer each question carefully and thoroughly.**

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the office located nearest to you.

WorkSource Whatcom
101 Prospect Street
(Mailing address PO BOX 2009)
Bellingham, 98227
Attn: Rhonda 360.676.3239

WorkSource Skagit
2005 E College Way
Mount Vernon, 98273
Attn: Laurel 360.416.3517

WorkSource Whidbey
31975 SR 20, Suite 3
Oak Harbor, 98277
Attn: Geri 360.279.4990

Career Center
540 Guard St #210
Friday Harbor, 98250
Attn: Minnie 360.378.4662

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Social Security #: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Contact's Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____

Gender: Male Female

Hispanic or Latino Yes No

Race: Native American/Alaska Native Black/African American

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Caucasian

Asian

Are you legally permitted to work in the United States? Yes No

Registered for Selective Services? (Male only, 18 years and above) Yes No

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Are you a member of seasonal farm working family? Yes No

Highest grade completed: 9 10 11

Do you have a disability which might affect the type of work you do? Yes No

Are you currently attending school? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" please select the type of school from the following:

High School

Alternative High School

Home School

Name of school: _____

(If Home School, what high school are you affiliated with)

Check all of the following that apply:

Limited English Proficiency

Homeless/Runaway

Pregnant/Parenting Youth

Single Parent

Foster Child

Arrested (Have you ever been?)

Receive Free or Reduced Lunch

Applicant Certification: I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I am also aware that the information I have provided is subject to review and verification, and I may have to provide additional documentation.

If applicable, I authorize:

- My School District to release educational information for program eligibility to the Northwest Workforce Council (free/reduced lunch status, grades, transcripts, school status, progress, etc.).
- Information to be shared with the Northwest Workforce Council is only for the purposes of providing employment and training related services.

Code of Conduct Statement: If selected, I understand and agree to adhere to the rules of the program and conduct myself responsibly and respectfully at all times.

I agree to: 1) report to appointments on time; 2) refrain from the use of profanity or foul language; 3) refrain from any aggressive or violent behavior, threats of violence, weapons possessions or sexual harassment; 4) wear appropriate clothing; 5) refrain from the use, purchase or possession of any drugs or alcohol; 6) refrain from any discriminatory behavior against another individual based on race/ethnicity, disability, religion or sexual preference.

YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

**IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE,
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 2 - SCHOOL INFORMATION

MUST BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICAIL

Name of High School: _____

Projected graduation date: _____ Class standing: SO JR SR

Eligible for free or reduced lunch program: Yes No

School Official name (please print): _____

School Official signature: _____

School Official title: _____

Phone Number: _____

SECTION 3 - COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHEET

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please answer 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. Will you receive a certificate, license or degree? _____

3. How long will it take you to complete the training for this career? _____

4. What college(s) have you considered for your training?

5. What course(s) did you take in high school that supports this career choice?

6. What types of jobs will you apply for when training is completed?

7. What did you find to be the entry-level wage for these jobs? \$ _____