WOLCS Alumni Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program

We are proud to announce the second year of our WOLCS Scholarship Program. This program will provide financial assistance to support alumni students (graduates of WOLCS) pursuing college and/or career training programs. We realize that finances are often a barrier to completing academic programs; therefore, we hope students who are in financial need will be encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Scholarship checks for the students who are selected will be sent directly to the financial aid officer at the institution to preferably cover tuition costs, but can also be applied to books and fees.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a graduate of West Oak Lane Charter School.
- Applicant must be either completing high school or a current college student enrolled in or accepted in an accredited college or university program.
- Applicant must be matriculating during the applicable academic school year.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduates on a scale or four (4.0).
- Applicant must submit an essay as described in the application requirements.
- PLEASE NOTE: Previous scholarship applicants can re-apply, however, previous scholarship award winners are not eligible to re-apply.

Application Requirements

Please submit only one application and indicate your scholarship of interest (See Scholarships of Interest attached.) Please note: Incomplete Applications will not be considered!

- Scholarship Application Form
- Personal Statement (up to 3 pages, double spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) Please describe self, career goals, commitment and interests, description of how you feel your character and aspirations match up with the individual associated with the scholarship you are applying for, as well as how your WOLCS experience has prepared you for success.
- Official High School or College Transcript(s) from all Institutions
- Current Resume
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (according to the enclosed guidelines).
- Applicant must personally accept scholarship award at the WOLCS Annual Scholarship Fundraiser on May 21, 2020.

Email to: Michele Jones, Senior Director of Development – mjones@wolcs.org

The application submission period will close March 27, 2020 at 4:00 PM.
APPLICATION CRITERIA

Each application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Meeting the criteria of the specific award 25 points
2. Academic Success 20 points
3. Extracurricular Activities 15 points
4. Writing/Communication Skills & Content Specific Response 25 points
5. Spelling & Grammar 15 points

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DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS OF INTEREST

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## WEST OAK LANE CHARTER SCHOOL Alumni Scholarship Application

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### Signature of Applicant: __________________________ Date: ____________
Guidelines for Scholarship Letter of Recommendations

Two (2) letters of recommendations should be received:

- One (1) letter must come from an academic reference (official school letterhead is required) preferably a high school teacher or college professor.

- One (1) letter must come from a non-academic reference (employer, coach, mentor, church member or community organization). Recommendations from relatives of the applicant are not acceptable.

- Letter of Recommendation form is attached. Electronic signatures are permissible with date and time stamp.

- Deadline to receive is Friday, March 27, 2020 by 4:00 PM.
West Oak Lane Charter School
Alumni Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

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