



Tukwila City of Opportunity Scholarship Application

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **March 31, 2025**. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., evidence of GPA.) INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
4. Complete applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to the City of Tukwila Mayor's Office.
5. The recipients will be notified, and awards announced at a subsequent City Council Meeting.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email cheryl.thompson@tukwilawa.gov, call 206-433-1850 or visit www.tukwilawa.gov.

Purpose: The City of Tukwila Scholarship Program was established in 2014. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate study in community colleges, colleges, trade schools and universities. The City of Tukwila Scholarship Program principally targets two and four year academic programs; however, certificate/licensing programs are also eligible.

Scholarship Awards: The City of Tukwila awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Financial Need and Personal Essay. The City of Tukwila pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. Scholarships are awarded annually. City of Tukwila Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

Award Components: Scholarship awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 as determined by the City of Tukwila Selection Committee.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of the City of Tukwila. Proof of residency is required at the time of application: most recent utility bill.
- Must be equivalent to a senior in high school
- Must demonstrate a substantial financial need as indicated on the FAFSA Student Aid Report OR providing annual household income and number of members in the household
- Must have applied to an undergraduate program at a community college, trade school or university.
- Must demonstrate leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher
- Must have completed a minimum of 15 hours of community service

Timeline:

- Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2025.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by May 15, 2025.

Scholarship Applicants Must Provide:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript or record alternative in a sealed envelope.
- Two academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter of reference from an employer or other community member.
- Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Written statement describing the need for financial assistance.
- Personal Essay.

Scholarship Awards:

- Award notification will be given by May 15, 2025.
- Scholarship recipients must provide their **student ID number, proof of acceptance and the mailing address for the Financial Aid Office of the educational institution they will be attending.**

Deadline for the application is **March 31, 2025.**

Applications postmarked after this date will not be excepted. **Please mail OR submit application to:**

**Cheryl Thompson
Executive Assistant
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Blvd.
Tukwila, WA 98188
cheryl.thompson@tukwilawa.gov**

The City of Opportunity, the Community of Choice.



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First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Email:

Please attach the following financial documentation:

- FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) **OR** provide annual household income \$_____ & number of members in the household _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of a scholarship; that City of Tukwila officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under the applicable State and Federal laws.

Signature_____ Date_____

Current High School:

Number of years attended HS:

HS Advisor/HS Counselor name & email:

Grade Point Average (GPA): (2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale)

Attach proof of GPA; your most recent **official** school transcript is required in a sealed envelope.

School planning to attend next year:

Address, City and State of School:

List your educational and professional goals and objectives for after high school graduation.

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school.

List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and/or employment experience.

List the scholarships (name and dollar amount) you have received, or have applied for.

How did you learn about the *Tukwila City of Opportunity* scholarship?

Counselor

Teacher

City Website

Other _____

Provide a written statement describing your need for financial assistance. If more space is needed please attach a separate document.

Attach a Personal Essay that shares how you have served your community and made a positive difference. The Community Vision for the City of Tukwila is The city of opportunity, the community of choice. How have you served your community in ways that have made a positive difference?

A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify for review by the scholarship committee.	
B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (NO EXCEPTIONS.)	
	Proof of Residency: Most recent utility bill.
	Three Letters of Reference: 2 Academic References and 1 Community/Employer Reference.
	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcript or official record alternative. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> . (Must be in a sealed envelope.)
	Documentation demonstrating financial need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FASFA Student Aid Report (SAR) or annual income & household members; AND• Written statement describing need for financial assistance.
	Personal Essay about how you have served your community and made a positive difference.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the City of Tukwila Scholarship Selection Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Tukwila City of Opportunity Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to City of Tukwila's scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

Application must be postmarked by March 31, 2025. No exceptions!