

“New Car and Truck Dealers Bright Future” Auto Technology Scholarship Program

2019 Scholarship Program

The Washington State Auto Dealers Association (WSADA) will award four (4) \$2,500 scholarships to students currently enrolled in a Washington State public school automotive technology program (full list of schools available at www.wsada.org).

Washington’s new car and truck dealers have worked hard to grow their businesses and are great employers who give back to their communities. Together, they provide over 20,000 people with good, family-wage jobs in 70 communities around the state.

A career as a dealership automotive technician offers a bright future with outstanding opportunities and benefits, and we encourage you to consider employment at a new car and truck dealership as you complete your training program.

To be considered for a **2019 WSADA Bright Future Auto Technology Scholarship**, please:

Tell us briefly . . .

Why do you want to be an automotive technician?

Provide 1 letter of recommendation . . .

Ask an instructor or advisor in your automotive training program to describe your scholarship worthiness, work ethic and character in a letter of recommendation.

Visit a WSADA member dealership (as listed at wsada.org/find-a-dealer) . . .

Meet briefly (either in person, via phone or email) with a WSADA member dealership service manager, advisor or technician, and ask them to tell you why you should consider working at a new car and truck dealership upon completion of your training program. List their name and contact information on this application. If you have challenges connecting with a dealership service department employee, ask your program instructor for assistance.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Why do you want to be an automotive technician? = 50 points

- Answer the above question in no more than one page
- First and last name should appear on the page

One Letter of Recommendation Reflecting Scholarship Worthiness, Work Ethic & Character = 25 points

- Letter (on letterhead) must be from a program instructor or advisor

Dealership Visit = 25 points

- Find a new car and truck dealership at wsada.org/find-a-dealer and make an appointment to visit with someone in their service department
- Meet briefly (either in person, via phone or email) with a service manager, advisor or technician, and ask them to tell you why you should consider working for a new car and truck dealership upon completion of your training program
- List their name and contact information on this application (WSADA will verify for finalists)

Eligibility: Only students currently enrolled in a Washington State automotive technology program are eligible to apply.

The **Student Information/Release Form** must be included. This provides student and school information, parent permission (for applicants under the age of 18) and a statement of originality from the student. Immediate family members of WSADA Dealer Member owners and principals are not eligible.

Judging: A committee comprised of representatives from the Washington State Auto Dealers Association and its affiliates will evaluate applications based on scholarship worthiness using the point system noted above. College Planning Network (www.collegeplan.org), a Seattle-based, non-profit organization assisting people seeking educational opportunities, is the scholarship program administrator.

Conditions of Award: Recipient must use their scholarship within the 12 months following the award. Awards not disbursed will revert back to WSADA.

Winning Applicants: The winning scholarship applications may be reprinted or displayed, in whole or in part, in newsletters or other publications, cable or network television, and at www.wsada.org by the Washington State Auto Dealers Association. Scholarship recipients grant permission to the Washington State Auto Dealers Association to use their photograph, name, biographical information, and entry work as necessary in promotional or public relations materials related to the program. The organization will not share students' personal information with any third party entities.

Deadline: Submissions must be postmarked by April 15, 2019.

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Student Information / Release Form

Student Name _____

If under 18, Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Are you or an immediate family member currently employed by a WSADA-member dealership?
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list Dealership Name _____ City _____

Employee Name _____ Dealership Position _____

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Name of School and Auto Tech Program _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Instructor / Advisor _____

Email Address _____ School Phone _____

**Provide contact info for the new car and truck dealership you visited and who you met with
(WSADA will verify for finalists):**

Name of Dealership _____

Name of Service Manager, Advisor or Technician _____

Service Manager, Advisor or Technician's email address _____

Service Manager, Advisor or Technician's phone _____

How Did You Hear About This Scholarship?

_____ Dealership Advertisement, In-Store Promotion or Newsletter, or Employee

Dealership Name: _____

_____ Program Instructor or Advisor

_____ Newspaper Article

_____ Other (please describe) _____

Information and Release

- By accepting a prize the winner grants WSADA the right to edit, publish, copy, display and otherwise use their entries in connection with the program, and to further use their names, likenesses, and biographical information in advertising and promotional materials, without further compensation or permission.
- Cash substitution, transfer or assignment of scholarship is not allowed.
- All expenses, including taxes (if any), on receipt and use of scholarship are the sole responsibility of the winner.
- By participating in the program and/or accepting a scholarship, you agree to release the Washington State Auto Dealers Association and any other affiliated companies from any liability, injury, damages, cost or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or connected to participation in the program or the acceptance, possession, or use of any scholarship.

Certification Information (MUST BE SIGNED)

I pledge that I am currently enrolled in an eligible Washington State Automotive Technology Program and that this entry is my own work.

I agree to abide by all guidelines and requirements of the Washington State Auto Dealers Association “New Car and Truck Dealers Bright Future” Automotive Technology Scholarship Program, and I have read, understand and agree with the information in this packet, including the Information and Release.

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

For applicants under the age of 18:

I have read and reviewed the rules of the program and give permission for my child to participate in the program. I understand my child is agreeing to provide their personal information and that it will not be shared with any third parties for any reason. To the best of my knowledge, the entry is my child’s own original work and I understand all entries may be reproduced, in whole or in part, in newsletters, or other publications by the judges. I understand the judges’ decision is final and I agree to hold harmless and defend the Washington State Auto Dealers Association and the program judges against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the entry in the program. I have read, understand and agree with the information in this packet, including the Information and Release.

Parent / Guardian’s Signature _____ Date _____

Did you remember to . . .

- Answer the question “Why do you want to be an automotive technician?”
- Include 1 letter of recommendation (on letterhead) from an training program instructor or advisor
- Meet briefly (either in person, via phone or email) with a service manager, advisor or technician at a WSADA-member dealership and provide their contact information on the application
- Include the completed Student Information/Release Form
- Ensure the entry is postmarked by the April 15, 2019 deadline
- Keep a copy of your entry and Student Information / Release Form

FYI . . .

All scholarship applicants will be notified after June 15, 2019 of their application status

Mail it to . . .

WSADA “Bright Future” Scholarship Program
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