

# Application (2017-2018)

## Eligibility

**You must answer each question below.**

You are eligible to apply for the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship if you answer **YES** to each of the statements below. If you have any questions, please email [info@waopportunityscholarship.org](mailto:info@waopportunityscholarship.org) or call 1-877-899-5002.

1. You have received or will receive your high school diploma from a Washington state high school, a tribal high school located in Washington state or a GED from Washington state by June 30, 2017.

*Please note: If you graduated from a high school outside of the state of Washington you are not eligible to apply.*

**Yes**

2. You are a Washington state resident ( [as defined in RCW 28B.15.012](#) ).

**Yes**

3. You are currently a high school senior or a college student who will have completed a total of six or fewer quarters or four or fewer semesters by fall 2017 as a full-time student (12 or more credits per term).

*Please note: College students who will have completed more than six full-time quarters or four full time semesters of college at the start of fall term 2017 are not eligible. If you are currently in college and completed Running Start credits while in high school, please count only the quarters/semesters completed after high school graduation.*

**Yes**

4. You will be pursuing **one of the eligible** high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care included on the following list: ([eligible majors by alphabet](#); [eligible majors by category](#)).

*Please note: If your major is not on the list linked above you are not eligible to apply.*

**Yes**

5. You will be pursuing your first bachelor's degree (i.e. four-year degree) at one of the listed [eligible Washington State colleges/universities](#).

*Please note: If you will be attending a public community or technical college Fall 2017 that does not offer a four-year degree in your **eligible** high-demand major you must be planning to transfer to one of the four-year colleges/universities referenced above by the time you have earned 90 quarter credits.*

**Yes**

6. Your current cumulative grade point average (GPA) *through fall quarter/semester 2016* must be a minimum of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

*Please note: If your college/university or high school does not provide a GPA, or you received your GED please answer "yes" and your academic progress or score will be verified during the application review process.*

**Yes**

7. You will enroll full-time (at least 12 credits per quarter/semester) each term during the 2017-18 academic year.

**Yes**

8. You will submit the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at [www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa) by March 7, 2017.

*Please note: Students who are eligible to submit the FAFSA must submit the FAFSA. Students who are not eligible to submit the FAFSA due to immigration status must submit the WASFA instead.*

**Yes**

9. You meet the total family income requirement (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) for 2015 based on [this chart](#).

*Please note: If you submit the FAFSA or WASFA as an independent student, the family income amounts are those reported by you (including spouse and children, if applicable) rather than your parent(s). Dependent students must use their parent(s)' income.*

**Yes**

I meet all the eligibility criteria listed above. **Yes**

Are you a high school senior, not yet graduated from high school? **Yes**

### **High School Seniors**

I/we give the College Success Foundation permission to share my name and the status of this scholarship application with the personnel at the high school and/or high school district I am currently attending. The purpose would be for the high school or high school district personnel to follow-up with me/my child to complete the application should I not do so.

By typing your name below, this will serve as your electronic signature to provide consent to the above sharing of your information.

I/we give the College Success Foundation permission to share my name and scholarship application status **Yes**

Applicant First Name **Maria**

Applicant Last Name **Alford**

Month **January**

Day **18**

Year **2017**

If you are under 18, your parent/guardian needs to sign.

I am under 18 **No**

## Student Information

Title **Ms.**

First Name **Maria**

Middle Name **E**

Last Name **Alford**

Suffix

Date of Birth **07/12/1998**

Gender **Female**

Are you a US citizen? **No**

Please select your citizenship status: **None of the above**

Mailing address **12345 66TH AVE NE**

City **Seattle**

State **Washington**

ZIP Code **98101**

Preferred Phone Number **12063334444**

Type of Phone Number **Cell Phone**

Secondary Phone Number

Type of Phone Number **Cell Phone**

Preferred Email **MRebecchi@CollegeSuccessFoundation.org**

Re-enter Preferred Email **MRebecchi@CollegeSuccessFoundation.org**

*Please note: Email will be the primary means of communication. Therefore, please use a valid address that you check regularly. If it changes, notify us promptly. Please make sure [info@waopportunityscholarship.org](mailto:info@waopportunityscholarship.org) is an approved sender – you may need to check your spam settings. **You will be notified in May of your selection status via the email you provide above.***

## Race and Ethnicity

### Your Race

Your answers to the following questions will allow the program administrator to report requested information to the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Board, the Washington State Legislature and other interested parties such as the Washington Student Achievement Council and private donors. These questions are not required and the answer will not be used for selection of this scholarship.

NOTE: The following questions adhere to the U.S. Department of Education Standards for gathering information about a student's race and ethnicity and use the following guidelines:

- American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment)
- Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam)
- Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)
- White (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa)

Are you of Hispanic/Latino descent (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture/origin, regardless of race)?

**Yes**

Additionally, what race(s) do you identify with? Regardless of your answer to the previous question, please mark the following box(es) to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

## Academic Information

### High School Diploma

I have received or will receive my high school diploma from

**a Washington State High School, Tribal School or Running Start**

Washington State High School or Tribal School from which you received or will receive your diploma (Running Start students, please enter your high school, not college). **Aim High School**

Month of high school diploma **6-June**

Year of high school diploma **2017**

### Current Enrollment

I am currently

**Not graduated High School - HS Senior, or participating in Running Start**

### Parent(s)' Education Level

What is the highest level of education completed by either of your birth or adopted parents? **Less than high school**

### Your Grade Point Average

Your cumulative grade point average (GPA) through fall quarter/semester 2016 must be a minimum of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

- **If you have not yet graduated from high school**, enter your high school cumulative GPA through fall quarter/semester 2016. If you are a Running Start student, please report the GPA from your official *high school* transcript. Check with your high school to ensure that your Running Start classes for fall quarter are included in your GPA.

*Please note: If your high school does not use GPA, please select "My high school does not use GPA".*

- **If you are currently enrolled in college/university**, report your college/university cumulative GPA through fall quarter/semester 2016.

*Please note: If your most current GPA is from The Evergreen State College please select "The Evergreen State College" from the drop down menu below and your academic progress will be verified with the college.*

- **If you have graduated from high school, but have not yet enrolled in college (or have not yet completed any college courses)**, enter your high school cumulative GPA.

- **If you graduated from high school, attended college/university, but were not enrolled fall quarter/semester 2016**, enter your cumulative GPA from the college/university from which you earned the most credit.

- **If you have not yet enrolled in college, but you received your GED**, enter the score.

My GPA is from **High School Transcript**

My GPA is **3.8**

Please provide GPA through two decimal eligibility points e.g. 3.12

## Academic Plans

### Your College or University Enrollment Plans

Name of Washington State college or university where you will be enrolled during the fall 2017.

**Western Washington University**

### Your Eligible Field of Study

Select the one field of study that best describes your educational plans.

**Health Care**

### Your Academic Major

Select the eligible high-demand STEM or health care major ([by alphabet](#); [by category](#)) that best describes your academic plans.

**Acupuncture -51.3301**

*Please note: if your specific major is not on this list, you are not eligible to apply. If your plans change in the future and you decide to pursue a major that is not included on the list above, you will be unable to renew your scholarship for future years. When you reach junior class standing (90 quarter credits or 60 semester credits), you will be asked to provide verification from your college that you are pursuing one of the majors listed above.*

## Financial Information

Did you or will you file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)?

### WASFA

#### Your WASFA Information.

**Reminder: the WASFA needs to be submitted by the deadline of March 7, 2017 to be considered for this scholarship.** The WASFA is available at [readyssetgrad.org](http://readyssetgrad.org).

Please let us know whether you completed or will complete the WASFA as a dependent or an independent student.

- You are a DEPENDENT student if your parent(s) were required to provide financial information when you completed the 2017-2018 WASFA.
- You are an INDEPENDENT student if your parent(s) were NOT required to provide financial information on the 2017-2018 WASFA.

I completed or will complete the WASFA as:

#### A dependent student

For the fields below please enter the same information that you reported or will report on the 2017-18 WASFA and/or your 2015 taxes. **We strongly recommend completing the WASFA before you complete the section below so that you have the required information available.**

#### 1. Household Size

How many people are in your parents' household?

Include:

- Yourself, even if you don't live with your parents
- Your parent(s)
- Your parent's other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, or (b) the children were considered dependent students by the Department of Education standards
- Other people if they now live with your parents and your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Note: Do not include siblings who are in U.S. military service academies.

#### 2. 2015 Adjusted Gross Income

Please enter the Adjusted Gross Income as listed on your 2017-18 WASFA and/or 2015 tax return. Adjusted gross income is shown on IRS Form 1040, line 37 or 1040A, line 21 or 1040EZ, line 4. Please note: If your parents did not file taxes, you must include any income earned from work as reported on the WASFA.

2015 Adjusted Gross Income **40000**

### 3. 2015 Untaxed Income

Please enter Untaxed Income as listed on your 2017-18 WASFA. If none, enter '0'.

Untaxed income is any pension payments, IRA payments, child support received, interest income, IRA distributions, untaxed pension payments received, military or clergy allowances, veterans noneducation benefits, or other untaxed income received.

2015 Untaxed Income **0**

### 4. Family income

Please click on "Calculate total annual income for 2015." This is the sum of the adjusted gross income (2), plus any untaxed income (3).

Calculate Total Annual Income for 2015

Total Annual Income for 2015 **40000**

Total Family Income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) for 2016 cannot exceed this amount listed in [this chart](#) for your family size (entered on line 1).

## Essay

### Essay Instructions

A minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 words are required for the essay question before the application can be submitted. We strongly recommend you do the following:

- Read the question first
- Outline your response before you begin writing
- Write a draft of your essay. If it's easier for you, you can write it in Word and paste it into the box below
- Review your draft with a trustworthy resource such as a teacher, mentor or family member

### Essay Question

Please answer *one of the following*:

1. Washington state is a global leader in many industries such as computer science, engineering, health care, and agriculture. The success of these industries can be attributed to inspirational individuals and leaders.

Please tell us why one of these individuals or companies inspires your pursuit of a science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care major at a Washington state college or university.

2. Describe a personal experience that has sparked your interest in the pursuit of a STEM or health care degree.

**Courage is the resolve to act virtuously, especially when it is most difficult. It is acting for the good, when it would be much easier not to this time.**

**A courageous person understands danger, and chooses to overcome their fear and proceed to face the danger and act according to their values. It is not fearlessness, recklessness, or rashness. It is a well-considered, wise, and brave decision to behave constructively despite the fear, discomfort, or temptation. Courage is a strength drawn from a wise balance between the weaknesses of cowardice and recklessness. It is the discipline to act on wisely-chosen values rather than an impulse.[1]**

**Courage may be manifest as:**

**Valor and bravery - Often called physical courage.**

**Perseverance, industry, or diligence - often called endurance.**

**Integrity, genuineness, or honesty - often called moral courage.**

**Aristotle believed that the epitome of courage is facing noble death at the hands of the enemy during your offensive attack in a just war for the people. Demonstrating physical prowess, overcoming fear—especially fear of death, and launching an attack or an offensive effort are often considered the hallmarks of courage.[2]**

**Sometimes the most difficult obstacles we face are fatigue, boredom, and other chronic stressors such as relentless bad weather, lack of food or shelter, disrespect, uncertainty, and other annoyances and difficulties. Enduring in the face of these obstacles requires courage.**

**Ordinary people courageously persevere over fatigue, temptation, and hardship to benefit others. The single mother who gets her children dressed for school each day before she goes to work herself, the unskilled worker who endures a low-paying, demeaning, and exhausting job to earn the money to send his children off to college, and the alcoholic who never indulges in a drink are all choosing to do the right thing despite the hardships.**

## **Instructions to Mail your Transcript**

Please submit the transcript required based on your current enrollment status:

**I am a Running Start student and have not yet graduated high school**

**If you are a Running Start student not yet graduated from high school - You must submit an official transcript from your high school (not college), showing all of your classes through **fall quarter/semester 2016**. Check with your high school to ensure that your Running Start credits for fall quarter/semester are included.**

*You may need to request an official transcript from your high school a couple of weeks in advance, so be sure to plan ahead.*

Please mail your transcript to:

**College Success Foundation  
Washington State Opportunity Scholarship  
1605 NW Sammamish Rd.  
Suite 200**



**Issaquah, WA 98027**

***Your transcript must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 7, 2017 and you must have filed the FAFSA or WASFA by Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for your application to be considered complete.***

I will mail my official high school or college transcript to the College Success Foundation by Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

I will mail my official transcript **Yes**  
(s) by the deadline.

I have already filed or will file my FAFSA or WASFA by Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

I will file the FAFSA or WASFA **Yes**  
by the deadline.

## **How Did You Hear About WSOS?**

How did you learn about the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship? Please select all that apply.

**My College/University**

**None of the Above/Does Not Apply**

**My High School**

**My high school Counseling, Career Center, or Scholarship Office**

**Friends and Family Members**

**None of the Above/Does Not Apply**

**Media/Social Media**

**None of the Above/Does Not Apply**

**Online Search**

**None of the Above/Does Not Apply**

**From an Organization**

**None of the Above/Does Not Apply**

**Other**

## **Agreement/Consent**

**My Pledge of Accuracy, Agreement, and Consent**

By my electronic signature on this form I promise that:

- All of the information provided in my application is complete, current and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- All of the information I have provided from my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or from my Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is complete, current and accurate.

By my electronic signature on this form I understand and agree that:

- The information submitted in this application may be reviewed by the College Success Foundation (CSF) staff, approved consultants, college staff or other approved volunteers for the purposes of selection and/or verification of information provided by me.
- All information, including but not limited to: GPA, college or university enrollment, program of study, actual or intended academic major, FAFSA or WASFA household size and FAFSA or WASFA income information is subject to review or verification by any colleges or universities I may be attending during the period of the scholarship, and by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) or their successor.
- If at any time information provided in this application is found to be false or inaccurate, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal from the scholarship program.

By my electronic signature on this form I consent to:

- Authorizing all information now approved for release to be transferred to another organization should another organization other than CSF, the current program administrator, be later named as the program administrator for this scholarship.
- Authorizing the use of any and all information from this application in connection with CSF research and evaluation activities. This includes my academic or financial information as long as this will not be made available to the public in a form that would allow me to be identified. Stated differently, application information may be made available to the public in an aggregated form, however, such as an average or a total for a group of students.
- Authorizing any college or university that I may attend while receiving the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship to release to the program administrator (CSF) information including, but not limited to: my academic records, transcripts, program of study, academic major, state residency, financial aid, information from my FAFSA or WASFA and any other pertinent information needed by CSF, both while I am a student and after I am no longer attending, in order to manage and report on this program.
- Authorizing the Washington Student Achievement Council, or their successor, and the program administrator (CSF) to share any information received from my FAFSA or WASFA, my scholarship application, or transcript, for as long as necessary to manage and report on this scholarship.
- Authorizing CSF to disclose any and all information submitted in my scholarship application to my parent(s) or guardian(s). If I am selected to receive the scholarship, I authorize CSF to release information to my parent(s) or guardian(s) regarding my participation in the program and any scholarship information.
- If you are selected for this scholarship, CSF may (1) release your name and the name of the college or university you are attending to interested parties such as news media, school districts, governmental agencies, and legislative personnel for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of scholarship recipients, and (2) use my name, picture, or likeness (the "Likeness Materials") for any program or CSF purpose.
- I waive (1) any rights I may have in connection with use of my information or the Likeness Materials, including any right to own, inspect or approve the form, media or manner of use and (2) any liability resulting from the use of my information or the Likeness Materials. If I am selected as Program participant, I will, upon CSF's request, sign additional releases in form and substance acceptable to CSF.

By typing your name below, this will serve as your electronic signature for the agreement/consent section.

Applicant Agrees **Yes**

Applicant First Name **Maria**

Applicant Last Name **Alford**

Month **1-January**

Day **12**

Year **2017**

If you are under 18, your parent/guardian needs to sign.

I am under 18 **No**

