

WASHINGTON STATE  
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## **The Graduate (GRD) Scholarship Recommendation Form**

We look to professional and academic references to help us understand our Graduate Scholarship applicant's commitment to working in a Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) in Washington state. The recommendation helps us identify our applicants' experience and plans. Your insights play a crucial role in our evaluation. We appreciate you taking the time to fill out the reference form. **Please note that this form must be used as we will not accept any other form on behalf of the applicant.**

The form asks how you know the applicant, why the applicant might be fit for the scholarship and how past experiences prepared them for working in MUA or HPSA. For example, an applicant with experience working in or working and living within a medically underserved area or with medically underserved populations would be a good fit for our scholarship. A strong applicant might have other professional or personal experiences that will prepare them for work in an underserved area.

### **Recommendation Form Link:**

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/83f2f3effe6846ee9c94d6e8bce1ca92>

**The WSOS Recommendation form must be filled out by May 16, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. PST.**

## **About the Graduate Scholarship**

Washington has one of the fastest-growing state economies with more trade, health care and STEM jobs than we can fill. The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) connects our state's leading industries with top Washington talent by reducing barriers to education and training and facilitating entry into high-demand careers for Washington students. The vision of the Graduate Scholarship (GRD) is to increase the number of health care professionals providing physical and behavioral health care, particularly in communities designated as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in Washington.

- DNP and practitioner-based MSN enrollees will receive a total award of up to \$25,000 divided evenly over the remaining terms of their program.
- Clinical practicum sites located in a geographic MUA or HPSA can receive \$3,600 per 120 clinical hours for hosting a GRD Scholar at their site.
- A \$500 Travel Stipend is available to Scholars placed at a clinical practicum site 50 miles or more one-way from their residence
- As part of their post-degree plan, we ask that scholars intend to practice in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as designated by HRSA for at least two years after program completion.