



The Graduate (GRD) Scholarship Recommendation Form

We look to professional or 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' relevant experience and plans. A recommender's insights play a crucial role in our evaluation. We appreciate you taking the time to fill out the reference form.

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 a Washington MUA or HPSA.

Recommendation Form Process:

- When the applicants fill out the application there will be an opportunity to enter the recommender's name and contact email address.
- The recommender will receive an email from graduate@waopportunityscholarship.org with a link to the form and a personalized access code.
- After the recommender completes the form, the applicant and recommender will receive an email telling them the form is submitted. The applicant can also confirm submission in the "Recommendation Form" section of their application.

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

About the Graduate Scholarship

The vision of the Graduate Scholarship (GRD) is to increase the number of health care professionals providing primary 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.