

WASHINGTON STATE
OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP

CAREER & TECHNICAL

**CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP (CTS)
SCHOLAR LEAD OPPORTUNITY**

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) seeks current Career & Technical Scholars or recent alum to serve as leaders and peer mentors to fellow Scholars for the 2024-25 academic year. As a Scholar Lead, **you'll be responsible for engaging with Scholars to share WSOS and campus-related resources, helping them navigate their educational journey and foster a sense of community.** You'll serve as a peer mentor to a small group of Scholars who are in a similar program/field as you.

If you're selected for and accept this opportunity but later decide not to continue in the Scholar Lead role, your scholarship **will NOT be impacted** (as long as you continue to fulfill the requirements to maintain your scholarship eligibility).

BENEFITS

- A \$2,085 stipend, paid out in six equal payments between September-June.
- Development of leadership skills that are valuable and applicable across many sectors, such as professional communication, event planning, problem-solving, etc.
- Additional professional development and training through Lead-exclusive opportunities.
- Invitations to participate and/or speak at WSOS events or functions, such as WSOS's annual fundraising campaign event Opportunity Talks (OTalks), and other events with partners, corporations, legislators, etc.
- Opportunities to provide feedback to WSOS staff about programming for Scholars.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a current Career & Technical Scholar OR recent CTS alum who has completed your credential.
- For continuing Career & Technical Scholars: Plan to enroll at least half-time in a [CTS-eligible college and program](#) during the fall through spring quarters of the 2024-2025 academic year.
 - OR if completing your CTS credential before spring 2025, enroll at least half-time in a CTS-eligible college through completion of your program.

- Be legally authorized to work in the United States for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Plan to reside in Washington state throughout the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Have an appreciation for and comfort engaging with Scholars from diverse and historically excluded backgrounds.
- Have access to a computer with reliable Wi-Fi to track tasks by the provided deadlines.
- Ability to use virtual communication tools such as text, email, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, Google Hangout/Duo, Microsoft Teams, etc., to connect with Scholars.

KEY COMPETENCIES FOR SUCCESS

- Proactive willingness to learn more and share information about:
 - Available academic resources (e.g., student life, career center, tutoring services, and academic advising) and regional/community resources (e.g., food banks, libraries, etc.).
 - WSOS resources to support students (e.g., WSOS eligibility requirements, the Scholar Portal, and available student engagement opportunities).
 - Your academic plan and resources to support students in their academic area of study (e.g., a relevant internship, career prep services, networking opportunities, and other field-related events and resources).
- A genuine desire to help other Scholars be successful.
- Strong communication skills that include but are not limited to active listening, written communication, and verbal communication.
- Self-motivation and positivity, even in challenging situations.
- Strong organizational and time management skills to complete deliverables by or before the deadline for the entirety of the academic year.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support Scholars in navigating college and WSOS.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with Scholars.
- Assist and support Scholars in familiarizing themselves with academic and community resources that support their academic journey.
- Provide quarterly opportunities for Scholars to connect virtually.

TASKS

- This role will require you to spend 1-3 hours per week, from September 2024 until June 2025, completing the following:
 - Complete the required orientation.
 - Attend mandatory meetings and communicate in a timely manner with your CTS advisor.
 - Complete all required communications with Scholars.
 - Host quarterly virtual get-togethers for Scholars to connect.
 - Communicate regularly with Scholars virtually or via email or text.

- Submit required reports as instructed by your CTS advisor.

COMPENSATION INFORMATION

This opportunity includes a **total stipend of \$2,085 for the academic year and is not available for credit**. The stipend is not a wage or salary as Career & Technical Scholar Leads are considered independent contractors and NOT WSOS employees. The stipend will be delivered to you in six equal payments between September-June.

Please note: By considering this opportunity as a Career & Technical Scholar Lead, **the \$2,085 stipend you will receive is taxable income**. You will complete a W9 form and will be considered "self-employed" for tax purposes. Tax owed will not be withheld from the stipend. You will receive a 1099-MISC form and must file a tax return and pay any taxes owed. While we cannot provide tax information or advice, we strongly encourage you to seek additional tax resources as needed.