

2026 WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

The Washington Independent Telecommunications Scholarship Association (WITSA) was formed in 1986 for the purpose of awarding higher education scholarships to the dependent children of full-time employees of Washington Independent Telecommunications Association Member companies and Associate Member companies located in Washington.

Awards are made anonymously and are based on academic achievement, curricular and extra-curricular activities. The selection committee is comprised of WITA member company representatives, and scholarship amounts vary by year, typically ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ATTACHMENTS/DOCUMENTS ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE DOCUMENT AS WELL AS IN THE FILE NAME BEFORE YOU SUBMIT.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:
shellie@shellieburnham.com

MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

Call Shellie at (360) 951-9658 with any questions.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship awards are available to dependent children of full-time employees of Washington Independent Telecommunications Association Member companies and Associate Member companies located in Washington. *Please note that the parent employee must work in Washington.*

WITSA Scholarship awards are NOT one-time awards. Students who have received a scholarship in the past are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years to be considered.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ A graduating student at a Washington state high school or a graduate of a Washington state high school currently enrolled in a full-time course of study at a **university, college, or vocational, technical, or trade school. Graduate program students are also eligible to apply.**
- ❖ If someone who works for a WITA member company in Washington State has a child who graduates from high school out of state (boarding school, child of divorced parents) they can apply as long as the parent works for a company in Washington.
- ❖ The completed, **typed** application form providing all requested information.
- ❖ Three (3) dated letters of recommendation from individuals who are not members of the applicant's immediate family. **Letters must be dated within the last 12 months.**
- ❖ Academic transcripts from the graduating applicant's high school, or from the university, college, or vocational, technical, or trade school **in which the applicant is currently enrolled.**
- ❖ A statement in 200 words or less explaining the applicant's education goals and objectives and discussing why you merit a scholarship award, in a type-written, double-spaced attachment to the application.
- ❖ Submit an **electronic** graduation picture or current photo for possible inclusion in the WITSA Scholarship Program.