Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Application

Sponsored By Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters

General Information

- Only FFA chapters who have active FFA Alumni and Supporter Chapters (10 members or more) that have submitted paid members are eligible for this scholarship.
- Interested FFA members (maximum number of **two applicants per chapter**) must complete the Application form, which must be typed, and submit it by **January 15** to the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Director tcostello@wisconsinffaalumni.org
- FFA Alumni Scholarships are not transferable to another student.
- Current seniors in high school are not eligible to apply.
- Applications will be evaluated using the scoring rubric. The top individual from each section will receive a scholarship. The remaining scholarships will be awarded based on rankings regardless of section.
- Scholarship recipients will receive a reimbursement of funds **only after proof of payment for WLC has been received** by the paid conference expenses can be sent to tcostello@wisconsin.aalumni.org .
- Reimbursements/Scholarships will only be during the calendar year of the scholarship being received and **must be submitted by September 1.**
- Application Due **by January 15.** Email to: tcostello@wisconsinffaalumni.org

To: Potential WLC Scholarship Applicants, Advisors, Parents

From: Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Committee

Interest in the FFA Washington Leadership Conference has grown.

WLC trains FFA members to make a positive impact in their school, local community, state, and country. It strives to have participating FFA members take their leadership skills to the highest level by learning to solve local problems and build relationships; developing character; and living to serve. The goal of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters WLC Scholarship Program is to reward FFA members who are developing their leadership skills by assisting them to participate in this premier youth leadership development program. We want to select Wisconsin FFA members who have:

1. Been using opportunities in FFA to build their leadership skills
2. Been practicing those skills to solve problems in their chapter and community
3. Who will commit to using the skills gained in WLC to apply to challenges when they return

The application is the only means we have to evaluate those qualities of applicants. It is your responsibility to communicate that information clearly on this application.

Effectively communicating, or selling your qualities and accomplishments is one measure of your leadership. We offer the following suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your application.

In the limited space available concentrate on communicating to the selection committee your commitment to learning to be a leader. Remember that quality is more important than quantity—think about the strongest points that will demonstrate to those evaluating applications that you have been serious about developing your leadership skills. Examples may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serving as an officer or on a committee and accomplishing goals.
- Participating in FFA leadership development programs such as Leadership Workshop, Half-Time, conferences; LDEs and CDEs. We realize the opportunity to participate in area and state activities varies between schools. We are interested in learning how you have been involved and what you have accomplished with what is available to you.
- Maintaining a respectable academic record and balance in high school and community activities.
- Awards and recognition that represent hard work and accomplishment of goals.

Become familiar with the Washington Leadership Conference by checking the National FFA web site or printed material about the program and think about what you would hope to gain by participating, both personally and in your FFA chapter and community after returning from WLC, a problem that you would plan to provide leadership in solving.

Please do not forget to communicate your interactions with your alumni chapter. After all, the reason that you are eligible to complete this scholarship application is because of your chapter.

WLC Scholarship Application

Important Reminders – Only FFA Members from chapters with an active alumni affiliate are eligible for alumni scholarships. Alumni chapters annual fees must be paid – Maximum number of 2 applications per school.

Name:

FFA Membership #:

Date of Birth (M/D/Y):

Age:

Year in School:

Street Address:

City: State: Wisconsin

Zip:

Telephone w/Area Code:

Email Address:

FFA Chapter Name:

FFA Section:

Have you previously attended the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC)?

Have you previously been awarded an FFA Alumni Scholarship to attend WLC?

History in FFA:

Year FFA Membership Began:

Year Greenhand Degree Received:

Year Chapter FFA Degree Received:

Year State FFA Degree Received:

Years of Agricultural Education Completed:

Leadership Responsibilities in FFA: List your top 5 offices, committee assignments, etc.:

Participation in FFA Activities: List of your top 10 FFA Activities (CDEs, LDEs, proficiency awards, serviceprojects,workshops attended, etc.) Activities Beyond FFA:

List your top 5 non-FFA school and community activities (sports, clubs, 4-H, Church, etc.)

Top 5 Accomplishments in FFA: List AND describe why each is an accomplishment

Why would you like to attend the Washington Leadership Conference?

How will you use what you learn at WLC to improve your FFA Chapter, community and alumni?

Describe your SAE and how it has changed over time.

Signatures:

We have examined this application and found the information to be true and accurate:

Applicant's Signature:_____

Parents/Guardian's Signature:_____

School Administrator's Signature:_____

Local Alumni Chapter Officer Statement: Why do you recommend this student to receive a WLC Scholarship?

Reminder: The Alumni annual fee must be submitted by November 1 of the membership year, to make students from your chapter eligible for WLC scholarships the following spring.

Local Alumni Officer's Signature:_____

Local Alumni Officer's PRINTED NAME:_____

Advisor Statement: Why do you recommend this student to receive a WLC Scholarship?

Signatures:

Chapter Advisor's Signature:_____

Chapter Advisor's PRINTED NAME:_____

WLC Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric

Category	0	1	2	3	4	5
Application Complete (5 pt)	Directions not followed, no signatures	>5 spelling/grammar errors, <1/2 spaces filled	>5 spelling/grammar errors, spaces 1/2 - 3/4 filled	1-5 spelling/grammar errors, spaces 1/2 - 3/4 filled	1-3 spelling/grammar errors, Spaces 3/4 filled	No errors, spaces filled
Leadership in FFA (pt x2) (10pt total)	0 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities	1 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities	2 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities	3 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities	4 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities	5 Officer and/or committee chair, committee and event duties, other FFA responsibilities
FFA Activities (pt x2) (10 pt total)	0 activities	1-2 activities	3-4 activities	5-6 activities	7-8 activities	9-10 activities
School and Community (5 pt)	0 activities	1 activity	2 activities	3 activities	4 activities	5 activities
FFA Accomplishments (pt x2) (10 pt total)	No accomplishments or explanation	1 accomplishment with explanation or 1-2 accomplishments without explanation	2 accomplishments with explanations or 3- 4 accomplishments with no or poor explanations	3 accomplishments with explanations or 5 accomplishments with no explanations	4 accomplishments with explanations or 5 accomplishments with poor explanations	5 accomplishments with good explanations
Why WLC? (pt x4) (20 pt total)	No answer	Poor answer (i.e. it would be fun)	Fair answer not well thought out	Good Answer, but some thought lacks detail	Very Good answer, good thought including reasons	Excellent answer, well thought out, includes reasons/goals
Benefits (pt x4) (20 pt total)	No answer	Poor answer no explanations	Fair answer, not well thought out, little thought on improvements	Good answer, identified benefits and improvements	Very Good answer, explained either benefits or improvements in detail and identified the other	Excellent answer, explained benefits as well as improvements to community and FFA in detail

SAE (5 pt total)	No statement	SAE without explanation	SAE with poor explanations	SAE showing little growth	SAE showing moderate growth	Strong SAE very detailed showing growth
Alumni statement (5 pt)	No statement	Alumni does not recommend	Alumni does not recommend or recommend with no reason	Alumni recommends with minimal reason	Alumni recommends with moderate reasons (ex. if multiple students this one not top)	Alumni recommends with strong reasons (top student from school)
Advisor statement (5 pt)	No statement	Advisor does not recommend	Advisor does not recommend or recommend with no reason	Advisor recommends with minimal reason	Advisor recommends with moderate reasons (ex. if multiple students this one not top)	Advisor recommends with strong reasons (top student from school)