2026–2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION





GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WPSF

MISSION

The Westminster Public Schools Foundation (WPSF) exists to create partnerships and programs to improve students' achievements, encouraging life-long learning, and building opportunities for a bright future for the students of Westminster Public Schools (WPS).

The Foundation is grateful for many partnerships which strengthen our mission and allow us to do more for the students of WPS. Our collaborations include universities, community colleges, small businesses, corporations, nonprofits, community partners, and foundations.

OUR STORY

The Westminster Public Schools Foundation was established in 1998 and has been committed to supporting the following programs and projects:

- Post-Secondary Success Initiative
- College Scholarships
- Career and Technical Credentialing & Programming
- Benevolent Program
- District-wide Initiatives



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation understands that students need and desire to continue their education once they graduate from the district. The Foundation awards scholarships for colleges and industry credentials.

The Westminster Public Schools Foundation offers scholarships for post-secondary education to high school seniors graduating from Westminster High School and Hidden Lake High School.
There are a variety of scholarship opportunities, some are based on merit, and smore are based on need.

For more information visit:
https://www.fundwps.org/

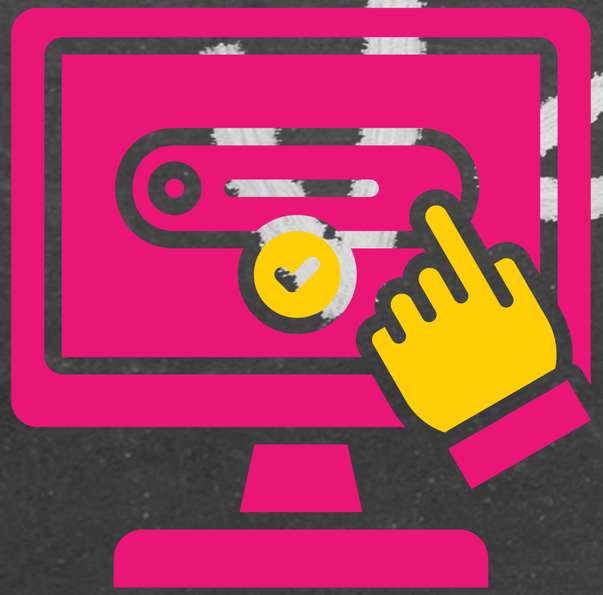


2026 SCHOLARS

Last year, the foundation awarded over $486,000 in scholarships to 46 students from Westminster Public Schools attending various post-secondary institutions or credentialing programs.







WHY SHOULD I APPLY

According to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) these are the primary reasons students choose not to attend college:

FINANCIAL BARRIERS:

Lack of financial assistance is a big factor as to why students do not pursue post-secondary education.

LACK OF PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPORT:

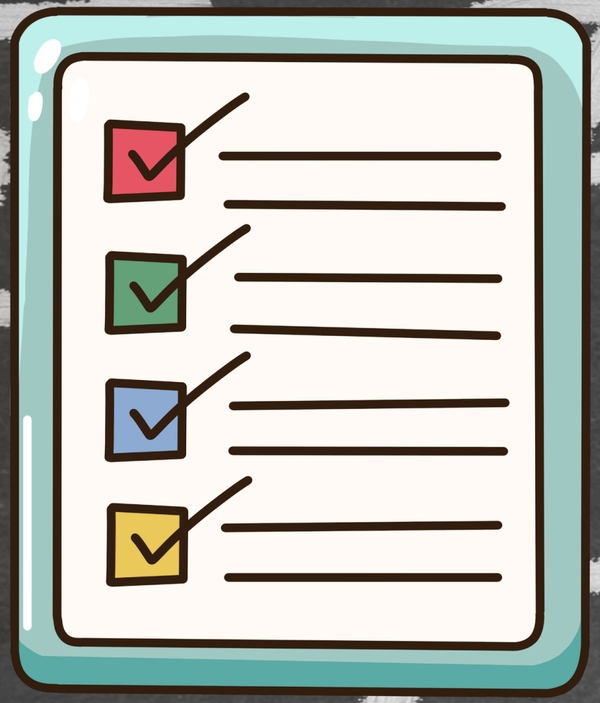
Students may feel discouraged because they identify as first-generation or feel that they do not have the proper support in order to enroll in college.

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

There are various reasons a student may choose not to enroll in a college program, including the choice to pursue vocational or workforce training to enter the workforce.

WPSF SCHOLARS

Being a WPSF scholar allows you to receive the financial support as well as guidance and mentorship throughout the years you are enrolled in school, and we support furthering your education through a variety of pathways.





PREPARE BEFORE YOU APPLY

HELPFUL ITEMS TO KNOW

1. Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA)
   - FAFSA: Federal Student Aid
   - CASFA: State Student Aid for students who can not complete a FAFSA
   - Students who are eligible for Federal Title IV aid by completing the FAFSA should not complete the CASFA.
2. Transcript ready to upload
3. Parent/Guardian information
4. List of volunteering, sports, activities, and/or awards received
5. Resume ready to upload
6. Be prepared with a name and email of a reference who can provide a recommendation on your behalf
7. Read the scholarship application essay prompts, and use your resources to review and edit your written responses

PERSONAL STATEMENT

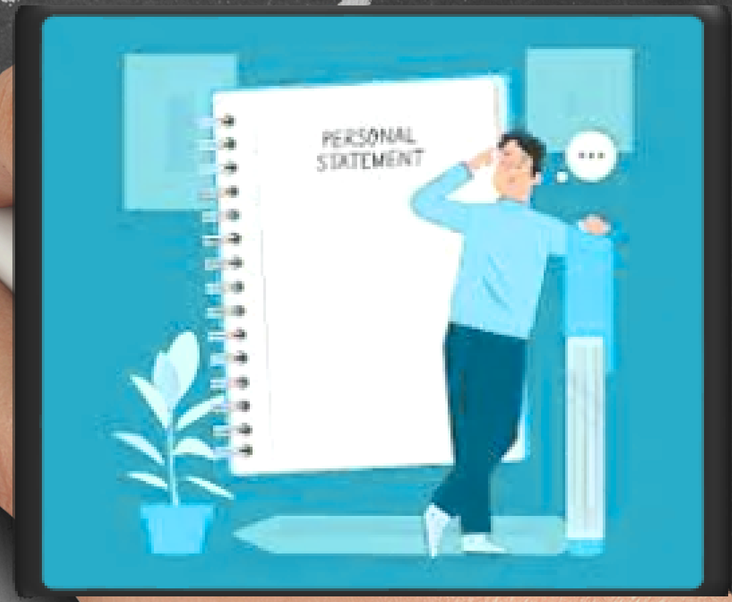
WHAT IS A PERSONAL STATEMENT

You will be required to submit a personal statement (between 300 and 650 words).

It is a brief essay or statement in which the writer provides information about themselves, their background, experiences, and their qualifications. The primary purpose of a personal statement is to help the reader (usually an employer, admissions officer, or scholarship committee) get to know the applicant on a more personal level and understand their motivations, aspirations, and suitability for the opportunity in question.

If you need help beginning your personal statement there is information on the WPSF website under Scholarship Application Resources that can provide some assistance.





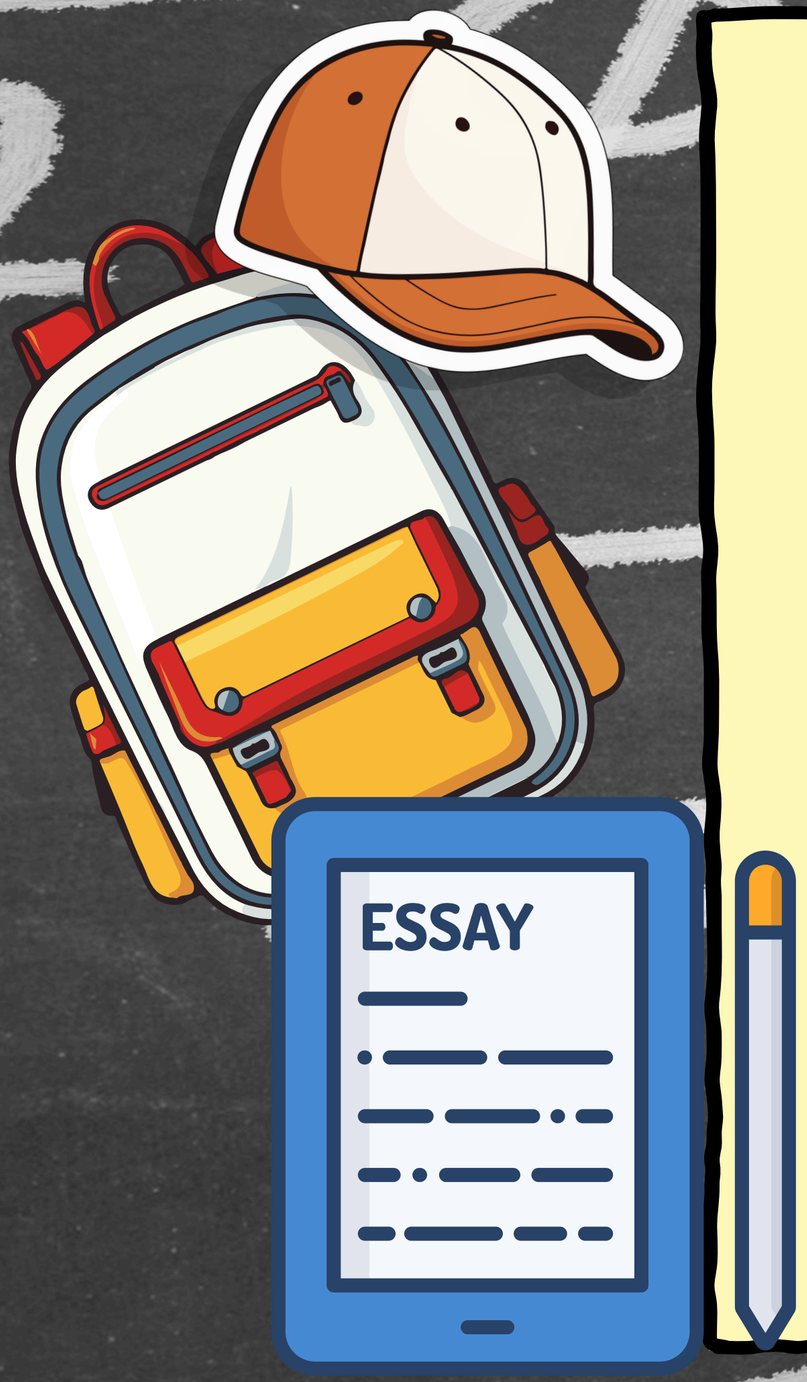
RESUME

PURPOSE OF A RESUME

A resume is a documents that provides a summary of an individual's education, work experience, skills, and qualifications relevant to the position they are applying for. The purpose of a resume is to showcase a candidate's suitability for a job and encourage a potential employer to invite them for an interview. Things that make for a strong resume include; clarity and conciseness, relevance, and accomplishments and qualifiable results.

If you need help with your resume there is information on the WPSF website under Resume Building that can provide some assistance.





SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

ESSAY PROMPTS

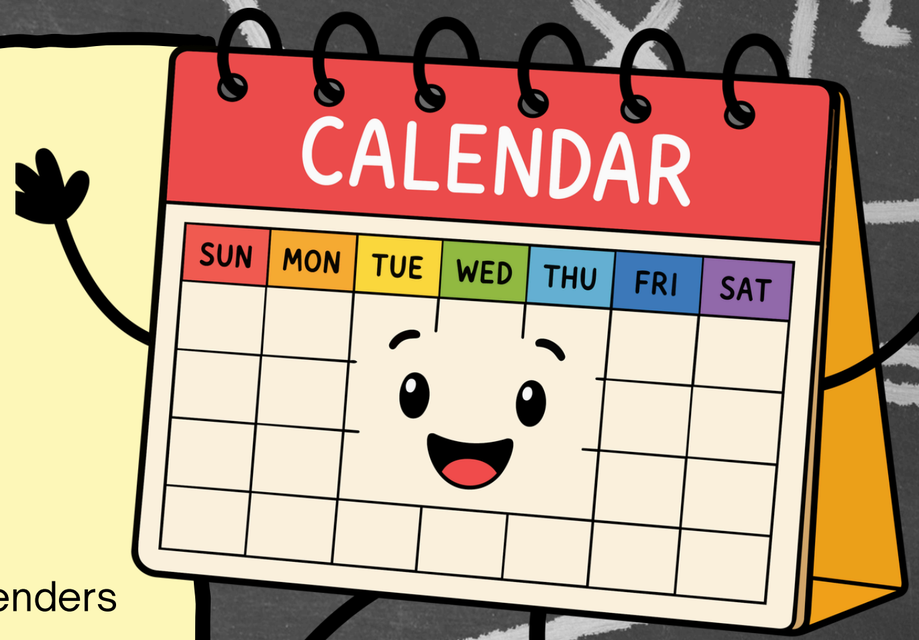
In addition to you personal statement, you will be asked to answer the following three questions (100-300 words):

1. **If your life had a theme song, what would it be, and why? How does this song reflect your personality or journey?**
2. **If you could invite three people (alive, historical, or fictional) to dinner, who would you choose, and what you talk about?**
3. **Choose an object that represents who you are. What is it, and how does it symbolize your story or values?**

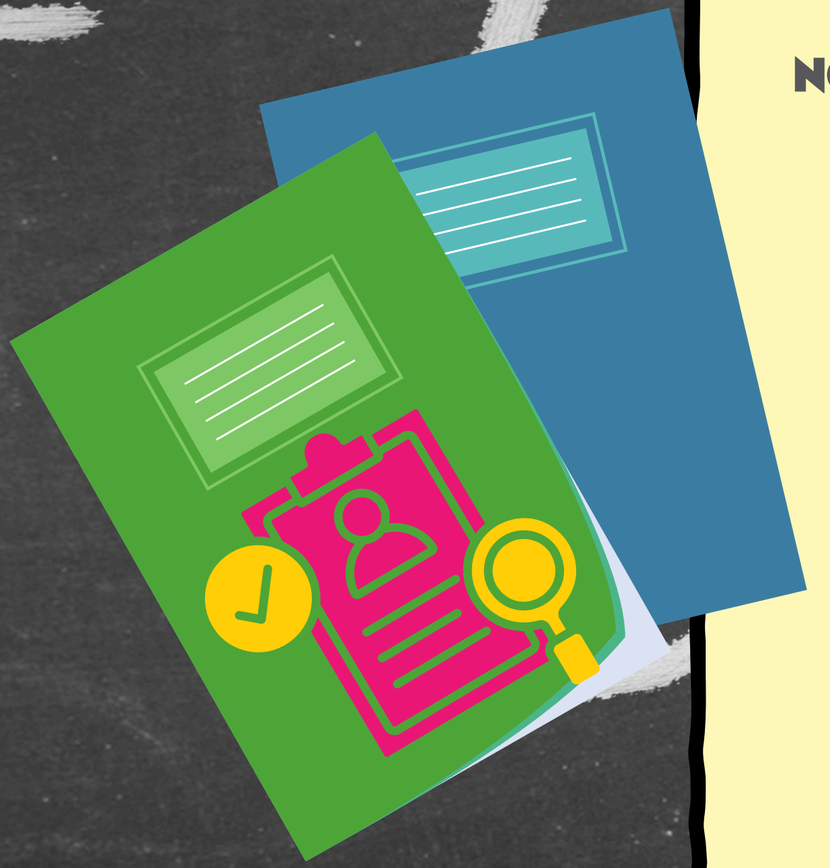
IMPORTANT DATES

TIMELINE FOR 2026–2027 SCHOLARSHIPS

- October 20th: WPSF scholarship application website is available
- February 23rd: WPSF scholarship application are due by 11:59 pm
- February 23rd: Requested recommendations are due by recommenders
- March 15th: Initial review of applications completed
- April 13th-April 21st: Scholarship interviews
- May 12th: New Scholar Orientation
- May 18th: Scholar Award Ceremony
- June 7th-June 10th: New Scholar Summer Bridge Program
- June 19th: Scholarship activations due for payment



WHERE TO APPLY



NOW THAT YOU ARE READY TO APPLY

- Visit the following website or scan the QR code!
- https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/wpsfscholarshipapp2027



QUESTIONS

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CALENDLY.COM/THERNANDEZ-WPS

HTTPS://WWW.FUNDWPS.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/

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