



Whatcom Tech Prep Consortium
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Technology Alliance Group – NW Chapter

IT Scholarship Application 2008

Applications are now being accepted for the Tech Prep Consortium's Information Technology Program Scholarship. The scholarship was established with funds donated by the TAG Northwest Chapter. Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to high school seniors planning to pursue postsecondary education/training at either Whatcom Community College or Bellingham Technical College in an *Information Technology*-related career area. Applicants must provide evidence of a major / career pathway in one of the following program areas:

BTC: Computer Network Technology, Computer Software Support, Technical Sales Specialist, Electronics, Engineering
WCC: Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, or Graphic / Web Design

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be current high school senior, graduating with class of 2008.
- Must be currently enrolled at one of the following Whatcom County high schools: Bellingham, Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Lynden Christian, Meridian, Mt. Baker, Nooksack Valley, Options, Sehome, Squalicum or Windward.
- Must have taken at least one or more of the following technology-related courses: PC Hardware Fundamentals, Networking Basics, Programming (C++, JavaScript, Visual Basic, etc.), Web Design, Digital Media, Video Production, *Advanced* Computer Applications, Video Game Design, or Desktop Publishing.
- Must have received a 'B' or better grade in the high school IT course(s).
- Students who have completed at least one College Tech Prep IT-related course and applied for college credit through the Tech Prep registration process will receive preference in the scholarship selection process (*not a requirement, just a preference in the application review process*).
- Students must be planning to attend either Bellingham Technical College or Whatcom Community College; accepted for entrance, Fall 2008.
- Must be able to document use of scholarship funds to pursue occupational goals.
- The Technology Scholarship will be paid directly to the accredited college where the student is registered (BTC or WCC). The funds may be used by the student at any time during the year for books, special program fees or tuition expenses.
- Scholarship must be used within twelve months of being awarded or it will be forfeited (July 2008 – June 2009).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Download application materials at: www.whatcomtechprep.org (Students / College Career Planning)
2. All 3 parts of the application are to be completed by the student applicant.: Personal Data, Education/Occupational Goal, Personal Statement
3. All 3 parts of application materials must be typed/word processed
4. **Attach the following to the completed application:**
 - a. Copy of high school transcript: highlight the IT course(s) taken and grade(s) received
 - b. Copy of the Tech Prep registration form verifying courses taken for college credit (*if applicable*)
 - c. One letter of recommendation addressing the applicant's commitment to work ethic, academic and technical skill ability, and reliability from teacher, counselor or current employer (not parents!). The references should be from people familiar with your interest in Information Technology-related programs and careers.

Application must be received by Scholarship Committee no later than 5:00PM, May 1, 2008. Mail completed application to:

TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
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