**2025 Student Achievement Awards: High School & Community College**

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| **Applicant Information** |

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Applicant Name: Click to enter LAST NAME. Click to enter FIRST NAME.

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Mailing Address (where checks would be sent to): Click to enter MAILING ADDRESS.

Phone Number: Click to enter PHONE. Primary E-Mail: Click to enter EMAIL.

Secondary E-Mail: Click to enter EMAIL.

Schools Attended:

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| **School** | **Dates Attended** | **Area of Study** | **# Credits (college level only)** | **GPA** |
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Please include your 2024 Fall semester GPA and number of credits in the SCHOOLS ATTENDED section above.

Current School: Click or tap here to enter text.

Expected Graduation Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Advisor’s Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Advisor’s Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Advisor’s E-Mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

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| **Essay** |

**Instructions:** In no more than 500 words, please state what makes you a good candidate for this scholarship. Feel free to support with documentation or a video diary! Include as an additional attachment when submitting your application.

Some tips:

* Why are you interested in studying food science? Was there a specific event/moment your interest in food was piqued?
* What are your goals – short/long term?

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| Signature of Advisor | Date |

Please attach 2 letters of recommendation (one from advisor/counselor) and any additional documents required to complete the application.

Complete applications must be received by January 15th, 2025 at 5:00 PM to be considered for an award. Any applications or supporting material received after this date and time will not be considered.

Basis of Eligibility

These awards are designated for high school and community/technical college students who may be focused on a career in the food industry and have interest in learning more about food science. Students must reside in Washington State or Alaska, and/or attend a Washington or Alaska community college.

The award is up to a $2500 scholarship, $500 must be used for the WSU online food science class. Upon proof of completion, the remaining $2000 will be rewarded via check.

Up to six $2500 scholarships are available.

*High School Applicant*

* GPA ≥ 3.30 (cumulative)
* Available to junior and seniors only.
* Must be committed to taking the WSU food science online course.
* Applicants can only receive the award once.

*Community/Technical College Applicant*

* GPA ≥ 3.30 (cumulative)
* Available to sophomores only.
* Must be committed to taking the WSU food science online course.
* Applicants can only receive the award once.

Supporting Materials

Each applicant must submit along with the application the following documentation:

* 2 letters of recommendation (one must be from your advisor), letters should include:
  + Relationship to student; years known
  + Strengths of student
  + Why is this student deserving of this honor?
* Essay with supporting documentation to include the 500-word essay and any additional material to support your essay.

Application Procedures

Any student interested in pursuing higher education in food science or a career in the food industry may apply for these awards, as long as the eligibility criteria has been met. An official application form must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Cascadia Section of the Institute of Food Technologists, along with the required supporting materials. The candidate will be judged solely on the information provided, so it is important to be accurate and thorough.

The above application is a fillable form, please fill out each section and email it to the contact information below.

Completed applications must be received by January 15th, 2025 at 5:00 PM to be considered for an award. Any applications or supporting material received after this date and time will not be considered.

Finalists for these awards will be notified via email. A phone interview may be scheduled if the Scholarship Committee feels it necessary.

Please email all application material to:

[info@cascadiaift.org](mailto:info@cascadiaift.org)

In the subject line of the email please enter:

“2025 Cascadia Scholarship Application: HS & Community College – *APPLICANT NAME*”

If you have specific questions regarding the application process, please reach out to the same email above, please allow up to 2 business days for a reply.