

JOSEPH DARIMONT VOCATIONAL AWARD (\$1,300)

This scholarship is designed to help an individual 18 yrs – 50 years of age at the time of the application who is preparing to enter/return to the workforce. **High School Seniors (and others currently in High School) do not qualify for this scholarship.** The grant may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies. It may be used only for usual and required costs of applicant's planned course of study and must be paid directly to the school they will be attending.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Any adult U.S. Citizen who has already graduated from High School, obtained a GED, has been emancipated and plans to pursue an eligible Vocational/Technical Course, above and supplemental to High School or Preparatory School, may apply. In addition to being a U.S. Citizen, all applicants must be current residents of the State of Washington on the date this application is filed.

DUE DATE: Due at your nearest Elks Lodge before the first Friday in March

DEFINITIONS:

Profession versus Vocation: While the terms profession and vocation are often used interchangeably, the following is provided as a general guide when reviewing applications;

A **profession** is one that is typically earned through a four year or longer course of study at the university level. Examples are: accounting, law, teaching, architecture, nursing*, pharmacy, medicine, finance, the clergy and engineering.

A **vocation** is generally thought of as requiring a certain amount of physical skill along with technical knowledge. Examples are: pipefitting, sheet metal, machinist, electrician, electronics, HVAC/heating and cooling specialist, auto and diesel mechanic, body and fender specialist, insulator, bricklayer, carpenter, cement mason, insulator, barber, hair stylist, etc. The technical knowledge is normally attained through a trade school or community college. Some trade schools offer a program that exceeds the normal two year degree from a community college.

*nursing at the LPN level, licensed practical nurse, can be accepted as vocational, but the RN, Registered Nurse, should be considered a profession. This list is not all inclusive, but is provided as general guidance when determining whether a person should be applying for a Most Valuable Student scholarship or a Vocational Grant.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.

- Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Application must be the original or photocopy of the Washington State Elks Association application, which has been signed and dated by the applicant and Lodge Official.
- Applications are due to the Lodge closest to the applicant's residence by the first Friday in March. **Any applications received after that date will be disqualified.**
- Letters of recommendation must be originals, on one side of a single sheet of 8 ½ x 11-inch paper signed and dated by the author.
- Application and supporting documents must be enclosed in a soft paper folder. Elaborate folders should not be used. Clear plastic and bulky, hard, heavy binders are inadmissible.
- Application and supporting documents must be arranged in the order detailed below.

Order of Application and Items to be Included:

- Application
- Statement by the applicant of not more than 250 words, summarizing his/her activities, accomplishments, needs and objectives which the applicant thinks qualifies him/her for a grant. The applicant must state his career goal.
- Letter of recommendation from an employer or former employer detailing the applicant's personality, background, work habits and abilities. Include the name, address and phone number of the writer.
- Letter of recommendation detailing the applicant's character and general worthiness from a responsible community member not related to the applicant. Include the name, address and phone number of the writer.
- Official School Transcript of applicant's grades from any post-high schools attended.
- Any copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, community service or other activities. Exhibits should be in chronological order starting with the most current.
Do not include photo portraits of applicant.

JUDGING IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- MOTIVATION- General worthiness, desire
- NEED- Financial need, resourcefulness
- SKILLS- Showing aptitude for chosen vocation
- ORGANIZATION OF APPLICATION- Neatness, completeness and following directions

PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE

- Applications will be received by the Lodge Vocational Grant Chair before the 1st Friday in March.
- Lodge Judging will be completed and winners mailed to the district vocational scholarship chairman before the 3rd Friday in March
- District Chairman will complete judging and mail the District winners to the State Vocational Scholarship Chairman by the last Friday in March
- State Chairman will complete judging and notify lodges by the 3rd Thursday in April

Grant Recipient Information:

- Vocational Grant expires 17 months from the date of the award.
- Payment will be made directly to the school after proof of registration.
- Grant is subject to cancellation or withdrawal if student's conduct is contrary to the principles of law and morality supported by the Elks.
- The recipient must be willing to have his/her name used in articles related to this Grant Award.
- The recipient must be willing and able to speak at the Washington State Elks Association Convention on the third weekend in June in the year of the award.

ALL APPLICATIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Non-Winning applications will be shredded to protect confidentiality. Applicants should make a copy for their own records.

WASHINGTON
STATE



JOSEPH DARIMONT VOCATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____ PO Box _____

City _____ Street _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth(city, state, country) _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Citizenship – United States Yes___ No___ If not born a United States citizen, give date and place of Naturalization:

Date _____ Place _____
(City and State)

Name of High School Attending: _____

School Address _____
(City and State)

Year Graduating _____ Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Or, If working toward GED, list issuing school or other organization _____

Address _____
(City and State)

AND/OR Name Vocational/Technical Schools/Community Colleges or Other Schools, Attended or Now Attending:

School name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

College or Vocational School Planning to Attend:

School name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date course will begin _____ 20____ Course will end _____ 20____

Course of Study: _____

At completion, I will receive: Associate degree () Diploma () Certificate ()

Current employment. If presently unemployed, give previous employer. (List employer, address, date of employment, person to contact about employment, phone, position):

Activities you are involved in (School or Civic) _____

MARITAL STATUS: Single () Married () Living with significant other ()

Spouse/Partner's
Name _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Any unusual circumstances (high medical, dental bills, etc.) please explain:

Budget for full Academic Year of _____ Number of months _____

Tuition and fees (per quarter or semester, not monthly)	\$ _____	(A)
Books and supplies	\$ _____	(B)
Travel	\$ _____	(C)
Total of (A+B+C)= \$ _____		

Amount needed to balance school budget for year:	\$ _____
Applicant's annual gross income before taxes:	\$ _____
Spouse/partner's annual gross income before taxes:	\$ _____

All other taxable or non-taxable income (yearly):	
Welfare	\$ _____ (D)
Unemployment	\$ _____ (E)
Child Support	\$ _____ (F)
Alimony	\$ _____ (G)
Pension	\$ _____ (H)
Social Security/Disability	\$ _____ (I)
Interest	\$ _____ (J)
Other	\$ _____ (K)

Gross Income Total of (D+E+F+G+H+I+J+K) \$ _____

Value of Investments (Property, Equity, IRA's, CD's, Stocks, Bonds) \$ _____

Do you own or are you buying a car? Yes () No () If yes, year, make and model _____

Do you own or are you buying a house? Yes () No () If yes, value _____ Amount still owed _____

Names and ages of any dependents under 18 or disabled (excluding applicant):

I certify that all information in this application is true.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

FOR LODGE USE ONLY BELOW: _____

This application, with attached exhibits, has been reviewed and conforms with the rules as set forth by the Washington State Elks Association.

Date _____ 20____ Lodge Name _____ # _____

Signed _____ Lodge Vocational Chairman/Exalted Ruler/Secretary