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## Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program

3,185 Student Honorees  
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### Student Application 2019–2020 School Year Application deadline – June 30, 2020

#### I. APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS – Each applicant:

- A. **Must be an African American male or female student** who is a U.S. citizen and is currently enrolled in the **9th, 10th, or 11th grade** at a junior or senior public high school in one of the following school districts in Tacoma/Pierce County: **Bethel, Clover Park, Franklin Pierce, Puyallup, Steilacoom, Tacoma, or University Place.**
- B. Must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or better at the end of the **2019–2020** academic school year.

#### II. APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS – Each applicant must submit to the Awards Committee:

- A. A certified copy of his/her transcripts reflecting **final grades** of the **2019–2020** academic year.
- B. A completed PERSONAL / SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM containing statements about his/her involvement in school activities; participation in community activities and organizations; receipt of any awards, certificates or special recognition; future educational/career goals; and church affiliation, if applicable.
- C. THREE (3) letters of recommendation: (a) ONE from applicant's parent/guardian; (b) ONE from a school staff person, and (c) ONE from a community representative (for example: clergy, employer, youth group leader, etc.).
- D. A well-structured, well-researched, essay of at least 250 words on the subject: The Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program was established in 1995 and named for a community matriarch for whom education for youth was a high priority. In Mrs. Wesley's name, the greater Tacoma-Pierce County community was asked to provide incentive for youth to stay in school and achieve academic excellence while also demonstrating a commitment to volunteerism and working to better their community. **Given your knowledge about Mrs. Wesley and the 25 years of community support for African American students through this program, how does it provide incentive and encouragement for you to do your best to achieve academic excellence? Describe the importance of community organizations like E Wesley & how do you plan to "pay it forward" to help E Wesley continue for another 25 years?** (See Mrs. Wesley background at <https://www.ewesleyaward.org/>)

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**Please take notice that this is a new question!** The Elizabeth Wesley committee would like to learn more about your plans after high school in regards to your career aspirations. Please answer this question in as much detail as needed to explain what your plans are. **What post-secondary education and/or training will you need to meet your career interest & how do you plan to acquire the education, training & experience needed to obtain your career goal?**

**III. EVALUATION CRITERIA – Each applicant will be evaluated on:**

- A. The quality of his/her school transcripts and grade point average in the specific areas of Mathematics, Science and English.
- B. The degree to which he/she is involved in school activities.
- C. The scope of his/her involvement in community activities (for example: any volunteer work at church and/or community based organization).
- D. The content of his/her letters of recommendation.
- E. The content of his/her essay.

**IV. INCENTIVE AWARDS**

- A. The ELIZABETH WESLEY YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE will give each award winner THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$350.00) DOLLARS.
- B. The Awards Committee will present the award directly to the student for his/her use.
- C. **Award winners must participate in recipient orientation – August 19, 2020.**
- D. **Award winners must attend the awards ceremony – September 19, 2020.**
- E. All awards must be claimed no later than **October 30, 2020** or they will be forfeited.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must submit all required documents listed in Section II (Applicant Requirements) above to the **Awards Committee** no later than **June 30, 2020**. Applications received or postmarked after the closing date will be returned.

**Completion of the application process does not guarantee an award. Awards will be limited by the financial resources of the program.**

**I agree to have the following Elizabeth Wesley sponsoring organizations send me information on academic enrichment opportunities and scholarship awards:** Tacoma Branch NAACP; Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective; Prince Hall Masons, Washington; Tacoma Ministerial Alliance; Tacoma Urban League Guild; Tacoma Urban League, Inc.

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*signature*

**Mail Completed Applications to:**  
Elizabeth Wesley Awards Committee PO Box 110667  
Tacoma, WA 98411

Student(s) may hand-deliver their applications  
to the Tacoma Urban League, 2550 Yakima Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405.  
For further information email: [ewesley.org@gmail.com](mailto:ewesley.org@gmail.com),  
information also available at [www.ewesleyaward.org](http://www.ewesleyaward.org).

### Personal Information

*In addition to completing the following please email the Personal and Educational information to ewesley.org@gmail.com*

Name (First, MI, Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ African-American: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational Information

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (2019–2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a previous award winner? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, what year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions:

*Please answer the following questions using additional sheets of paper for your response.*

1. List two (2) of your favorite school activities in which you participated during the 2019–2020 academic year, and tell how each helped you become a better student.
2. Describe two (2) volunteer services which you performed during the past school year (church or any community-based organization), and tell who benefited from your services.
3. List any awards, certificates or special recognition during the past year. Tell what they were and why you received each.

### Enclosure Check-Off List

(Please verify by initials and do not mark in the shaded area.)

Items	Applicant	EWC	Letters of Recommendation	Applicant	EWC
Application			Parent/Guardian		
Essay			School Staff Person		
Transcript Submitted			Community Representative (For example: Clergy, Employer, Youth Group Leader)		
Post High-School Career Statement					
Applicant's Signature: _____			Date: _____		