



Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program

Our Success – Our Future

Student Application 2023–2024 School Year Application deadline – June 28, 2024

If you are submitting a paper application please do not submit a duplicate on-line application. Only one application will be considered i.e., an on-line or a completed paper application.

I. APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS – Each applicant:

- A. **Must be an African American 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 **2023–2024** academic school year.

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

- A. A certified copy of student transcript reflecting **final grades** of the **2023–2024** academic year. (deadline for transcript July 12, 2024)
- B. A completed PERSONAL / SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM containing statements about applicants 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: **What is your interpretation of the C.R.O.W.N. Act (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural hair)? How does it impact minorities in school and/or the workplace?**
- E. 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?**

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

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

IV. INCENTIVE AWARDS

- A. The ELIZABETH WESLEY YOUTH MERIT INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM will give each award winner THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$350.00) DOLLARS.
- B. The Committee will present the award directly to the students.
- C. **Award winners must participate in recipient orientation – August 21, 2024.**
(Requirements may change due to public safety regulations)
- D. **Award winners must attend the awards ceremony – September 21, 2024.**
(Requirements may change due to public safety regulations)
- E. All awards must be claimed no later than **October 31, 2024** 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 **Committee** no later than **June 28, 2024**. Mailed applications received or postmarked after the closing date will be returned. Transcript deadline is **July 12, 2024**.

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

For further information email: ewesley.org@gmail.com,
information also available at www.ewesleyaward.org.

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

Personal Information

Name (First, MI, Last): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

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: _____ Student ID: _____

Educational Information

Name of Current School: _____ Grade Level (2023–2024) _____

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 2023-2024 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: _____		