

JENNIFER DUNN-THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP

In 2005, Washington Policy Center (WPC) honored Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn with our annual Champion of Freedom Award to honor her strong leadership, support of free-market principles and being a friend to small businesses and taxpayers on the death tax repeal. After her untimely death in 2007, her widower Keith Thomson approached WPC about honoring his late wife through a scholarship to support young women interested in public policy. He endowed the first five years and WPC continues the scholarship through the generous support of three of our board members. Recipients can use the scholarship to pay for tuition at their college/university or fund a summer internship on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.



Applicants are asked for the following documents to apply for the scholarship:

- » Resume
- » College Transcript (official preferred)
- » 2 Letters of Recommendation
- » 1 writing sample from a public policy or another applicable course
- » 1 Page essay explaining how the applicant would benefit from receiving the scholarship and how it would allow her to honor the legacy of Jennifer Dunn Thomson

WPC is able to award multiple scholarships from a pool of \$15,000 each year. The scholarships are tiered so that there is an overall winner, but the allocation of the funds is up to the scholarship committee. This year the money went to three deserving students in \$7,500/\$5,000/\$2,500 increments. Here's a summary of past recipients, their use of the scholarship and a brief update on their current activity.

Send your application to WPC Operations Manager Braden Goodwin. Finalists will be contacted for in-person interviews with the WPC selection committee in May 2017.

Email application materials to bgoodwin@washingtonpolicy.org or mail to:

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For more information on Jennifer's life and full details on the scholarship:

www.washingtonpolicy.org/jenniferdunn

Application Deadline: April 15, 2017

Past Scholarship recipients:

2011 | SAMANTHA BOWMAN

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at the London School of Economics

Currently works in treasury management at Microsoft and serves as the President of WPC's Young Professionals Board

2012 | KENDRA CLARK

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at American University's JD/MBA program

Currently an associate attorney for Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson in the DC area.

2013 | MARINA GILOI

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Claremont McKenna University

Currently works as a Financial Performance Metrics Specialist for King County Department of Executive Services

2014 | STEPHANIE GEORGE

Use of Scholarship: Internship on Capitol Hill with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Currently pursuing her law degree at University of Montana School of Law

2015 | HAYLEY HOHMAN

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington State University

Currently pursuing her master's degree in economics at the University of Texas-Austin

2016 | SOPHIA STEELE

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington State University

Currently finishing her undergraduate degrees in Communications and Political Science and serves as the President of WPC's WSU College Club

"I am truly honored to become part of Congresswoman Dunn-Thomson's legacy. She was a model of character, integrity, and hard work that I admire and emulate in my own life."

Kendra Clark, 2012 recipient

"I applied for this scholarship because as a woman pursuing a political career in agriculture industry, I admire Congresswoman Dunn's extensive efforts to pave the way for women in politics and the example she set for women pursuing careers in any field."

Stephanie George, 2014 recipient

"The legacy of Congresswoman Dunn is that of a trailblazer who worked to make the path easier for women who would come after her. Her compassionate character and dedication to supporting constituents and building meaningful relationships is a powerful inspiration for me and other women. I am extremely grateful to receive this scholarship and honor and will use it to pursue my passion for economic sciences."

Hayley Hohman, 2015 recipient

"It is a privilege and honor to carry on the legacy of Jennifer Dunn. This scholarship will be used to further my education and I am deeply grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve."

Sophia Steele, 2016 recipient