

# 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. See the backside of this page for 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 2018.

Email application materials to [bgoodwin@washingtonpolicy.org](mailto: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](http://www.washingtonpolicy.org/jenniferdunn)

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2018**

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## Past Scholarship recipients:

### **2011 | SAMANTHA BOWMAN**

#### **Use of Scholarship: Tuition at the London School of Economics**

Currently works in treasury management at Microsoft, serves on WPC's Young Professionals Board and previously served as its President.

### **2012 | KENDRA CLARK**

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

Currently an associate attorney working in mergers and acquisitions for Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson in the D.C. area.

### **2013 | MARINA GILOI**

#### **Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Claremont McKenna University**

Following graduation Marina worked as a Financial Performance Metrics Specialist for King County Department of Executive Services. She currently works as a Process Improvement Consultant for MC2 Consulting.

### **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 while working at Gangle Law Firm, PC.

### **2015 | HAYLEY HOHMAN**

#### **Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington State University**

After earning her bachelor's degree at WSU, Hayley earned her master's degree in economics at the University of Texas-Austin. She now works as a Subsidy Research Analyst at the Department of Early Learning in Olympia, WA.

### **2016 | SOPHIA STEELE**

#### **Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington State University**

Upon graduation from WSU with degrees in Communications and Political Science, Sophia is working as a special assistant to Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

### **2017 | STEPHANIE GERO**

#### **Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington School of Law**

Will graduate from UW-Law in May and will work as an attorney for Montgomery, Purdue & Austin, a law firm in downtown Seattle. She hopes to focus her practice on transactional real estate and business law.

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*"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*

*"This scholarship has allowed me to broaden my education to include more time to interact with my peers and increased involvement in leadership roles within the law school. The application process also exposed me to the Washington Policy Center organization and the conservative voice that represents my personal beliefs, helping to give me confidence to speak about my viewpoints with others. I look forward to honoring Jennifer Dunn's legacy of leadership and unyielding dedication to free market solutions." Stephanie Gero, 2017 recipient*