

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.



Requirements:

Applicants must be female, Washington residents and enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student during the 2020-2021 academic year. They must at least be finishing their second year of education at an institution of higher learning. Applicants must hold an above-average GPA with good oral and written communication skills. Applicants do not need to be members of Washington Policy Center in order to be eligible.

To Apply:

Applicants must submit 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 at bgoodwin@washingtonpolicy.org or via mail to: Braden Goodwin, Washington Policy Center, PO Box 3643, Seattle, WA 98124-3643.

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

www.washingtonpolicy.org/jenniferdunn

Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Finalists will be contacted for in-person interviews with the WPC selection committee in May 2020.

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Past Scholarship recipients:

2011 | SAMANTHA WINTER (BOWMAN)

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at the London School of Economics

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

2012 | KENDRA CLARK

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

Currently an attorney working in mergers and acquisitions for Humana in the Louisville, KY area.

2013 | MARINA SEBRIGHT (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 worked as a Process Improvement Consultant for MC2 Consulting. She is now back at King County working as a Data and Analytics Manager.

2014 | STEPHANIE GROVER (GEORGE)

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

Earned her law degree at University of Montana School of Law and currently works as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Montana Fifth Judicial District Court.

2015 | HAYLEY HOHMAN

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at 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 Research and Data Analyst at the Office of Financial Management 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 worked as a special assistant to Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers in DC. Currently, she is a Legislative Assistant to Rep. Richard Hudson of North Carolina covering consumer protection, foreign affairs, education, immigration, and judiciary matters.

2017 | STEPHANIE GERO

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Washington School of Law

Working as an attorney for Montgomery, Purdue & Austin, a law firm in downtown Seattle. She is focusing her practice on transactional real estate and business law.

2018 | TESSA SHELTON

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Gonzaga University

Currently finishing her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Gonzaga and leading WPC's student-run club on campus.

2019 | CLAIRE ANDERSON

Use of Scholarship: Tuition at Whitworth University

Currently finishing her undergraduate degree in Political Science at Whitworth.

"I just wanted to share that I am so proud to have an affiliation with WPC. WPC is discussed among the Washington Delegation as well as other offices, with the most respected and trusted reputation. I often read "The Blog" and always appreciate the information I am able to find. I also feel a sense of happiness when I see or hear of others using WPC materials. Sophia Steele, 2016 recipient, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Richard Hudson (NC) in his DC office

"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