



# LYNN BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE LYNN BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**Lynn Brown**

*“Get things done and done right.”*

### **Background**

Lynn Brown was a true conservation leader. He served as a Wyoming Forest Ranger, the State Conservationist for NRCS in Washington for 19 years, and was elected to multiple terms as the Central Area Commissioner for the Washington State Conservation Commission. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lynn was a hunter and fisherman, a farmer, and a pilot. Lynn was known as an independent, tireless, inspirational, and creative worker. The horse depicted in the seal above is emblematic of Lynn’s character. The Latin phrase in the seal translates to “work conquers all” or “labor conquers everything.” It reflects Lynn’s belief that persistence, hard work, and dedication can overcome any obstacle or difficulty.

The Lynn Brown Memorial Scholarship was created by the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) and the Washington Conservation Society (WCS) in 2026. **WACD** helps conservation districts succeed in their work with landowners and resource managers to implement voluntary best management practices. **WCS** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting natural resource conservation efforts in Washington State by providing a philanthropic center for investments in citizen-led, voluntary-based conservation projects, activities, education, and outreach efforts.



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## Lynn Brown Memorial Scholarship Considerations

1. Annually, the Washington Conservation Society will award one scholarship in the amount of up to \$2,500 for future work in the field of natural resource conservation. The annual scholarship is subject to the availability of funds.
2. This scholarship is not available to relatives of the WCS Lynn Brown Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee.
3. This scholarship is open to anyone, regardless of age, who can demonstrate a commitment to: *"Getting things done and done right."*

## Eligibility requirements:

1. The applicant must be a resident of Washington State at the time of application.
2. Applicants may be and are not limited to:
  - a) A full-time high school senior entering their freshman year of college.
  - c) A returning college student.
  - d) A student enrolled in a technical college or certificate-granting technical training program.
  - e) A student pursuing additional education or skills to find a new job/career path resulting from employment circumstances beyond their control.
3. If the applicant is enrolled in college, preference will be given to applicants who are enrolled in an accredited college or university, or technical school, or certificate-granting program in Washington State.
4. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in planned employment in the broad field of natural resources.

NOTE: There is no age requirement or maximum age cap for applicants.

## Scholarship Application Process:

Applicants must submit an application packet comprised of:

1. Completed application form (attached)



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2. Essay of 500 to 1000 words telling the Society about your interest in conservation, what your plans for the future are, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. Particular consideration will be given if you can describe how you embody Lynn's motto of "*Getting Things Done and Done Right*" in your leadership, academic pursuits, or community involvement.
3. References. Please provide the name, phone number, and email addresses for three references. Relatives shall not be accepted as references.

**Deadline.** Applications will be accepted annually from January 1 through May 31.

Send the fully completed application packet to:

Heather Wendt, Secretary/Treasurer, Washington Conservation Society  
[waconservationsociety@gmail.com](mailto:waconservationsociety@gmail.com)

## **Selection Process:**

1. The WCS shall appoint a Lynn Brown Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee annually.
2. The Selection Committee will be provided a copy of all application packets.
3. The Selection Committee will meet in person, by phone, or by ZOOM (or similar app) to review, rank, and select one applicant to recommend to the WCS for that year's scholarship award. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, a personal interview may be conducted in person, by phone, or by ZOOM (or similar app).
4. At the summer meeting of the WCS, the WCS board shall consider the recommendation from the Selection Committee.
5. As soon as possible after WCS board action, the scholarship recipient shall be notified by letter. Applicants not selected shall be notified as well.

## **Payment:**

1. Payment of the scholarship award will be made directly to the institution in the recipient's name.
2. Payment will be authorized following receipt of verification of enrollment.



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## LYNN BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ WA, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (non-mobile): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **If a Current High School Student**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **If a Post-High School Applicant**

Name of school or program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of City and State in Which School/College/Program is Located:

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Major or Program Focus: \_\_\_\_\_

At which technical college, community college, four-year college, or certificate/degree-granting training program are you planning to use your scholarship?

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(Include a copy of your acceptance letter if you have already applied and have received your confirmation.)



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## Verification

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects. I understand that if selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in an accredited institution or program, and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution or program and used toward the cost of my education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_