

## **Empowerment Through Education Scholarship**

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1. The Empowerment Through Education Scholarship (ETES) has no deadline for application submissions. All submissions accepted will be considered.
2. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. You will be notified by email or phone call regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please email Christine Wilson  
[Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com](mailto:Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com)

**NOTE: The Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation will handle all deposits of funds to the accredited college for the selected program(s).**

Purpose: Helps men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 from economically disadvantaged backgrounds access higher education, vocational training, or professional certifications to enhance career opportunities and improve community resilience.

**Economically disadvantaged** means individuals who come from households with incomes below the regional median or who experience financial hardship that limits access to educational, vocational, or professional advancement. This may include factors such as low family income, reliance on public assistance, lack of financial assets, or other indicators of economic need.

Award Components: A scholarship may be awarded depending on the funds generated for distribution each year up to \$1,000.

### **Scholarship Criteria:**

1. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.
2. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-35.
3. Applicants must meet the economically disadvantaged criteria listed above.
4. Applicants must have a valid driver's license
5. Applicants must not have a criminal record with a felony conviction.
6. Applicants must submit current transcripts if applying for reconciliation if past tuition balance.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Completed application form.** If handwritten, please ensure all information is printed clearly and legibly.
2. **Two letters of recommendation** from individuals such as high school teachers, mentors, administrators, counselors, employers, or others who can speak to your character, achievements, and community involvement.
3. **Proof of high school completion**, such as a high school diploma or GED certificate.
4. **Copy of your current college transcript** (if applicable).
5. **Personal Essay.** Please respond to the prompt provided on the enclosed essay sheet.
6. **Oral Interview.** Qualified applicants will participate in an interview as part of the selection process.

Please email the application to: [Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com](mailto:Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com)

Please type or print your answers below. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1. Last Name:  First Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Mailing Address:
4. Phone Number:
5. High School Attended:  Year Graduated:
6. Current College:  Graduation Date:
7. College(s) Attended:
8. Year Graduated:

9. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter (i.e. personal, other scholarships, grants, student loans, and other financial resources). Include amounts of all items listed.

10. What are your educational objectives?

11. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:

12. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities

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Personal Essay: Please write or type your essay as a separate document, include your name, and mailing address at the top of the page, print or save and attach it to this application.

Your essay must be limited to 300 words, neat and legible, to be accepted with this application.

**Essay Topic (1):** What event or experience has shaped your passion for helping others, and how do you hope to make a positive impact in your community or chosen field?

**Essay Topic (2):** Everyone faces challenges at different points in their lives. Reflect on a time when you encountered significant adversity. How did you overcome the obstacles you faced, and what did you learn about yourself in the process? How has this experience influenced your approach to future challenges?

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As part of the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Scholarship program, recipients who obtain employment in the fire service agree to make a good-faith contribution back to the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc., in an amount equal to the scholarship they received, to support future scholarship recipients. All donated funds will be awarded to a future scholarship recipient in the donor's name.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any necessary purpose to promote the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Applicant Signature:

Date: