

Tacoma Elks Lodge 174



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2026

*Note Submission Deadline:
March 27, 2026 (5pm)*

FOREWORD

We are pleased to consider your application for the Tacoma Elks 174 Annual Scholarship Award. The Tacoma Elks value education very highly and strive to help deserving students further their education and achieve their goals for the betterment of all Americans. Thank you for applying to our scholarship/grant program and we wish you good luck!

**IMPORTANT
APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO**

**TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174
2013 S Cedar St
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98405**

NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM MARCH 27, 2026

Tacoma Elks Lodge 174
2026 Scholarship Application

Based on Scholarship, Leadership, and Financial Need

IMPORTANT:

Before completing, please read and follow guidelines outlined on the back page.
Applications must be filed with the Lodge before or not later than 5:00 PM March 27, 2026.

Name Last First Middle Initial Social Security #

Street Address Phone (Area) Number

City, State, Zip Email *Email you will have access to after graduation

Date of Birth Month Day Year Place of Birth City & State or Country Age Sex

Are you currently an American Citizen? Yes No (Resident Alien status does NOT qualify. Applicant MUST be a citizen on date the application is signed.)

Is any member of your family a member of the Elks (if so where, when, who and how long?) Yes No

If you were not born an American Citizen, but are a Naturalized American Citizen, give date, place (Office or Court) & Naturalization Number.

Date Place Court or Office and City & State Number

If you were not born in the United States, but are a citizen by birth, explain circumstances.

By signing this application, you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed application. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this contest.

Date: Signature (Student)

Schools attended (9th through 12th grades)

Name of School _____ Dates Attended _____

Did school offer honor courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No
 Did school offer advanced placement courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No

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Did school offer honor courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No
 Did school offer advanced placement courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No

Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ Number of students in class _____

List best ACT score (if applicable) _____ List best combined SAT score (if applicable) _____

Your College Plans

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university. Include your planned course of study.

Employment and Community Service

List jobs you have held during the past four years to Now. Include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or for a family business, even if not paid. Please list total hours worked, not average hours per week.

Kind of work	Name of Employer	Dates of Employment	Total Hours

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay during the past four years to Now.

Kind of work	Name of Agency or Organization	Dates of Participation	Total Hours of Service

Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12. State nature of award and grade won; e.g., Girl Scout Gold Award, grade 12

1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
3. _____	13. _____
4. _____	14. _____
5. _____	15. _____
6. _____	16. _____
7. _____	17. _____
8. _____	18. _____
9. _____	19. _____
10. _____	20. _____

Positions of Leadership

State name of organization, position and grade(s) position was held from grades 9 through 12, starting with most recent; e.g., Key Club President grade 11; Tennis Team Captain grade 10

1. _____	5. _____
2. _____	6. _____
3. _____	7. _____
4. _____	8. _____

Activities and Organizations you participated in for three or more years

Include all scholastic extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for at least three years during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent; e.g., Boy Scouts grades 9, 10, and 11

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Activities and Organizations you participated in for two or more years

Include all scholastic extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for at least three years during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent; e.g., 4-H grades 10,11

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Activities and Organizations you participated in for one year

Include all scholastic extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for at least one year during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent; e.g., Baseball Team grade 9

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Parental Financial Analysis

Stepfather's Name _____
 Father's Name _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____
 Stepmother's Name _____
 Mother's Name _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Custodial Parent's marital status as of today (choose one):

Mother: Married Single Widowed Divorced* Remarried** Separated*
 Father: Married Single Widowed Divorced* Remarried** Separated*

*Please indicate how long your parents have been divorced or separated _____. Please read instructions concerning custodial parent.

**Please include stepparent's income in the appropriate section and read instruction concerning custodial parent.

Whenever the word "parent" (mother or father) is used, it also means "stepparent".

What is your parents' monthly rent or mortgage payment \$ _____

- A. Father's Stepfather's last year's annual income (earned from work) \$ _____ (A)
 B. Mother's Stepmother's last year's annual income (earned from work) \$ _____ (B)
 C. Other taxable income from parent(s) last year's IRS 1040 (all Schedules) \$ _____ (C)
 D. Parent(s) adjusted gross income from last year's IRS 1040 (bottom line first page)*** \$ _____ (D)
 ***If you have not filed your tax return, you must estimate your adjusted gross income for last year's (A+B+C)
 E. All non-taxable income not included above****(including pensions, IRA/Keogh, Social Security/disability benefits, child support, rent-free housing, etc.) \$ _____ (E)
 ****For Social Security, only report benefits for parent(s), student & other siblings: Do not include benefits received by the applicant.
 F. GROSS INCOME (total of D+E) \$ _____ (F)
 (D+E)
 G. Number of dependent children living in your household _____ (G)
 Note: detail other dependent family members in parental statement
 H. Number of dependent children attending college during academic year 2026-2027 on a full-time basis (excluding the applicant) _____ (H)
 Name of family member and college(s) _____
 I. Last year's Medical and Dental Expenses not paid by insurance \$ _____ (I)
 (If over \$5,000, explain circumstances in parental statement.)
 J. Market value of home if you were to sell it today \$ _____ (J)
 Year home was purchased _____
 K. Amount of unpaid mortgage \$ _____ (K)
 L. Home Equity \$ _____ (L)
 (J-K)
 M. Business: Yes No
 Year business was started _____
 N. Market value of business if you were to sell it today \$ _____ (N)
 O. Amount of unpaid mortgage \$ _____ (O)
 P. Business Equity (N-O) \$ _____ (P)
 Q. % of ownership _____ (N-O)
 R. Value of bank accounts \$ _____ (R)
 S. Value of other investments (CD's, stocks, bonds, etc.) \$ _____ (S)
 T. Value of other rental property \$ _____ (T)
 U. Total of other assets \$ _____ (U)
 (R+S+T)
 V. TOTAL VALUE OF NET ASSETS \$ _____ (V)
 (L+P+U)
 W. Amount student has from work, savings, assets, etc. \$ _____ (W)

(\$ _____) + (\$ _____)

Application Instructions

Application Guidelines

Applicant must use the current application. It must be dated and signed by the student, parent(s) or guardian. Typed applications are preferred. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.

Completed Application

Applications must be properly bound on left side with hinges or staples in a 3-hole paper fold. Elaborate binders, clear plastic, and bulky coverings are discouraged. The completed application should not exceed 20 pages.

Employment and Community Service

List jobs held and community service performed for during the past four years. Please list total hours worked, not average hours per week.

Honors and Awards

In the Honors and Awards section, do not include awards such as Academic Letter, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Scout Merit Badges, Teen of the Month, Top Percent of Class, and Who's Who. This list is not inclusive. Activity sheets are acceptable replacements for the Employment and Community Service section and must be structured identically to the application.

Applicant Essay

The applicant must prepare an essay of 350 words or less stating: Role leadership has played in your high school accomplishments, determining career aspirations, achieving these life goals, and preparing for college. **The essay must be dated and signed.**

Parental Financial Statement

The parent/guardian must prepare a statement of 200 words or less summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement needs to illustrate the applicant's need for financial assistance and the inability to meet these needs.

The statement must be signed and dated.

Note: Statement may exceed 200 words if parent has been asked to explain extenuating circumstances regarding non-custodial parent (see Custodial Parent) or if there are extenuating medical circumstances.

Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores

Include official, complete, current high school transcripts of student grades. Transcripts may be photocopies that bear the original signature of the proper school authority.

SAT or ACT test scores are OPTIONAL, and may be photocopies. If recorded on official transcript, a separate copy is not necessary. Use one set of ACT scores only, or up to two sets of SAT scores.

Letters of Recommendation

Include one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher. The letter may cover applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality, and integrity.

Include one letter of recommendation from a responsible community member. The person should not be related to the applicant. The letter may cover applicant's participation in the community in-terms of work service, leadership skills, and outstanding recognition.

Letters are to be originals, limited to one side of a single sheet (8.5 by 11-inch) of paper, typed, **dated, and signed by the author.**

Exhibits

Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities, but avoid repetition.

Application Checklist (Please arrange items in this order.)

- Completed Application (original, typed or neatly printed)
- Applicant's Essay
- Parental Financial Analysis
- Parental Financial Statement
- Transcript of Grades from school currently attending
- SAT/ACT scores, OPTIONAL
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Exhibits

Tacoma Elks Lodge 174 Scholarship Guidelines

Eligibility

Any student in the graduating class of a high school, or its related equivalent, who is a resident within the jurisdiction of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, may file an application. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed.

Application Process

This application must be filed with the Lodge Scholarship Chairman. Only one application may be filed. The final date for filing completed applications with the Lodge is March 27, 2026.

We require a Social Security number for our records.

After completing this application, make a photocopy for your records. All applications become the property of the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174.

Scoring

The following Merit Standards will prevail:
Scholarship ACT/SAT scores 450 points
Leadership Honor/Awards 350 points
Positions of Leadership
Organization Participation
Employment/Community Service
Overall Application
Financial Need 200 points
Total 1000 points

Awards

All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by the Tacoma Elks Lodge, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate degree program in an accredited US American college or university. (For the first two years of the four-year program, the student may enroll at a two-year college.) Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, a check for the amount of the award will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student.

Custodial Parent

If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions for the parent you lived with the most in the past 12 months. If you lived with both parents an equal number of days in the past 12 months, you would count the parent who provided you with the greatest amount of support, financial as well as material. Material things would include cards, clothing, medical and dental payment, etc. If that parent has remarried, you must include the stepparent's information.

Note: If family has divorced or separated within the past five years and the custodial parent has not remarried, applicant must provide financial information of non-custodial parent. If whereabouts are unknown or non-custodial parent is unwilling to comply, please explain in parental statement.

Independent Student

We will not accept an applicant as an independent student unless the student is or has been a ward of the Court. We require a copy of a Court Document or a Notarized letter from an appropriate Court Agency (Social Services) certifying to such status.

Are you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) interested in joining the Elks or learning more about the Elks and its charitable work?

There is no obligation. yes no

Name _____ Phone No. _____