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2027 AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Opportunity

The City of Poulsbo invites civic-minded, college-bound high school students to apply to become the Poulsbo nominee for the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) scholarship awarded by the Center for Quality Communities. The AWC Center for Quality Communities helps residents to understand the important role cities and towns play in Washington. The Center promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement and works to support students who demonstrate community leadership and commitment to their city.

The Mayor and City Council of Poulsbo care about developing our younger generations into future leaders. Poulsbo wants to highlight their hard work by nominating a student to compete for the Center for Quality Communities (CQC) annual scholarships. For 2027, the CQC is awarding up to four $4,000 awards. It is an honor for a student to be recognized by their local city, and to reflect this the Mayor and City Council have collectively donated a separate $600 award as a scholarship to the nominee.

Eligible applicants are high school students residing in the North Kitsap School District who are active in community leadership and civic service, who are eligible to earn a high school diploma or GED in 2027, and who plan to attend college for the upcoming academic year. The deadline to submit applications to the City of Poulsbo is **December 15th, 2026**, and the deadline for the City to bring forward our nominee to the AWC is January 25th, 2027.

Interested parents or teachers can request these instructions be sent directly by emailing cityclerks@poulsbo.gov. Students and their parents should use cityclerks@poulsbo.gov to submit their applications for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship.

Submitted applications must include all three of the following materials:

(a) An email containing parent or guardian information, current school, email address, phone number, and physical address. Note that applicants must live inside the North Kitsap School District boundary.

(b) A completed CQC application.

(c) A letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader (not a family member) attesting to the student's civic engagement in the local community.

Once submitted, applications will be reviewed in December, and finalists will be invited to meet with the interview panel during the first or second week of January. The student nominee will be presented to the Poulsbo City Council by the Mayor at the January 20, 2027 Poulsbo City Council meeting. Applicants should reserve that Wednesday's Council meeting on their calendars.

For more information about the scholarship, please go to https://wacities.org/cqc-home/scholarship-recipients .

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