

Wisconsin Head Start Association Parent Affiliate 2011 Positive Opportunities for Parents (POP) Scholarship

Who is eligible?

- Any current Early Head Start or Head Start parent or guardian (a person legally responsible for a child) who is enrolled in or planning on attending an accredited education institution or job training center. Proof of enrollment is required to receive the scholarship.
- Applicants may *not* be previous POP Scholarship (or any WHSA Scholarship) recipients.
- Current HS/EHS staff members are *not* eligible for a POP Scholarship. If you are a current staff member we encourage you to apply for one of the WHSA Staff Affiliate Scholarships.

Amount of Scholarship

The scholarship award is \$350. The award can be used for course fees, books, childcare, and/or transportation. One scholarship each will be awarded to three individuals.

Who determines eligibility and who selects the recipients?

The selection committee, made up of members of the Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSA) Parent Affiliate, will determine the eligibility of each applicant and determines three candidates to receive the scholarships. Applicants, those related to an applicant, or those who have a “relationship of significance” with an applicant, will be excluded from this review/selection process. The Parent Affiliate selection committee submits its candidate selections to the WHSA Board of Directors, which makes final approval of the recipients.

Criteria Used for Selection

Criteria used for selection includes the applicants’ personal and professional achievements, Head Start and community involvement, need (financial, extenuating circumstances, etc.), and educational and career goals.

How do I apply?

Applications will be made available at each grantee/delegate location through program Directors and will also be available on the WHSA website, www.whsaonline.org. Applications must include the applicant’s Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director’s signature to be considered complete. All completed applications--no exceptions--must be received by the WHSA office no later than Friday, May 27, 2011.

Where do I send my application?

Please mail or fax completed applications to the Wisconsin Head Start Association at:

Wisconsin Head Start Association
122 E. Olin Avenue, Suite 110
Madison, WI 53713
FAX: 608-442-7672

Who can answer my questions?

WHSA staff is happy to answer your questions about POP Scholarship eligibility and the application process. Please call the office at 608-442-6879 or email your inquiry to Molly at kovarik@whsaonline.org.