



Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

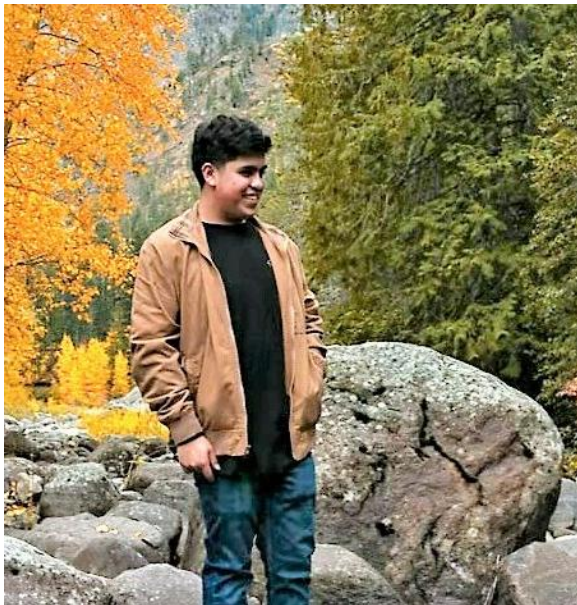


Dennise Aguilar Cano - \$ 1,600.00

University of Washington

Throughout my school years, I always knew I wanted to pursue higher education. For me, it wasn't a question of if I would go to college, but rather a question of how I would make it happen financially. My parents did not have a college fund for me so I was very unsure about how I would fund my schooling. Both of them work low-paying, backbreaking jobs in fruit packing plants. They never received the opportunity to attend high school, let alone higher education. Showing my appreciation for the endless sacrifices my parents have done for me is one of my many motivations to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Going to college has always been a dream for me and my family, and your scholarship is helping that dream come true! I am so thankful for your scholarship and the potential you see in me. Because of your scholarship, I am able to go to college.



Diego Cuevas-Bielmas - \$ 1,600.00

Central Washington University

I am blessed for having won this scholarship, I am grateful for the people who sponsor and donate for students like me to get a chance to alleviate the stress of furthering their education. I am one of 7 children in my family, although I have 3 older brothers, I will be the first to attend a university which is quite nerve-wracking but exciting in many ways. I get to show my 3 younger sisters that it is possible and not out of reach. Two of them are 16 & 17 which means they will attend college shortly after me, this puts my parents in a tough financial position to support the 3 of us over several years. This scholarship will help significantly with this and once again I am very blessed to have these types of opportunities available to me.



Cesar Bedolla-Hurtado - \$ 1,600.00
Washington State University

This scholarship is able to help me be financially secure. I do not have to worry about financial hardships due to the assistance of this award!



Estephani Flores-Quintero - \$ 1,600.00
Wenatchee Valley College

As a first generation college student, the idea of paying for college was always a worry of mine. When I discovered that I was a recipient for this scholarship, though, the fear I had began to subside. The dream I have had to pursue a higher education is becoming reality thanks to the generous donors and volunteers in the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. The scholarship is much more than financial support to me; it is helping me pursue and achieve my goals of helping and giving back to the community as a nurse.



Kylee Weems- \$ 1,600.00
Wenatchee Valley College

I am grateful to have the opportunity to further my education with help of the community and committees that have chosen me. It means a lot to my family and I, and we are very thankful.



David Guzman Valente - \$ 1,600.00

University of Washington

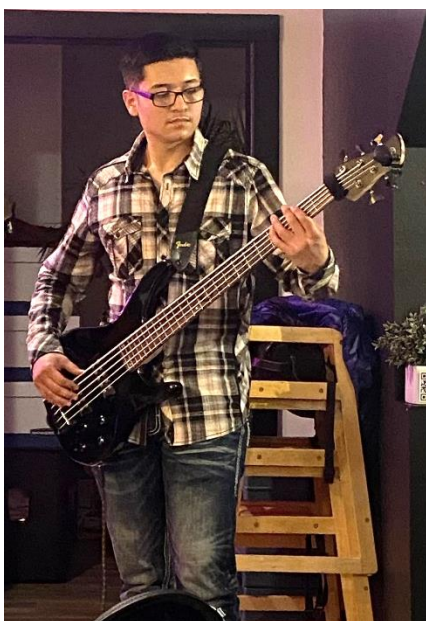
On behalf of my entire family, I'd like to thank everyone who made this scholarship possible. This scholarship is significant to me because of the stress it relieves off my shoulders. I've worked hard for four years and this scholarship has been a breath of fresh air. The biggest challenge that I had looking toward universities was the cost of tuition and all of these scholarships truly leave me without words. I'm not sure what else I can say but thank you for accepting me, and I hope to make each and every person who made this possible proud one day. I am truly thankful for everything.



Mireya Lopez-Mercado - \$ 1,600.00

Washington State University

The last few years have been nothing but perseverance. My father almost seized me when I first arrived at college. The NCW community foundation saved my family from financial tribulation and pressure. Now that I'm in my final year of college and have a scholarship to help me achieve my dream of graduating from university. I am overjoyed at the prospect of furthering my education. I am excited to announce that I will study abroad in Barcelona, Spain in the fall of 2023. Donations allow students like me to continue learning about the world. I intend to use this experience to make students doubt their ability to achieve the impossible. Many students want to learn about and explore various cultural differences and landmarks. I am permitted to do so, and it will remain with me for the rest of my life. Thank you very much.



Jose Pena Rodriguez - \$ 1,600.00

Washington State University

I want to start by saying thank you for this opportunity you have given me because thanks to you I can pursue higher education and open a door for myself that my parents didn't have. I'm thankful for this opportunity because it will help me a lot. You see when I started high school I did think I was going to be able to finish it or even go to college. I pushed myself a lot every day thinking and hoping I would be able to. As graduation started coming around the corner I thought I had a chance and that's when I thought I didn't have the money to go to college. I went out of my way to try and fill out as many scholarships as I could since I knew there was no way I could come up with that amount of money. Thankfully y'all were able to give a chance and you don't know how thankful I was for this opportunity y'all have given me.



Coby Riches - \$ 1,600.00
Western Washington University

My goal of becoming a medical doctor will take up much of my life for the next decade. And while that has never scared me, the idea of struggling to financially survive has. With no family members to be able to rely on, scholarships like this undoubtedly make a huge difference in my ability to take care of myself as I study to achieve my biggest dreams. The generosity of the people who never knew I existed before this year is extraordinary to me. Thank you for believing in me enough to give me such wonderful support. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.



Jizelle Torres Bazan - \$ 1,600.00
Boise State University

This scholarship has supported me in my journey to becoming a nurse. Because of your scholarship, I am able to be financially supported and be encouraged to continue pursuing my dreams as a nurse. I am able to continue my education and receive my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Thank you!



Carmen Valencia Gonzalez - \$ 1,600.00
Central Washington University

This scholarship is very meaningful to me because it helps me with my financial aid instability, it provides a bountiful amount of support for me by focusing on my schooling and not stressing about how I will pay to attend school. This scholarship will open doors for my future because you believe in me that I can finish school and receive the degree that I am working towards. Which is a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health, and Minor in Family Science, with this degree I hope to pursue being a Public Health Educator. I want to help families who are seeking help to be the best they can be for themselves and it is my job to help them through that process, and believe in them as you have believed in me. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments that you may have and I will gladly answer them. I am currently halfway done with my degree and will graduate in June of 2024. I am beyond excited for what the future has in store, I cannot thank you enough for your help with my education. I owe all of my future successes to you for believing in me that I can make a difference in this world.

Also awarded, but college decision and thank you not submitted yet:
Nicolas Lopez Banuelos - \$ 1,600.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND OVERVIEW

The mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is to improve educational opportunities for citizens living in the Greater Wenatchee area. This scholarship supports current and prior graduates from Wenatchee area enrolling as full-time students in college or university who demonstrates services to others, leadership, academic strength or improvement, and financial need.

<i>Scholarship Established:</i>	4/14/2016
<i>Number of Applications in 2023:</i>	50
<i>Total Scholarships Awarded for 2023:</i>	\$ 19,200.00
<i>Total Scholarships Awarded to Date*:</i>	\$ 149,975.00
<i>Number of Recipients to Date:</i>	85

**Actual amount paid may differ from amount awarded.*

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