

The 2025-2026 AFT Washington/ Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria and Application Guidelines

The AFT Washington/Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt Scholarship was initiated in partnership with Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP, a Seattle-based labor law firm, in recognition of our close alliance in working toward improved education and labor rights for the working people of Washington State and the members of AFT Washington.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be either a current member in good standing of an AFT Washington local or chapter, or the spouse/domestic partner, or child/dependent of a current member.
- Applicant must plan to pursue education and/or career development goals at an institution of higher education during the 2025-2026 academic year for the purpose of obtaining a degree or certification.

Application Guidelines

Each applicant must submit an application packet, **which must be received by 11:59 PM on Friday, August 15th, 2025, to meet the application deadline.** Completed application packets include the following:

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application Form. Please make sure responses are legible. Any application that cannot be read will not be considered.
- ☐ A minimum of two recommendations addressing your abilities and your work or study experience.
- ☐ A copy of your most recent transcript(s) - high school or college, whichever is available.
- ☐ A personal essay on the topic of how your education and career goals will enable you to contribute to the labor movement and improve the lives of working people. **Addressing the topic is extremely important and will make a difference in how your application is evaluated.** Your personal essay should be 400-600 words in length, typed, and double spaced with standard sized font and margins. Essays will be held to a college-level standard for accurate spelling, sentence structure, and grammar.

For more information call: 206-242-4777

Email to:

AFT Washington/BIL Scholarship
Committee: aftwashington@aftwa.org

Important

Your financial aid package may be affected if you receive a scholarship. Applicants will be notified of scholarship status by **Friday, August 29, 2025.**

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At least two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be **distributed when the scholarship winners send a copy of their 2025-2026 college acceptance letter or enrollment confirmation** to the address below.

Checklist of Application Materials

Please submit your completed, original application packet. The packet must include the items listed under the Application Guidelines. (click the box to check off as you go)

- ☐ Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ Recommendations
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Personal Essay

Submit original application materials to:

AFT Washington/BIL Scholarship Committee
604 Oakesdale Ave. SW, Suite 103
Renton, WA 98057

Applications and supporting documents must be RECEIVED in the AFT Washington office NO LATER THAN 11:59 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Scholarship Application

Name (Last, First, M.I.):

Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Home Email:

Are you a member of an AFT Washington local? Yes

No

If yes, give your local name and number:

If no, give the name of your spouse, domestic partner, parent, or guardian who is an AFT Washington local member:

AFT Washington local name and number of the person named above:

If you're not sure of the local name and number, you can find it on our website: <http://wa.aft.org/locals>.

Academic Information

1. What college do you plan to attend during the 2025 - 2026 academic year?
2. What is your intended field of study, what type of degree or certificate you are going for, and what are your current career goals?
3. What is your current cumulative high school or college GPA? If you do not have this information, please explain:
- Please list the volunteer experience, club participation, leadership organizations, and/or community service activities you have been involved in over the last two years and your approximate hours per month:

Activity	Approximate hours per month

Employment Experience

Please write a brief statement about your employment experiences:

I hereby certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application will not be considered unless all required sections are complete, all required materials are attached, and the application is signed and dated. I understand that the scholarships are competitive and that every eligible applicant will not receive an award. I also understand that applications are confidential and that my application materials will not be returned.

Signature

Date

Voluntary Information

The AFT Washington/Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt Scholarship does not discriminate on the basis of gender or gender identity, race, age, sexual orientation, nationality, physical ability, religion, or military service. We are gathering information about our scholarship applicants to improve our program. This information is confidential and voluntary.

Gender

Female

☐

Male

☐

Non-binary

☐

Other

☐

Date of Birth

Ethnic Origin

☐ Latin American/Latinx/Chicanx

☐ African American/African/Afro-Caribbean

☐ Alaska Native/Native American

☐ Asian/Asian American

☐ Caucasian/European American/European

☐ Other (Specify)

Are you a resident of the State of Washington?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Are you an international student studying under an F-1 or M-1 student visa?

Yes

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No

☐

Did either of your parents (or guardians) graduate from a four-year college or university?

Yes

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No

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