



About the Western Hardwood Association (WHA)

WHA is a non-profit association with the mission of being an "Authoritative resource for a sustainable, profitable, and growing Western hardwood industry." The association was founded in 1955 to assist western US hardwoods to a position of prominence in the manufacturing of fine furniture, cabinets, doors, and pallets. We have a diverse membership that includes sawmills, manufacturers, remanufacturers, pallet producers, wholesalers, landowners, timber owners and service organizations (e.g., freight companies, truckers, consultants, etc.). WHA represents all western hardwoods, helping its members through Education Programs, Networking, Political Support, Newsletters and other industry specific programs.

2024 WHA Scholarships

THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The WHA Scholarship award reflects the association's commitment to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a career in the western hardwood and affiliated industries. The 2024 awards will consist of at least 2 scholarships for up to \$2,500 each. Additional scholarships could be awarded depending on the quality of the submissions. Scholarship awards are in the form of checks made payable to the student.

In addition to the scholarship awards, a list of the scholarship nominees will be distributed to all members of the WHA. These companies will be encouraged to consider these nominees when making their summer and full-time hiring decisions. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the WHA and learn of the many diverse career opportunities the industry has to offer.

ELIGIBILITY

Student must be:

- a citizen or permanent legal resident of the US, Canada or Mexico.
- enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate study for the spring of 2025.
- enrolled in one of the following academic majors:
 - Forestry
 - Renewable Materials
 - Wood Science
 - Natural Resources
 - Environmental Science
 - Product Design

TIMELINE

- March 27, 2024: Deadline for applications
- April 2024: The WHA Board of Directors selects scholarship recipients and award amounts.
- May 2024: Award recipients announced in the WHA newsletter and notification letters mailed.
- Summer 2024: Scholarship checks will be presented at WHA Annual Convention.

INFORMATION and FORMS

To apply for the WHA Scholarship Award, please mail the following to:

Western Hardwood Association

PO Box 1095

Camas, WA 98607

Application Form

Official Transcript

Advisor Recommendation letter

For more information, contact [Dave Sweitzer](#), WHA Secretary/Manager

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