

WASHINGTON WHEAT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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High school seniors apply today.

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509-659-0610

Deadline: October 15, 2017

This is a program of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers
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Washington Wheat Ambassador Leadership Program Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Washington Wheat Ambassador. This program is sponsored by the Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG), and it is available to children of WAWG members living in Washington state. The program is designed to provide young adults with an excellent leadership and scholarship opportunity. It is also designed to increase the public's understanding of the wheat industry and how farming affects their daily life as consumers.

Two candidates will be selected as Washington Wheat Ambassadors. A **\$2,500** scholarship will be awarded to the top Ambassador, and a scholarship of **\$2,000** will be awarded to one alternate Ambassador. Both Ambassadors will be expected to participate in various activities and opportunities.

Term:

Washington Wheat Ambassadors are expected to make a 12 month commitment starting November 2017 and ending November 2018. There are some required activities scheduled throughout the year, most are in the winter months. Travel and meals will be compensated.

Required Event	Location	Date
WAWG annual dinner	Spokane, Wash.	November 9, 2017
Advocacy trip	Olympia, Wash.	January 2018

In addition to the required events, Ambassadors are highly encouraged to take part in at least 2 other leadership opportunities. These events include, but are not limited to, Ag Expo, Kennewick and/or Spokane Farm Fair, and a hometown school presentation. We also invite the Ambassadors to take part in WAWG & WWF Board Meetings at the conclusion of the term.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be the child of a WAWG member living in Washington state
- Must be a high school senior with a cumulative 3.3 GPA or higher and who plans to attend a two or four year college immediately after high school
- Must be available to attend various activities throughout term
- Must have a genuine desire to promote agriculture and to help others better understand the value and importance of the industry

General Ambassador Responsibilities:

- Promote and represent the wheat industry at local, regional and state venues
- Network with and present to outside groups
- Actively participate in various face to face meetings and events



Washington Wheat Ambassador

Benefits and Application Process

Benefits:

- Scholarship opportunity
- Opportunity to further develop confidence in leadership, communication and organizational skills
- Increased knowledge of the Washington wheat and grain industry

Application Process:

The Washington Wheat Ambassador Program coordinates the selection of candidates to ensure that a similar, fair and equitable process is followed. **Applications must be sent to the WAWG office at 109 E. First Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169 postmarked no later than October 15, 2017.**

Selection, State Banquet and Presentation Process:

An anonymous selection committee will judge all applications. The top two candidates will be notified of their selection as Washington Wheat Ambassadors by November 1, 2017.

The Ambassadors will then be required to attend the Washington Association of Wheat Growers' annual state dinner and awards banquet held on **November 9th, 2017** in Spokane, Washington. The Ambassadors and their parents will be welcomed by their Ambassador Advisor and other Ambassador Program personnel, as well as wheat industry leaders.

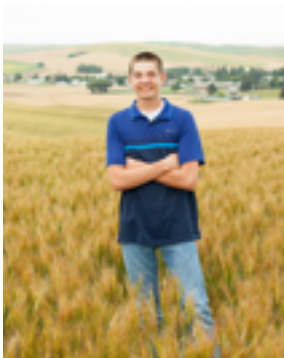
Each Ambassador will be required to give up to a four minute speech on an agriculture-related topic of their choice at the banquet. At the conclusion of the banquet, the top Ambassador will be announced.

Thank you to our 2016-17 Washington Wheat Ambassadors!

Nicholas Schultheis

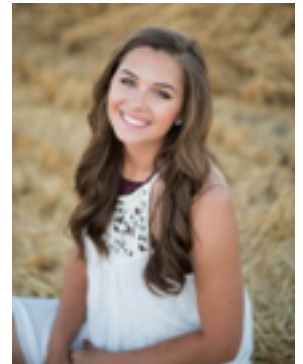
Colton, WA

"Agriculture is not just about growing crops or producing livestock. A major component is the work done behind the scenes. It is a privilege to be given the chance to represent the Washington Association of Wheat Growers."



Tessa Jantz Ritzville, WA

"Advocating for ag is a different experience from working in the field. I was privileged to talk about the importance of this industry. I'm thankful to have been chosen one of the Washington Wheat Ambassadors."





2017-2018 Washington Wheat Ambassador Leadership Program Application

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Application must be postmarked by October 15, 2017

Contact: Lori Williams
(509) 659-0610 or (509) 650-7018

MAIL COMPLETED PACKET TO:

Washington Association of Wheat Growers
Attn: Washington Wheat Ambassador Program
109 E. First Ave.
Ritzville, WA 99169

Completed Ambassador application packets must include the following:

- Application
- High school transcript
- Three letters of reference
- Response to essay questions
- Amateur introduction video
- Signed rules page

Application & High School Transcript

Three Letters of reference:

- Two from wheat industry representatives
- One from a civic/community leader

Essay questions:

In addition to the application, please answer the following questions, type-written:

1. Write a short paragraph about yourself.
2. Describe in detail the top civic/community activities and other extra curricular activities in which you actively participate.
3. What are your college goals? What do you plan to do after college?
4. How has your life been influenced by agriculture and the wheat industry?
5. What qualities do you feel you will bring to the Ambassador Program if you are selected?
6. What do you feel are the three greatest issues or challenges facing the agricultural industry today?

Amateur introduction video:

In addition to the application, please submit a brief introductory video (1 minute) that allows the judges to know you better personally. The video does not need to be professionally edited, but you should take the opportunity to showcase your background and interests. It can be as simple as standing in a wheat field and introducing yourself using a smartphone.

The video should be sent in a common video file format such as .mpg or .mov. Please use a flash drive for submission.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Washington County _____

Gender: Male Female

Cumulative GPA: _____

Parents' Names: _____

High School: _____

I have read, understand and accept the program rules of conduct (see following page) and if selected as a 2017-2018 Washington Wheat Ambassador I will make every reasonable attempt to follow through with all responsibilities and expectations associated with this program.

Signature of candidate

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN UNDERSTANDING

I have read, understand and accept the program rules of conduct as a potential parent/guardian of a 2017-2018 Washington Wheat Ambassador.

Signature of parent/guardian

DATE

Washington Wheat Ambassador

INFORMATION AND RULES

Every Washington Wheat Ambassador becomes a representative of the highest ideals of the people of the Washington wheat industry. What is said or done is magnified many times, for good or bad. The simple rules listed below have been developed to make each Ambassador's task a pleasant one.

Along with the honor of being selected as a Washington Wheat Ambassador, there are certain obligations and rules to be followed.

1. Each Ambassador must be a senior in high school, no older than 19 years of age.
2. Entrant must never have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense.
3. Public appearances, publicity, endorsements, gifts, photographs, etc. must have the specific approval of the Ambassador Program officials prior to any commitments.
4. While serving in official capacities, your activities and time will be organized by Ambassador Program personnel. Ambassadors and their family members will be expected to cooperate with Ambassador Program management, staff, advisors and designated persons in charge of official Ambassador activities. Official appearances by Ambassadors will be chaperoned.
5. While participating in the Washington Wheat Ambassador program there is a zero tolerance policy for illegal, inappropriate and/or unsuitable behavior.
6. Courtesy and respect should be practiced at all times. Ambassadors should model good behavior, act inclusively and demonstrate sound judgement. Our goal is to have a positive experience for the public and the Ambassadors. Ambassadors are highly visible and comments from the public reflect on them in particular and on the Washington Association of Wheat Growers as well as the entire agriculture industry.
7. The Ambassador Program will furnish a portion of the clothing required as an Ambassador. The Ambassadors are required to keep their professional wardrobe ready and available at all times. Clothing will be worn in the style determined by Ambassador Program personnel. The Ambassadors following successful completion of their responsibilities may keep clothing provided by the Ambassador Program.
8. Upon successfully completing the duties as an Ambassador, each Ambassador will receive their scholarships which will be sent to the educational institution of their choice and may be used for tuition as well as books. The scholarship must be used within the first year or must be returned to the Washington Association of Wheat Growers.
9. Ambassadors will also be required to assist with the 2018-2019 Ambassador Program slated for November 2018. Duties would include recruiting applicants and offering insight.



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