

Thurston Climate Action Scholarship

The Thurston Climate Action Scholarship Fund was established by Jim Lazar to assist high school students in Thurston County that are planning to pursue an undergraduate education in a field related to climate action, including, but not limited to, natural science, economics, public administration, journalism, and political science. Up to \$4,000 award

Eligibility & Criteria

- Junior or Senior from a public high school in Thurston County planning to attend a 2 or 4-yr college or university on a full-time basis in the academic year following award application year
- Planning to pursue studies related to climate action
- Demonstrated engagement with climate action while in high school
 - E.g. through climate action club, environmental club, Sunrise Movement, climate strike events, or other engagement in climate politics
 - *Previous arrest record related to political activity is not a barrier*

Application Required Items:

Personal Statement

- Write a short statement indicating your reasons for wanting to pursue a post-secondary education related to climate action, including a description of your climate action engagement while in high school. Please include an indication of how this scholarship will contribute to your future career goals and any other information that will show the Scholarship Selection Committee you are a strong candidate for the scholarship (e.g. outstanding attributes, talents, service to school or community, commitment to pursuing educational goals, motivation, and/or family circumstances). (Minimum word count: 300)

Two Letters of Recommendation

- Letters of Recommendation should remark on the applicant's overall character, achievement, and promise. Letters can be from an employer, church official, or community member, but at least one must be from a teacher, advisor, or administrator.
 - A successful letter of recommendation will address the student's engagement in and commitment to climate action

Grade Transcript

- Most recent grade transcript. Unofficial are accepted.