



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter 2025 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Scholarship Application

The Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association is offering two \$3,000 CDL scholarships to current public works employees or people seeking a job in public works. Maintenance & Operations is a crucial component of public works departments. They are the frontline employees and first responders that ensure our infrastructure systems are safe and functional.

Many M&O positions require a commercial driver's license, but the cost of the CDL classes can be prohibitive for employees. The APWA Washington Chapter wants to support the continued growth of M&O departments and employees through this annual CDL scholarship. The scholarship will reimburse individuals up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of the CDL training. Applicants may apply at any time during the year and applications will be reviewed within 30 days.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1 The application process is open to current public works employees who need a CDL to advance in their career or people seeking a position in public works and need a CDL as a condition of their employment.
- 2 The applicant shall be currently enrolled in a CDL class, have completed a CDL class in the last 6 months, or are intending to enroll in the next 6 months from the date of the application.

The applicant must be a WA state resident who is working or seeking work in WA state.

Instructions for Reimbursement

- 1 Applicants must submit proof of registration and a receipt for payment to APWA in order to be reimbursed. Please send required documentation to reasurer.APWA.WA@gmail.com.
- 2 APWA shall not be responsible for any cost of the training program that exceeds \$1,000. If the cost of the chosen training program exceeds \$1,000, awardee shall be responsible for any additional costs and expenses.

Application Instructions

Please fill-in the following application completely.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format (PDF).

No hard copies will be accepted.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis year round.

Applications shall be emailed to J
Liam Olsen, APWA Scholarship
Committee Chair
liam.olsen@jacobs.com



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter 2025 CDL Scholarship Application

General Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Telephone

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Email Address

Work History

Current Employer

Months of Service

Address

Supervisor

Telephone

Duties/Responsibilities

May we contact this employer? Yes No



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter 2025 CDL Scholarship Application

Former Employer

Months of Service

Address

Supervisor

Telephone

Duties/Responsibilities

May we contact this employer? Yes No

Former Employer

Months of Service

Address

Supervisor

Telephone

Duties/Responsibilities

May we contact this employer? Yes No



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter 2025 CDL Scholarship Application

Essay Questions

Please respond to each essay question in a separate document - PDF or Word Documents are acceptable. 300 words max per essay.

- 1 Are you currently a public works employee? If so, what do you like or appreciate about your career in public works? If not, why do you want a career in public works?
- 2 How does a CDL improve your ability to do your job or advance in your career?
How will your CDL help your employer?
- 3 What special circumstances affect your need for financial assistance?

Applicant Signature

Date
