



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter Jack Pittis Memorial Scholarship Application – 2026

The Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association is offering **\$10,000** and **\$5,000** scholarships to honor Jack Pittis. Jack was an active member of APWA, a past Chapter President, and a friend who is greatly missed. Jack’s legacy was one of leadership, commitment to his community, and dedication to his role as a public servant.

Public works is all around us. As an industry, it provides drinking water, roads and bridges, sewer and stormwater systems, snow and ice removal, garbage and recycling services, environmental protections, other transportation systems such as railroad, airports, and ferries, and even emergency response to major disasters. Public works operatives work for both the government (cities, counties, and state) and consulting firms. Public works offers a huge variety of jobs such as engineer, surveyor, environmental scientist, GIS specialist, communicator, graphic artist, writer, mechanic, equipment operator, accountant, HR professional, administrative professional, and many others.

The Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is seeking scholarship applicants who exhibit a devotion to career and community similar to Jack Pittis and students who are pursuing a future in the public works industry. The first place candidate will receive the \$10,000 scholarship and the runner up will receive the \$5,000 scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1 The application process is open to undergraduates currently enrolled in four-year degree programs and full-time students in community colleges that will be enrolled in a four-year institution as an entering junior or senior as of Fall 2026. Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university in the State of Washington. Students enrolled in an out-of-state school will not be eligible.
- 2 To be eligible for consideration, the applicant shall be majoring in a field related to Public Works (Civil, Structural, Transportation, or Environmental Engineering, Construction Management, Environmental Science, Communications, Public Administration, etc.).
- 3 The applicant shall be an entering Junior or Senior as of the Fall 2026 school year.
- 4 The applicant shall meet the respective school’s definition of full time standing for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 5 Evaluation criteria will include scholastic achievement, a dedication to community involvement, activities and interests beyond the classroom, and demonstrated knowledge of the public works industry.

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 due no later than Friday, June 19, 2026.

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



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General Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Email Address

Telephone

Educational Background

High School

School Name

Graduation Date

Location (City, State)

College/University

School Name

GPA

Location (City, State)

Status - Fall Term, 2026

Junior Senior

Expected Date of Graduation/Completion (Month, Year)



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Work History

Current/Last 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



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Scholarships

Scholarships in effect for the upcoming year (description and amount):

Should you win, describe the impact this scholarship would have in supporting your education.

Activities, Achievements, and Honors

Activities, organizations, societies, etc. (on and off campus). Include activities that you are involved with. For example: volunteer work, sports, community involvement, working with youth groups, etc.



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Essay Questions

Please respond to both essay questions on a separate sheet. 500 words max per essay.

- 1 Tell us about an interesting class you've taken so far in your college career and how it relates to the public works industry. What inspired you about the class? What was the most important thing you learned in the class and how do you think what you learned will apply to real-world public works challenges?
- 2 Jack Pittis was passionate about APWA and a dedicated volunteer for the organization. What do you know about APWA and how do you see yourself getting involved in the organization? Do you see ways you could use your knowledge, experience and passion for public works outside the workplace to create a better community?

Applicant Signature

Date