



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

wha@westernhardwood.org

(360)835-1600

OR

Scott Leavengood, WHA Board Member

Oregon Wood Innovation Center

119 Richardson Hall

Corvallis, OR 97331

(541)737-4212

scott.leavengood@oregonstate.edu



**Western Hardwood Association
2024 Scholarship Application Form**

Applicant _____

Permanent Address _____ Telephone _____

City, State/Province, Postal Code _____

Email _____

School Name _____

Applicant's School Address _____ Telephone _____

City, State/Province, Postal Code _____

Birth Date _____ Citizenship (Country) _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE – please provide an official transcript.

University Grade Point Average _____

Major Discipline Grade Point Average _____

Academic Class 2024 (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Post Graduate) _____

Do you have any employment commitments after graduation? If so, please describe.

EDUCATION

School	Name of School	Years Attended	Graduate? Yes/No	Field of Study	Degree
High School					
College/Univ.					
Graduate School					
Trade School					
Other					



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2024 Scholarship Application Form**

Please answer each of the following questions:

Tell us a bit about yourself – what sparked your interest in forestry and the forest products industry? And what makes you a good candidate for this scholarship?

Describe some of the ways your field of study can help benefit the wood products industry, including the hardwood industry?

What does the term sustainability mean to you? What role can forestry play in sustainability?



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What are your thoughts on the role of fire in managing forests?

What are your thoughts about mixed species vs monocultures in forestry?



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