



S.W. (Bill) Preston Scholarship

The *S.W. (Bill) Preston Scholarship*, offered by Preston Premium Wines and Preston Vineyards through the Washington Wine Industry Foundation, is offering an annual \$3,000 scholarship to be awarded to students interested in the study of viticulture or enology and who are enrolled or planning to enroll in such programs at a Washington college or university.

Bill Preston was a visionary in the young Washington wine industry helping to create infrastructure for the Washington Wine Institute to the Tri-Cities Wine Festival...even to the extent of monetarily supporting the Festival in hard times. This long-running wine festival is now over 30 years old. Bill has been recognized by his peers for his contributions including being the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers as well as the first recipient of the Legends of Washington Hall of Fame. He has also been named to the Ag Hall of Fame at the Pasco Chamber of Commerce.

The Preston family hopes the person receiving the S.W. (Bill) Preston Scholarship will enjoy the wine industry as much as Bill did and continue to promote and enhance this agricultural phenomenon in Washington State.

Scholarship guidelines include:

- ❖ For students who are enrolled or are planning to enroll in viticulture or enology programs.
- ❖ Graduated high school seniors qualify.
- ❖ School must be located in the State of Washington.
- ❖ Student does not have to be a resident of Washington State.
- ❖ Selection basis will include academic merit, leadership abilities, and interest in the study of viticulture or enology.
- ❖ Recipients selected without regard to race, sex, color, ethnic origin, religious belief, marital status or physical handicap.
- ❖ Scholarship recipients will be notified in January and award given to successful applicant in February at the annual convention of the *Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers*.
- ❖ Funds will be paid by the Washington Wine Industry Foundation to the educational institution which the student is attending or will be attending.
- ❖ Recipient expected to maintain academic and personal performance consistent with the original award criteria.
- ❖ Previous scholarship winners do qualify.

Applications must include:

- *500 Word essay explaining why you should receive this scholarship*
- *Two letters of reference*
- *Official school transcripts*

Application must be postmarked by November 30. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered



S.W. (BILL) PRESTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name _____

Current Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Working Email _____
Required

Permanent Mailing Address (i.e. parent's address) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name(s) _____ Parent Phone _____

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATES ATTENDED	GRADUATE-NO/YES AND DATE	DIPLOMA/DEGREE RECEIVED	MAJOR

Note: If you have been accepted to a school but have not started, please list the date you plan to start.

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ Cumulative College GPA (if applicable): _____

Institution where your check would be sent? _____

ADDITIONAL PAGES:

List school and community activities: *All extracurricular activities, including years of participation, tasks performed, and positions held. Add pages as necessary.*

Summarize experience in or with viticulture, enology and/or agriculture: *Briefly summarize. Add pages as necessary.*

Explain your need: *Tell us why you should receive this scholarship. Possible topics to cover in your essay include career goals, your interest and experience in the wine and grape industry and your plans to improve or enhance the industry.*



S. W. (BILL) PRESTON SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

In order to assist in organizing your process, check off the items below and keep it for your records:

Application Check List:

- Application**
- 500 Word essay** explaining why you should receive this scholarship
- Two letters of reference.** Make sure you follow up on your requests so your references are postmarked by November 30th:
 - Reference letter #1
 - Reference letter #2
- Official (sealed) school transcripts**
- Mail - ALL materials must be postmarked by November 30th.**

Date Mailed _____

Mail application materials to:
S.W. (Bill) Preston Scholarship Fund
Attn: Washington Wine Industry Foundation
P.O. Box 716 Cashmere, WA 98815

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered, which includes reference letters.

Please contact us if you have questions regarding the application procedure or the application. Scholarship recipients will be notified in January.