



Epic Talent for the Food Industry Scholarship

The scholarship awards several \$1,000 scholarships.

Open to full-time or full-time seasonal employees, or a family member of an employee, at a Food Northwest member company. Students must be pursuing a relevant field of education and have a strong interest and intent to work in the Northwest food processing industry. Fields include, but are not limited to, agricultural sciences, food science and technology, nutrition and dietary science, production, operations management, engineering, horticulture, agriculture and resource economics, business management, accounting, and environmental sciences, industrial systems, operator, process technician, control technician, electrician, maintenance, mechanic, refrigeration, and sanitation. Be currently enrolled (or enrolling) as an undergraduate or graduate student in a 4-year college or university, or enrolled (or enrolling) in a 2-year community college, accredited trade school, or technical school.

Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Submit by July 15, 2026

In a SINGLE PDF file, submit the following documents to scholarships@foodnw.org with the email subject line “ERI SCHOLARSHIP”

1. Completed application
2. GPA & high school or college transcript
3. Letter of recommendation – Can be sent directly to scholarships@foodnw.org
4. Essay focusing on the following:
 - a. Work experience as it relates to food manufacturing or agribusiness
 - b. Extracurricular activities and/or leadership roles in which you have participated without compensation
 - c. Honors and awards you have received
 - d. Your plans to pursue a career in food processing or a related field.
 - e. Description of any family or personal circumstances that warrant special financial considerations.

Applicants will be notified of their status after **July 31, 2026**. *Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the university and split between the Fall and Spring semesters unless otherwise noted.*



2026 MEMBER APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student/Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In Fall 2026, I will be attending (name of school): _____

Name of Program Enrolled In: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

I will be in my _____ 1st yr. _____ 2nd yr. _____ 3rd yr. _____ 4th yr.

For what occupation are you preparing? _____

GRADES AND ACADEMICS

Current GPA - List the last school you attended

	School Name	City/State	Major	Dates Attended	GPA
High School					
College					
Vocational College					

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____