

**Association of Washington Cities
2017 Center for Quality Communities Scholarship**

**City of Yakima
Criteria/Process**

Eligibility

- Open to students in the Yakima School District and West Valley School District who:
 - Will graduate from high school, complete home school, or receive a GED in spring/summer 2018
 - Are currently or have been involved in significant school/community leadership activities and/or city government
 - Plan to continue their education in the 2018-2019 academic year at an accredited college, community college, or trade school on a half-time or more basis
 - Are residents of Washington State

City of Yakima Process

- Scholarship application packets **will be due by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 16th, 2018**
- Scholarship application packets must include:
 - Completed AWC 2018 Quality Communities Scholarship application form
 - Completed personal essay (limit two pages, Arial or Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced) addressing the essay subject as described in #11 of the application form
 - One letter of recommendation from a non-relative
- Scholarship application packets should be sent to:

**Randy Beehler
Communications & Public Affairs Director
City of Yakima, Wa.
129 N. 2nd Street
Yakima, Wa. 98901**
- Scholarship applications packets will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored by a committee consisting of City of Yakima elected officials and staff.

**** The City of Yakima committee will select one applicant whose application packet will be forwarded to the AWC Center for Quality Communities along with a letter of support from the City no later than March 9th, 2018. The applicant selected by the committee will be contacted by the City no later than March 5th, 2018.***

Promotion of the Scholarship Application Availability

- The City will promote the availability of the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship application:
 - By providing counselors at Eisenhower High School, Davis High School, Stanton Academy, Yakima Online, and West Valley High School with scholarship information and application packets
 - Under the "Point of Interest" section on the front page of the City's website
 - On the mid-January "CityCast" news and information program
 - In the January City of Yakima Issues Brief e-Newsletter
 - On the official City of Yakima Facebook page
 - On the official City of Yakima Twitter feed

**** To learn more about the 2018 AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship, contact City of Yakima Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler by phone (509-901-1142) or by e-mail (randy.beehler@yakimawa.gov).***