



2026-2027 Washington Wheat Ambassador Leadership Program Application

A program sponsored by the Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Application must be uploaded no later than October 15, 2026

Contact: KayDee Gilkey
(509) 659-0610

Completed Ambassador application must include the following:

- ☐ Complete application
- ☐ High school transcript
- ☐ Three letters of reference
- ☐ Response to essay questions
- ☐ Amateur introduction video
- ☐ Signed rules page

Application & High School Transcript

Three Letters of reference:

- Two from wheat industry representatives
- One from a civic/community leader

Essay questions:

In addition to the application, please answer the following questions, type-written:

1. Write a short paragraph about yourself.
2. Describe in detail the top civic/community activities and other extra curricular activities in which you actively participate.
3. What are your college goals? What do you plan to do after college?
4. How has your life been influenced by agriculture and the wheat industry?
5. What qualities do you feel you will bring to the Ambassador Program if you are selected?
6. What do you feel are the three greatest issues or challenges facing the agricultural industry today?

Amateur introduction video:

In addition to the application, please submit a brief introductory video (1 minute) that allows the judges to know you better personally. The video does not need to be professionally edited, but you should take the opportunity to showcase your background and interests. It can be as simple as standing in a wheat field and introducing yourself using a smartphone.

The video should be sent in a common video file format such as .mpg or .mov. You may either upload the file or provide a link to be downloaded.

Note: Planning to study an agricultural major in college is not a requirement, but a positive consideration when selecting the winners.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Washington County _____

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐

Cumulative GPA: _____

Parents' Names: _____

High School: _____

I have read, understand and accept the program rules of conduct (see following page) and if selected as a 2026-27 Washington Wheat Ambassador I will make every reasonable attempt to follow through with all responsibilities and expectations associated with this program.

Signature of candidate

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN UNDERSTANDING

I have read, understand and accept the program rules of conduct as a potential parent/guardian of a 2026-27 Washington Wheat Ambassador.

Signature of parent/guardian

DATE

Washington Wheat Ambassador

INFORMATION AND RULES

Every Washington Wheat Ambassador becomes a representative of the highest ideals of the people of the Washington wheat industry. What is said or done is magnified many times, for good or bad. The simple rules listed below have been developed to make each Ambassador's task a pleasant one.

Along with the honor of being selected as a Washington Wheat Ambassador, there are certain obligations and rules to be followed.

1. Each Ambassador must be a senior in high school, no older than 19 years of age.
2. Entrant must never have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense.
3. Public appearances, publicity, endorsements, gifts, photographs, etc. must have the specific approval of the Ambassador Program officials prior to any commitments.
4. While serving in official capacities, your activities and time will be organized by Ambassador Program personnel. Ambassadors and their family members will be expected to cooperate with Ambassador Program management, staff, advisors and designated persons in charge of official Ambassador activities. Official appearances by Ambassadors will be chaperoned.
5. While participating in the Washington Wheat Ambassador program there is a zero tolerance policy for illegal, inappropriate and/or unsuitable behavior.
6. Courtesy and respect should be practiced at all times. Ambassadors should model good behavior, act inclusively and demonstrate sound judgment. Our goal is to have a positive experience for the public and the Ambassadors. Ambassadors are highly visible and comments from the public reflect on them in particular and on the Washington Association of Wheat Growers as well as the entire agriculture industry.
7. The Ambassador Program will furnish a portion of the clothing required as an Ambassador. The Ambassadors are required to keep their professional wardrobe ready and available at all times. Clothing will be worn in the style determined by Ambassador Program personnel. The Ambassadors following successful completion of their responsibilities may keep clothing provided by the Ambassador Program.
8. Upon successfully completing the duties as an Ambassador, each Ambassador will receive their scholarships which will be sent to the educational institution of their choice and may be used for tuition as well as books. The scholarship must be used within the first year or must be returned to the Washington Association of Wheat Growers.
9. Ambassadors will also be required to assist with the 2027-2028 Ambassador Program slated for November 2027 at Convention. Duties would include recruiting applicants and offering insight.



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