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### ***City of Lake Stevens Seeks Applicants for AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship***

Lake Stevens, WA — The City of Lake Stevens is now accepting applications for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Center for Quality Communities (CQC) scholarship. The scholarship is available through a statewide competitive process for high school seniors who are active in leadership in their city government, community, or school and plan to pursue college or trade school in fall 2026.

The CQC is awarding four \$3,000 scholarships in 2026. Scholarship recipients will also receive a travel stipend to attend AWC's Annual Conference in Spokane in June 2026.

To be eligible, a student must be:

- A Washington resident
- Graduating from high school, completing homeschooling, or receiving a GED in spring/summer 2026
- Planning to continue their education at an accredited college or trade school in the 2026-2027 academic year on at least a half-time basis
- Active in leadership in their city government, community, or school

Information and materials can be found on the city website. Completed applications and a letter of recommendation from a nonrelative can be submitted via email to [deputyclerk@lakestevenswa.gov](mailto:deputyclerk@lakestevenswa.gov) by Monday, January 5, 2026.

The AWC Center for Quality Communities is a 501(c)(3) partner with the nonprofit Association of Washington Cities. The Center's goal is to help residents understand the important role cities and towns play in Washington. The Center promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement and works to support students who demonstrate community leadership and commitment to their city. We believe in growing leaders and healthy, resilient quality communities.

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*The city of Lake Stevens, Wash. (pop. 41,260) is located 36 miles north of Seattle in Snohomish County. The city shares the name of the lake it surrounds and is nestled between the beautiful Cascade Range and Puget Sound. The city's vision is to be "one community around the lake" with a vibrant economy, modern infrastructure, and exceptional quality of life for residents and businesses alike. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov).*