



ASQ Software Division's

Watts Humphrey Software Quality Scholarship

1. Purpose

The vision of the ASQ Software Division is to encourage students to make software quality as profession and develop future software quality leaders in preparing them for the current and future challenges. The ASQ Software Division wants to encourage students to pursue software quality concepts, technology, and tools to improve the workplace, products, and themselves.

2. General Requirements

- 2.1. An award of \$1,000.00 (USD) annually to be presented to an individual enrolled in an accredited university or college who, in the opinion of the selection committee, fulfills the acceptance criteria.
- 2.2. A maximum of one scholarship will be granted annually.
- 2.3. The money for the scholarship will be funded by the Software Division Leadership Council in the annual budget prior to soliciting applications from the division membership.
- 2.4. The Watts Humphrey Software Quality Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible Software Division member or an individual sponsored by an eligible Software Division member.
- 2.5. If no adequate application is received, the Software Division Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold all scholarship disbursements.
- 2.6. Scholarship award monies must be utilized toward tuition, books, and associated fees at an accredited college or university.
- 2.7. Award check will be payable to the student and the college or university.
- 2.8. This scholarship may be renewed for a subsequent year by submitting an ASQ Software Division scholarship application and a current transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0. For the scholarship to be renewed, the Recipient must be demonstrating satisfactory progress towards graduation as determined by the ASQ Software Division Scholarship Committee.

3. Eligibility

The applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- 3.1. Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student in a course of study that is applicable to the Quality Community at an accredited degree granting institution by the time they receive the scholarship.
- 3.2. The applicant must have at least 3.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale). The applicant will provide a college or high school transcript to document the GPA.
- 3.3. Applicants enrolled in either an Undergraduate or Graduate Degree program are eligible for the scholarship.

4. Application

- 4.1. In order to apply, a potential candidate must submit the following:
 - 4.1.1. A completed application form.
 - 4.1.2. An official transcript of completed undergraduate or graduate work to date showing courses taken, subjects, and grades.
 - 4.1.3. Documentation of membership in ASQ Software Division or sponsorship by a member of the ASQ Software Division.
 - 4.1.4. An essay of Not More Than 1000 words.
 - Initial applicants will write on “**Why Quality Systems are Important in the Global Marketplace.**” Include a discussion of quality concepts learned and applied in academic or work settings and describe the student’s career aspirations.
 - Current recipients of the scholarship seeking renewal for an additional year will submit an essay on “**How did your coursework and activities this past year move you forward in your career goal in a software quality related field?**” Include examples of coursework, volunteer work, employment, or other activities you participated in, along with a discussion of the quality concepts learned and applied.
 - The essay requirement will be waived for the leader of the student section.
 - 4.1.5. The applicant will submit the application via email to: scholarship@asgsoftware.org

5. Selection of Recipient

- 5.1. The Scholarship committee members will review the applications and recommend recipients to the leadership board.
- 5.2. The leadership board will approve the final selection of the recipient.
- 5.3. Selection preference criteria for awarding the scholarship shall include:
 - 5.3.1. Applicants with a higher GPA and / or compelling essay will have preference.
 - 5.3.2. Applicants with a demonstrated contribution or participation in activities related to quality in the workplace are preferred.

5.4. The scholarship award will be judged and selected based upon the following criteria:

5.4.1. Application 25 points

5.4.2. Community Services 25 points

5.4.3. Academic Achievement 25 points

5.4.4. Essay Requirements 25 points

6. Dispersal of Funds

6.1. The Recipient(s) must be registered as a full time student.

6.2. After the ASQ Software Division receives certification of College or University enrollment, scholarship funds will be submitted directly to the Office of Financial Aid. The money will be applied to the student's account per the institutional protocol.

6.3. All ASQ Software Division Scholarships will be paid directly to the college or university.

7. Timeline for Scholarship Activities

The timetable (for given calendar year cycle) for the ASQ Software Division's Watts Humphrey Software Quality Scholarship Program is as follows:

7.1. The ASQ Software Division will publish all appropriate materials on the division website during the summer.

7.2. By **June 15** all application forms and supporting material outlined in #3 must be submitted in electronic format to : scholarship@asqsoftware.org

7.3. Scholarship recipients will be selected by **August 15**.

7.4. By **August 30**, the ASQ scholarship recipient will confirm acceptance of scholarship award and verify enrollment at a college or university.

7.5. In August or September, Colleges and Universities will receive payment for ASQ Scholarships.

8. Commitments of the Recipients

8.1. ASQ Scholarship recipients may be required to attend a ASQ Software Division leadership meeting to confirm acceptance of the scholarship in person.

8.2. ASQ Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend at least one ASQ Software Division meeting held during the year in which they receive the scholarship.

8.3. Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend other events throughout the year.

9. Application form:

9.1. The application form is on the following pages.



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Please complete all fields in the application. Any incomplete applications will be disqualified from scholarship consideration. If the applicant is awarded the scholarship, portions of this information may be used to promote the scholarship.

<i>Applicant's Information:</i>			
Last Name:		First Name:	Middle Initial:
bag			
Street Address:		Street Address 2 nd Line/Apt Number:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Daytime Phone Number:		Email Address:	
<i>For Active ASQ Members:</i>		<i>For Sponsored Applicants:</i>	
Name:		Sponsor's Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
ASQ Member Number:		ASQ Member Number:	
<i>Education Information:</i>			
High School Attended:	City/State:	Graduation Date:	GPA:
College/University Name:	City/State:	Expected Graduation Date:	Current GPA:
Major (Degree Being Sought).			
Explain how your degree plan relates to the Software Quality Community			

What are your career objectives?		
Describe your work and/or school history that led to your interest in Software Quality		
Explain what experiences or accomplishments have benefited you most, and why, including lessons learned.		
Describe community service activities you have participated in, including total estimated hours in the past 12 months:		
Community Service	Contact Information	Hours
What other information not covered in the application, should we consider during the selection process?		

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