**SPOKANE ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of the Spokane Estate Planning Council (“SEPC”) is to study and discuss topics germane to the field of estate planning. Estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging for the protection, orderly administration, and disposition of a client’s wealth in accordance with their wishes, upon the occurrence of major events such as birth, marriage, divorce, incapacity, and death. Significant attention is paid to minimizing taxes and administration expenses. Estate planning requires the knowledge of state property, probate, and trust laws; and federal and state income, gift, inheritance, estate, and generation-skipping transfer tax laws.

The SEPC members include professionals in the following fields: accounting, law, financial planning, trust & planned giving, insurance, and allied professionals. The SEPC meets 4 times per year for dinner and a one hour continuing education presentation. There is also an annual full-day seminar held in May.

 The Spokane Estate Planning Council is pleased to announce a scholarship for $1000 and for attendance to each of our four dinner meetings and annual seminar (valued of $555). The scholarship is being offered to a maximum of one student from each of the following schools: Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Gonzaga University School of Law, and Whitworth University. The scholarship shall cover the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and the cash portion of the scholarship will be paid directly to the universities in January 2021 on the student’s behalf.

In order to be eligible, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. GPA of at least 3.0.
2. The student must be studying accounting, finance, or law.
3. Student must be either:
	1. In final year of undergraduate degree (accounting or finance) during the school year that covers the period of the scholarship at one of the three universities listed above;
	2. Accepted into a business or accounting master’s program during the school year that covers the period of the scholarship at one of the three universities listed above; or
	3. Accepted or attending Gonzaga University School of Law during the school year that covers the period of the scholarship.
4. Reference letter from a faculty member of the college the student is attending.
5. Fill out application, including a brief essay of 500 words or less answering one of the following questions: (1) What interests you about exploring estate planning as a career? (2) How does estate planning fit in with your studies and career aspirations at this point?

Applications are due by April 1, 2020. Scholarships will be announced on May 19, 2020 at our annual seminar.

Applications will only be accepted electronically. Email all materials to admin@spokaneepc.org. If you have questions regarding the application please send them to admin@spokaneepc.org.

Submission Checklist:

* Applicant Information Form
* Certification & Official Release Form
* Certified Copy of Transcript
* Essay
* Reference letter from faculty member

**Applicant Information**

Student’s Full Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student’s City, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate your field of study (Accounting, Finance, Law):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Certification & Official Release**

By signing this form, I certify that all the information in this application is complete, accurate, and my original work. If awarded the Spokane Estate Planning Council Scholarship of Membership, I give the Spokane Estate Planning Council the right to:

Release my name, school, and town in which I live in promotional materials (website, newspapers, etc.).

Please circle response:

Yes No

Use my photo in promotional materials.

Please circle response:

Yes No

Applicants Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_