

**THE ERNEST R. STIEFEL PHI BETA KAPPA GRADUATE STUDY AWARD**  
*Presented by the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, [www.psa-pbk.org](http://www.psa-pbk.org)*

**20120 – 2021 Award Summary**

*Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the United States, has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776. The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1953, is open to all Phi Beta Kappa members from any chapter in the country who currently reside in the Puget Sound area. It encourages and supports excellence in education through activities and awards.*

*Ernest R. Stiefel was a distinguished Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa Board member and long-time treasurer of the Association.*

**Amount:** \$4,500  
**Number:** One award  
**Deadline:** June 30, 2020

**Criteria:**

- Applicants must be members of Phi Beta Kappa elected at the University of Washington or the University of Puget Sound; and
- Beginning graduate or professional work at the University of Washington or the University of Puget Sound in the 2020-2021 academic year;
- Graduate study may be in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, or professions;
- Financial need as demonstrated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) document on file at the applicant's current institution;
- Social utility of applicant's educational and career goals;
- Applicant's work experience;
- Achieving academic success in the face of significant personal adversity, economic disadvantage or disability, if applicable.

**Procedure:**

Each applicant must submit the following:

[The Ernest Stiefel Award application form](#)

Signature on the application authorizes release of financial information. The institution will then have permission to confirm unmet financial need with the Association's Scholarship Award Committee.

[A personal letter outlining](#)

1. Education and career goals
2. Statement of financial need
3. Description of the applicant's work experience and significant personal adversity, economic disadvantage, or disability, if applicable.

[Official transcript of college work](#)

PSA-PBK will notify all applicants about the status of their application after August 15, 2020. Checks will be sent directly to the award recipient's institution.

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