

News Release  
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Three Todd Beamer High School students were among 147 students statewide who received the Washington Scholars Award and up to \$5,500 in tuition at colleges and universities in Washington State.

Awarded each spring by the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), the Washington Scholars Award recognizes two high school seniors from each of the state's 49 legislative districts by providing full scholarships to any Washington public or private college or university.

This year, 660 students were nominated from the state's various public and private high schools. Of the three Todd Beamer award winners, one -- Ann J. -- lives in the 27th legislative district and the other two -- Steven L. and Jennifer R. -- live in the 30th district.

A Federal Way High School student from the 33rd district (Des Moines area), Tracy-Ying Z., was also a winner. Thomas Jefferson student Rachelle E. was selected as the alternate winner for the 30<sup>th</sup> District.

The Washington Scholars program recognizes the accomplishments high school students from each of the 49 state legislative districts. Winners receive state scholarships for up to four years of public resident undergraduate tuition and fees. Two award winners and one alternate are selected from each district. High school principals make nominations from the top 1 percent of the graduating class on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and community service. A committee, composed of high school principals and college admissions staff, makes the final selection.

Students can use the grants at any public or independent college or university in Washington. This year's award winners were celebrated at a daylong awards program and luncheon in Olympia on May 10. Morning events on the Capitol campus included a recognition ceremony in House chambers and presentations by state Senators.

Students can receive scholarships equal to up to four years of full-time resident undergraduate tuition and fees.

Maximum awards vary by type of institution (2005-2006)

Washington State University	\$5,506
Independent Colleges/Universities	\$5,506
University of Washington	\$5,385
Central Washington University	\$4,144
Eastern Washington University	\$4,044
The Evergreen State College	\$4,130
Western Washington University	\$4,114
Community/Technical Colleges	\$2,445

For more information about the Washington Scholars awards and application process, go to <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/financialaid/wsp/wspindex.asp>.