



**The Washington Association of
Maintenance and Operations Administrators**

John Helmlinger Memorial Scholarship Program

Program Information and Scholarship Application

The John Helmlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund

The John Helmlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in honor of our good friend and colleague, John Helmlinger. John believed in life-long learning and had the vision of a WAMOA sponsored scholarship fund. In his memory and his name, WAMOA has created this fund to assist its members in achieving life-long learning and fulfill John's vision.

Two annual scholarships will be offered at \$1,000 each. One will go to an active WAMOA member, the other to an individual who is engaged in M&O activities but does not meet the full requirements for WAMOA membership. Such individuals might be lead mechanics or head custodians who have potential as an M&O manager.

The scholarship selection committee may elect to change the distribution and award the scholarships in any combination they see fit. Further, the committee may elect to award only one or no scholarships based on applicants and/or funding availability.

There are two types of eligibility. The first is to be an active WAMOA member in good standing. The second is to be sponsored by an active WAMOA member in good standing. Typically, one scholarship will be given to each of these two types.

Previous recipients are eligible to apply again. Members of the scholarship committee are not eligible.

Applicants will be judged by the following criteria: Area of study, WAMOA participation, district financial issues, public service.

The successful candidate will pursue an area of study that will enhance their ability as a maintenance and operations professional. This could include pursuing a degree, certificate or continuing education in general.

Active participation in the WAMOA organization will be a consideration. Regional and annual meeting attendance is important. Board level participation is not required, but a plus. Sponsored members should have participated in regional meetings and/or mini-conferences.

Consideration will be given to districts who have financial problems such as multiple levy failures or districts that do not adequately support their M&O staff.

The final consideration is the level of public service the candidate has participated in. Philanthropy and volunteerism demonstrate a willingness to give back to the community and state.

Individuals wishing to make application for a scholarship need to submit this application form and any supporting documentation to the scholarship committee chair 45 days prior the annual conference. Applicants will be notified in writing one week prior to the annual conference as to their status. Scholarship payment will be made after the candidate has successfully completed the course work and submitted a receipt for tuition and proof of completion. Proof of successful completion can be a transcript, certificate of completion or a signed document from the course instructor vouching successful completion.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship or want to sponsor a non-member, fill out the application form and send it to the address below. If you have questions, call Keith Stefanson, WAMOA Programs Committee Chair, at: (360) 653-0847. If you wish to apply for a scholarship or want to sponsor a non-member, complete the application form and send it to:

John Helmlinger Memorial Scholarship Committee

c/o Keith Stefanson
Marysville School District

4220 80th Street N.E.
Marysville, WA 98270

Phone: (360) 653-0847 Fax: (360) 629-1997

2. What institution would be attended and what course work pursued?

3. My active participation in WAMOA has included:

4. Other financial resources available to me are:

5. I volunteer and participate in the following organizations to support community needs:

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date: _____