

The Barbara A. Brink

2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Barbara Ann Brink (Nee:Golden 1940-2020) loved spending time in the Pacific Northwest.

Barbara was born in St Louis, Missouri. After World War 2, in 1946, her family joined in the great westward migration to Southern California and took up residence in downtown Los Angeles, near the Memorial Colosseum and University of Southern California. Barbara walked the three blocks from their rented home to St Agnes Catholic school for all twelve years of grade school and high school, graduating in 1958; after which she promptly walked three blocks from home in the opposite direction and secured an executive secretary position at the headquarters of the Automobile Club of Southern California, the local affiliate of the American Automobile Association (commonly referred to as “the AAA”).

Two years later, after attending Loyola University, Michael Brink was recruited to interview for a management trainee position in the automobile insurance claims division of “the AAA” by Barbara’s boss. Upon meeting Barbara, Mike was immediately “smitten”. They were married in 1962 and took up residence in Manhattan Beach, California.

Mike, who grew up in Cascade Locks and Portland, Oregon, with a little time across the Columbia River via The Bridge of the Gods, in Carson, Washington, couldn’t wait to introduce Barbara to the people and wonders of the Pacific Northwest.

Barbara, the “city girl”, loved spending time in the Northwest. The family acquired a motorhome and, as often as time allowed, made the “trek” up Interstate 5, and/or US101 to camp and fish and hike. Back home in Manhattan Beach, Barbara volunteered as a docent at the local South Bay Hospital and partnered with a friend in establishing and operating Westside German Shepherd Rescue, annually saving and placing hundreds of the breed in vetted homes. The family’s German Shepherd, “Lady”, was her constant companion for 14 years. Jim Brink, son of Barbara and Mike, inherited the family’s love of the Northwest. He is currently a CVEO with the Washington State Patrol.

Barbara’s memory will be honored through the Barabara A. Brink Scholarship Program.



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The Barbara A. Brink Scholarship Program is awarding two scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 per year, to be used to pay tuition/fees and books. The awards will go to one boy and one girl. *Scholarship checks are issued directly to the college.*

Who May Apply

1. Any contributing member of the Foundation who is active, retired, or disability status with the Washington State Patrol, their spouse or dependent children. (Members must be contributing a minimum of \$10/month to the WSPMF).
2. To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, applicants must have obtained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above as evidenced by official high school/college transcripts.

Scholarship Criteria

1. The scholarship will be awarded based on demonstrated need and responses to the scholarship questionnaire and financial need essay.
2. Applicants must apply for college admission and show proof of enrollment before the scholarship payment is made to the school. The applicant must be enrolled in at least 12 credits.
3. The successful applicant must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or a specific college equivalent measure of student success to ensure continuation of scholarship funds for each year. The contributing member must still be on active, retired or on disability status with the Washington State Patrol. An **official** transcript must be provided to the Memorial Foundation at the end of each Spring Quarter/Semester **AND** proof of enrollment to qualify to apply for the scholarship the next year. The scholarship may be awarded to the applicant for a maximum of four **consecutive** years (\$4,000 total).
4. Applicants must submit financial information to FAFSA and must receive a Student Aid Report which identifies the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This must be based on accurate income information for both parents. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request a copy of your/your parent's 2024 IRS Form 1040, if needed. Inaccurate or inadequate financial information may void this application.

See 2026 Barbara A. Brink Scholarship Application Cover Sheet for complete application and submission requirements. All applications must be received in full by **April 10, 2026, by 5:00 pm to be considered.**



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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Student (Applicant) Name: _____

The deadline for the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Barbara A. Brink scholarship application: Must be RECEIVED by April 10, 2026, by 5:00 pm.

Applications will not be accepted if the following documents are not attached:

- Student Aid Report** (provided by Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after all documentation submitted online) - must show financial information
- School Financial Aid Offers** – Received to Date
- Official Cumulative Transcript** (bears official seal and authorizing signature of issuing institution and is sent directly by the school to the Memorial Foundation OR is sealed by the school and mailed to the Memorial Foundation with your application. If the envelope is opened, the transcript is no longer official.)
- Scholarship Application Form** (Section I)
- Completed Program Questionnaire** (Section II)
- Completed Financial Need Essay Questions** (Section III)

How to Apply:

Complete and MAIL the application form and required documents (listed above) to:

WSP Memorial Foundation
Attn: Barbara A. Brink Scholarship
PO Box 901
Prosser, WA 99350

Or email your application and required documents to Megan King at wspmemorialfoundation@gmail.com

Selection Process:

Applications will be scored by a non-departmental scholarship committee. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 70% Financial Need/Essay
- 30% Response to Questionnaire

The committee's recommendation shall be provided to the WSP Memorial Foundation Board of Directors. The top male and top female applicant shall be awarded scholarships. Two alternates will also be selected. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by June 26, 2026.

Please contact Megan King at (360) 597-4411 or wspmemorialfoundation@gmail.com with any questions.



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Section I:

Applicant Information

Name **Date of Birth** **Phone**
Address
Email **Do you (student) work?** **If yes, amount earned year-to-date**
\$

Mother's Name
Address
Occupation **Annual Salary** \$

Father's Name
Address
Occupation **Annual Salary** \$

Parent/Guardian annual income from other sources, e.g./ retirement, social security, welfare, VA benefits, child support, etc.

Who do you live with? Mother and Father Father only Mother only Other

How many siblings do you have? What are their ages?
Number of children in your home attending college next year (including you)?
Number of self-supporting children in your home?

Contributing WSPMF Member Name **Relationship**
Phone **Email**

Please list any educational savings or trust accounts and account balances

I certify that all information submitted for this scholarship application is accurate:

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____



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SECTION II:

This questionnaire will provide the Scholarship Committee with the opportunity to learn more about you. Please briefly respond to the following questions.

What are your goals for your academic/vocational training and prospective career?

Explain your financial need.

Why do you deserve this scholarship?



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2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINANCIAL NEED ESSAY QUESTIONS

SECTION III:

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. Tell us about yourself.

Please limit your essay response to 700 words or less. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.

2. How will this scholarship make a difference for you?

Please limit your essay response to 700 words or less. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.