



Cascadia Wikimedians User Group Scholarships and Awards Policy

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1. Scholarships and awards in general

- a.** All scholarships, prizes and awards, including Cascadia Awards, will have the recipients determined exclusively by Cascadia Wikimedians User Group's Board or a committee of the Board, possibly with the assistance of an advisory committee which may include non-board members.
- b.** The Board of Cascadia Wikimedians User Group may cancel and/or change the terms of any scholarships, prizes and/or awards at any time up until an award is fully in the possession of its designated recipient.
- c.** Recipients of scholarships, prizes and awards may be required to disclose their legal names, addresses, and/or other personal information to Cascadia Wikimedians User Group as required by law and/or as necessary for the transfer of scholarships, prizes and awards from Cascadia Wikimedians User Group to the designated recipient.
- d.** Unless otherwise specified, cash and cash-equivalent prize amounts will be awarded via a check from Cascadia Wikimedians User Group.
- e.** These policies may be changed at any time by the Board of Cascadia Wikimedians User Group.
- f.** Questions may be directed to the President, the Treasurer, any member of the Finance Committee, or the Chair of the Board.
- g.** The President and the Treasurer are responsible for ensuring compliance with these policies.
- h.** Self-nominations: prospective recipients may nominate themselves for a travel scholarship to WikiConference USA and/or Wikimania. Self-nominations are prohibited for photography awards and Cascadia Awards.
- i.** Ineligible persons: board members, employees, and contractors of Cascadia Wikimedians User Group are ineligible for Cascadia Awards and photography contest awards. Board members, employees and contractors are eligible for travel scholarships

but must recuse themselves from deliberations and/or voting on the outcome of travel scholarship awards for which they have submitted an application.

2. Cascadia Awards

- a. All Cascadia Awards cash equivalents will be awarded only toward one or more of the following:
 - i. Tuition expenses for the award recipient or another person at an educational institution of the recipient's choice, anywhere in the universe, on the condition that the beneficiary and the institution are not directly or indirectly blacklisted by the United States government.
 - ii. Expenses to facilitate travel and/or lodging at one or more events with a significant component of Wikimedia, civil rights, open source, open government, or open data content or tools.
 - iii. A contribution to UNICEF or a local UNICEF affiliate in the honor of the award recipient.

3. Travel and lodging awards

- a. Scholarship, prize and awards that involve travel and/or lodging are subject to the Cascadia Wikimedians User Group Travel Policy.
- b. All travel and lodging awards have maximum values. Any costs incurred by the recipient above that amount are entirely the responsibility of the recipient.