WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2027 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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YOU MUST HOLD INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP IN WVEDC
WVEDC membership is not all-inclusive through your organization.
If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact Betty Evans-Pagur at betty@wvedc.org or (304) 720-3423 to verify. For eligibility, your application must be returned by **the deadlines below.**

The **WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (WVEDC)** is pleased to announce the availability of up to ***FOUR*** *Continuing Education Scholarships for its members with two awarded in the Winter of 2027 and announced at the 2027 Legislative Conference and two awarded in the Summer of 2027 and announced at the 2027 Fall Conference*. The scholarship will pay for registration, mileage, lodging, and meals up to a maximum of **$1,000**. If you have previously applied and not been selected, please try again. Also, being a recipient of a past award does not preclude consideration for another continuing education scholarship.

This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for assistance with your LED/CDC educational requirements. You can visit the WVEDC's training opportunities website at https://www.wvedc.org/LED_Training_Options for LED/CDC approved training opportunities. Please visit IEDC's Web site at https://www.iedconline.org/pages/training-courses/ for information regarding IEDC approved courses. *If you have a specific training that you are interested in that is not listed on either of these sites, please contact Robbie Baylor at robertabaylor@hotmail.com with information about the training, including the agenda. If approved for LED training credit, it will be added to the website calendar of eligible LED training options.*

DEADLINES

Please forward your completed application by e-mail to *Jennifer Smith, WVEDC Education Committee Chair, at jsmith@developmentauthority.com*. The application deadline for consideration for the 2027 Winter awards is **December 1, 2026**, and for consideration for the 2027 Summer awards is **May 1, 2027.** Scholarships awarded in the Winter should be for training from January 1 – June 30, 2027, and scholarships awarded in the Summer should be for training from July 1 – December 31, 2027. If you have questions regarding this program or the application, please contact Jennifer at the email address above.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to provide an opportunity for members of the **West Virginia Economic Development Council (WVEDC)** to enhance their professional skills by attending approved training courses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Membership in the West Virginia Economic Development Council is ***individual***, not organizational. The applicant must be an individual member of **WVEDC** and be involved, either directly or indirectly with economic development work in West Virginia. The applicant shall agree to remain employed in the economic development field in the State of West Virginia for one year from the date of the scholarship award. A recipient who leaves West Virginia within the twelve-month period agrees to reimburse **WVEDC** on a pro-rated basis of 10% per month, for each month remaining in the twelve-month period, up to 90%. **Also, to be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must show a letter of endorsement from his/her employer**.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE DEFINED (Registration/Lodging/Meals)

This scholarship will pay for the recipient's **registration fee**, **lodging expenses, travel (mileage and/or air), and meal expenses, up to a total not to exceed $1,000**. (Reimbursement for meals will not exceed $200.) The registration fee may be prepaid by **WVEDC** if the recipient so desires. Lodging and meal receipts must be provided to the Treasurer of **WVEDC** for reimbursement. **Any expenses other than those named must be borne by the recipient.**

APPLICATION

Applications must be completed and signed by the applicant, endorsed by the employer, and received by the deadlines outlined in this application:

CHECK LIST

_____ Completed Application

_____ Signed and Dated Application

_____ Endorsement Letter from Employer

_____ Employer's Signature on Application

_____ Member of WVEDC (Committee will verify membership.)

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BASIC ☐ **CONTINUING** ☐

Please include the name of the training program and a brief description of the program below:

Name of the Training/Educational Program

Program Description:

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NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

PHONE: _____/_____
(Business) **(Home or cell)**

FAX: _____

Years with Present Employer: _____

Years of Economic Development Experience: _____ **In West Virginia:**_____

Annual Budget of Your Economic Development Organization: _____

Do you intend to remain employed in the economic development field for the next twelve months in the state of West Virginia? YES _____ **NO** _____

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Specific Job Responsibilities of your present job: *(Please include additional space if needed)*

How will this training assist you in performing the duties of your job?

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MUST RECEIVE THIS APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINES OUTLINED ABOVE.

_____ _____
Applicant's Signature **Date**

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Employer's Signature