



2025 WPS Scholarship Essay Competition

One of the many ways the Wisconsin Perfusion Society continues its mission of furthering perfusion education is through its annual scholarship essay competition. This Scholarship is awarded each year at the WPS Annual Education meeting and is financed by pairing private and corporate donations. It is open to any non-employed perfusion student enrolled in an accredited perfusion program within the United States.

Below you will find the prompt for this year's essay. Please submit your essay and accompanying director testimonial page by March 1st. The scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at the 2025 WPS Annual WPS Educational Conference which will be held in person at Dierck's Hall on the Campus of the Milwaukee School of Engineering University. We strongly encourage that the winner(s) present an essay synopsis via pre-recorded zoom presentation or in person during conference.

Perfusionists play a crucial role in ensuring the success of surgeries by managing the heart-lung machine and other complex circulatory support devices as well as navigating interpersonal relationships within the operating room. Each day they can face a wide range of challenges in the operating room. In your essay, discuss some of the biggest challenges that perfusionists can encounter. How do they address these challenges while maintaining patient safety and supporting the surgical team? Highlight the skills, strategies, and teamwork required to overcome these obstacles effectively.

Winning scholarships will be awarded \$1000. More than one scholarship may be awarded at the discretion of the review committee.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be a current student in an accredited perfusion program and not currently employed as a Perfusionist. A testimonial from the program director verifying status must be signed on the essay submission form.
- Essays must be typed and as a DOC or DOCX file (MS Word)
- Essays must be more than 500 words. References cited do not count toward total word count.
- Applicants are encouraged to cite references.
- Please do not reference your educational program within the body of the essay
- Deadline for essay submission is March 1, 2025.
- Essay, application form with program director testimonial must be sent to cbuss@uwhealth.org.
- Winning applicants will be notified by March 10, 2025 and recognized at the meeting April 4-6, 2025.
- Winning applicants will be recognized on the WPS website. Please see www.wisperfusion.org for meeting information.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted for review, no exceptions.



2025 WPS Scholarship Essay Application Form

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Perfusion Program: _____

Program Director Testimonial

I, (program director name) _____ verify that
(student name) _____ is a Perfusion student in
good standing at the (name of school) _____

Program director signature

Date