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**CITY OF TENINO**

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John Millard, Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Tenino  
149 S Hodgden St  
Tenino, WA 98589

Dear John,

I am writing you to encourage your continued support of the AWC Center for Quality Communities (CQC) scholarship program. The program, now in its ninth year, has provided 48 scholarships to young leaders in your communities, helping these high school graduates build a solid foundation for their endeavors in higher education.

The CQC scholarship fund has traditionally raised \$12,000 or more each year for deserving students – most of which is donated during the CQC Luncheon at AWC's Annual Conference. With this year's virtual conference format, we unfortunately received only \$500 in online donations to the scholarship program. We are turning to our members who have generously supported these scholarships in the past with a direct appeal to donate again this year, if you are able.

As you are aware, the cost of tuition has increased significantly in recent years. In fact, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reported that tuition at Washington public colleges and universities rose by nearly 35% between 2008 and 2018. These financial barriers often prevent even the most promising students from achieving their educational goals. Many students and their families will face additional hardships in the year ahead due to impacts from the pandemic.

The AWC Center for Quality Communities is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your donation is 100% tax deductible. Our goal is to develop a broad public understanding of the important role of cities and towns across the state and supporting young leaders who show a commitment to civic engagement is an essential part of this mission.

Your past contributions are making a difference. Donating is easy. For more information, please go to [cfqc.org/giving](http://cfqc.org/giving). While you are there, take a minute to read about the outstanding students your previous donation supported.

We appreciate your past support and hope you will donate again this year.

Sincerely,



Peter B. King, Chief Executive Officer  
Association of Washington Cities