



The Jeff Lombard Eagle Scholarship



Education Level
Incoming Students



Amount
\$5,000



Minimum HS GPA
2.7/4.0



Scholarships Awarded
1

Who is Eligible

One international or out of state student with an elite background in rugby will be awarded this scholarship annually. The student must be attending Western Washington University.

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Scholarship Process Timeline

- May 1st** ● Applications Open
- August 31st** ● Applications Close
- Fall Semester** ● Review Applications
- Spring Semester** ● Check applicant's college attendance and rugby participation. Award scholarship.

About the Scholarship



Jeff Lombard

Jeff Lombard, a Wenatchee native, discovered rugby at Western Washington in 1969 after serving in the Army National Guard. He joined Chuckanut Bay RFC in 1974 and soon earned honors with the Ravens, Loggers, and Grizzlies, making his USA Eagles debut in 1977.

He later became the first Eagle to manage the national team, leading tours to Japan and Europe and managing the 1987 Rugby World Cup squad. He also guided the USA 7s to a plate win at the 1988 Hong Kong Sevens and spent 20 years managing Team America. A WWU alumnus and Hall of Famer, he now coaches the WWU men's rugby team.

The Scholarship

The Jeff Lombard Scholarship honors Jeff's lasting impact on American rugby and supports elite student-athletes pursuing rugby at Western Washington University. One international or out-of-state student with a strong rugby background is awarded \$5,000 annually, based on maintaining solid academic standing and meaningful athletic contribution. The scholarship reflects Jeff's legacy as a USA Eagle, World Cup team manager, coach, WWU alumnus, Hall of Fame inductee, and founding member of the WWU Rugby Alumni Association. Applicants must submit a letter of application to the Western Rugby Alumni (WRA), with applications completed in the Spring prior to Fall enrollment. This scholarship aims to recognize exceptional rugby talent while continuing Jeff's mission of uplifting the next generation of Vikings rugby players.



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