



# NextGen Scholarship 2025

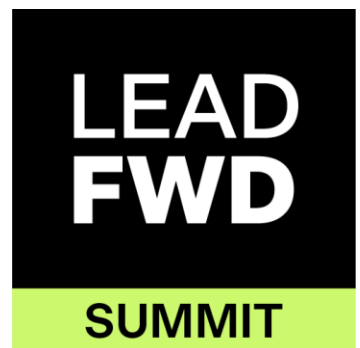
## John Collins Leadership Award 2025

*Application Due July 31, 2025*

### ICBA LEAD FWD SUMMIT 2025

**Scholarships Available:** Only one NextGen Scholarship is available. Two additional applicants will receive a John Collins Leadership Award.

- **NextGen Scholarship Includes:** Complimentary registration (and all benefits conveyed with conference registration) to participate in ICBA's leadership conference, the ICBA LEAD FWD Summit, Sept. 8-9, 2024 in Bloomington MN. Plus, up to \$1,350 in travel costs paid to the sponsoring bank to help cover costs.
- **John Collins Leadership Award Includes:** \$400 discount on registration (and all benefits conveyed with conference registration) to participate in ICBA's leadership conference, the ICBA LEAD FWD Summit, Sept. 8-9, 2025 in Bloomington MN. Plus \$1,000 paid to the sponsoring bank to help cover costs.



### Requirements to Qualify for Scholarship

- Submit application and letter of recommendation by July 31, 2025
- Scholarship recipients must be a community banker employed at a community bank that is a member of both CBW and ICBA at the time the LEAD FWD Summit takes place.
- Recipient must complete a post-event survey before receiving funds
- Next Gen Scholarship winner must submit receipts to CBW for travel (airfare, hotel, etc.) to qualify for reimbursement.

Please email your applications & letters of recommendation to:

Kathy Swenson - [kathy@communitybankers-wa.org](mailto:kathy@communitybankers-wa.org)

Submit application to [kathy@communitybankers-wa.org](mailto:kathy@communitybankers-wa.org) by July 31, 2025

*Please provide the following information*

# **NextGen Scholarship 2024 Application**

**Bank Name:**

**Applicant Name:**

**Applicant Title:**

**How long have you been a community banker?**

1. In your own words, tell us about yourself (e.g. career path, goals, awards, hobbies, volunteer activities, etc.). Use this as an opportunity to provide insight on what makes you a great candidate for this scholarship.
2. Tell us why this scholarship will help make you a better community banker. How will you use the knowledge and experience gained to improve your community bank and reach your own professional goals?
3. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the community banking industry today and why?

## **Letter of Recommendation**

We're interested in learning what your leadership and/or colleagues can share about your experience in community banking and/or leadership. Please submit a letter of recommendation from an executive or officer at the bank that speaks to your character and supports your request for a scholarship.

**Submit application to [kathy@communitybankers-wa.org](mailto:kathy@communitybankers-wa.org) by July 31, 2025**