8th Annual WISE Scholarship Opens Applications for Washington Women in STEM

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Alexander Sobel, DO, FAACS, of Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery, announced that applications for the 2025 WISE (Women in STEM Excel) Scholarship opened Tuesday, October 7, 2025. The scholarship, now in its eighth year, provides financial support to Washington women pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

The WISE Scholarship provides a $3,500 cash award to one female student annually to assist with educational expenses. Recipients may use funds for tuition, textbooks, supplies, technology, on-campus dining, housing, and transportation costs. Dr. Sobel established the scholarship to address the underrepresentation of women in STEM industries while reducing financial barriers to education.

"Rising education costs continue to create challenges for students pursuing STEM degrees," said Dr. Alex Sobel, a triple board-certified cosmetic surgeon just outside of Seattle. "The WISE Scholarship addresses these financial barriers while supporting women who demonstrate potential for meaningful contributions to

STEM fields."

Current data shows increased demand for skilled STEM professionals, while women remain underrepresented in these sectors. Research indicates that diverse perspectives in STEM fields contribute to enhanced innovation and problem-solving capabilities across industries.

"Women's participation in STEM disciplines brings valuable perspectives that advance research and development," said Dr. Sobel. "The WISE Scholarship supports this participation by removing financial obstacles that might otherwise prevent qualified candidates from completing their education."

The scholarship accepts applications from female Washington State residents pursuing STEM education at accredited institutions. Eligible fields include chemistry, computer and information technology science, engineering, healthcare and medical sciences, biological sciences, mathematical sciences, physics, astronomy, social sciences, and STEM education research. The comprehensive list of eligible majors follows guidelines established by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement STEM designated degree program list, ensuring broad accessibility for qualified candidates.

Application requirements include one letter of recommendation with valid contact information, a completed application form, and original essay responses. The application process is designed to identify students who demonstrate both academic merit and genuine commitment to their STEM field of study.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, December 19, 2025. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review submissions from Monday, December 22, 2025, to Friday, January 2, 2026, selecting recipients based on merit and application completion. The scholarship winner will be announced Monday, January 19, 2026.

Dr. Sobel maintains his Seattle cosmetic surgery practice while supporting educational initiatives and community development programs. "Each year's applicant pool demonstrates the caliber of women entering STEM fields," said Dr. Sobel. "The scholarship represents our commitment to supporting educational advancement in these critical disciplines."

Complete information about the WISE Scholarship, including eligibility requirements and approved STEM majors, is available on the Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery website application page.

About Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery

Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery, located in Bellevue, Washington, is a cosmetic surgery practice specializing exclusively in aesthetic procedures. Dr. Alexander Sobel, DO, FAACS, is a triple board-certified

cosmetic surgeon certified in General Cosmetic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Facial Cosmetic Surgery. Dr. Sobel is a Fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery and Past President of the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery. The practice operates from an on-site, accredited surgical suite that meets Washington State Department of Health standards and provides comprehensive cosmetic surgery services, including facial rejuvenation, breast enhancement, body contouring, and non-surgical treatments. Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery is located at 626 120th Ave NE B201, Bellevue, WA 98005. For more information about services offered, visit the practice website or contact the office at 425-453-9060.

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Dr. Sobel is a triple board certified surgeon based in Bellevue, Washington. Both in and out of his practice, Dr. Sobel is well-known and respected for his kindness, generosity, and commitment to providing patients with access to safe, quality treatment.

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