

2017-2018 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

Western Washington University is offering a scholarship program for non-traditional students. This scholarship is funded through the WWU tuition waiver program. The Non-Traditional Scholarship (in combination with other tuition waivers) cannot exceed the cost of tuition on a quarterly basis. The scholarship will be awarded for Winter and Spring 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ Be a Washington State resident.
- ▶ Have financial need as defined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).*
- ▶ Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- ▶ Be enrolled at Western Washington University (**study abroad, international/domestic exchange programs and other non-state supported programs such as Extended Education are ineligible**) and attending at least half-time.
- ▶ Be an undergraduate student (**Post Baccalaureate and Graduate students are ineligible**).
- ▶ Meet one of the non-traditional student criteria as defined on page 2 of this application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Essay: Write brief essays about the following:

1. Describe your academic and career goals.
2. Describe one of your most meaningful achievements and how this relates to your field of study and your future goals.
3. Describe how being a non-traditional student has influenced your educational experiences.
4. How will this scholarship help you?

Supplemental Information: Provide a list of significant activities and honors. Please include volunteer activities and employment information. If you prefer, this summary may be written in a résumé style.

Transcripts: You are encouraged but not required to include transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Transcripts provide the committee with information about your academic achievement, progress toward your academic/career goal, academic improvement, and enrollment in other coursework that demonstrates your interests/talents. Please do not include your WWU transcript.

Fairhaven Majors: Please submit copies of all 2016-2017 faculty evaluations. If you are unable to provide all Fairhaven evaluations, please submit a written statement describing why this requirement cannot be met.

Number of Copies: Please submit **three** complete packets (which includes this scholarship application, non-traditional documentation, the supplemental information, essay, and transcripts). Please do not staple your application materials. Paper clips, binder clips or rubber bands are preferred. Separate envelopes or folders containing your application materials are not necessary and will be discarded.

*WASFA Application available at <http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	WWU ID#	BIRTHDATE ___/___/___
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NON-TRADITIONAL CRITERIA

Please check one of the following criteria and submit the required documentation with your application:

- Displaced Homemaker:**
Provide a detailed statement that addresses the following:
 - Your prior unpaid services to family member(s);
 - Your loss of financial support from a family member;
 - Your current employment status, i.e. unemployment or underemployment (part-time or below education/skills).

- Dislocated Worker:** In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she is currently receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation, has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job, or was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster. Please submit, along with your application, the following: [Dislocated Worker Verification](#).

- Delayed college enrollment:** After a *continuous five year absence* from either high school or college, a student who was admitted or re-admitted to WWU for one of the following quarters: Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017. Transcripts will serve as documentation.

- Students with Dependents they support:** Must provide more than half of support for this person(s) as defined by IRS publications. Please provide a written statement detailing how you meet this requirement. In addition, you must submit a copy of page 1 of your 2016 IRS tax return listing your dependent(s) or, if you do not claim them on your return, please provide a statement describing your situation.

- Students with Disability:** Please provide written verification that you receive services from the WWU disAbility Resources for Students Office. This documentation will be provided by the disAbility Resources Center upon request.

- Foster Youth:** A student who was a foster youth at any time prior to the age of 18. You must provide documentation of this status if you are not currently a recipient of the Passport to College Scholarship.

- Non-Citizen Students with HB 1079 Status:** Students who have graduated from a Washington high school or obtained a GED (or will do so before beginning college), have lived in Washington for three years prior to, and continuously since, earning the high school diploma or equivalent and who sign an affidavit (written promise) to file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States when eligible to apply. WASFA application will serve as documentation.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I authorize the release of my grade transcript and the extent of my financial need to the scholarship committee.

Student Signature:

Date:

Submit your completed scholarship application to:
WWU Scholarship Center, Old Main 285
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9007

Deadline: November 29, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. Applications with postmark of 11/29/17 are acceptable.

Applicants must meet all qualifications and submit all required documentation in order for the application to be sent to the committee.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered