

Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee
Black Alumni Committee
Scholarship Application

Please print the following requested information:

Applicant Name: _____

Student ID: _____ **Cell:** _____

Campus Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Student Enrollment Status: Check One

New Freshman **New Transfer** **Current WIU Student**

Total College Credit Hours Earned: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Declared Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

Deadline dates:

New Entering Freshman Student: August 1

New Entering Transfer Student: August 1

Currently Enrolled Student: July 1

Please sign and send this application with all required documentation to:

WIU Black Alumni Committee Scholarship

C/O Belinda Carr

Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center

Western Illinois University

1 University Circle

Macomb, IL 61455-1390

*If you have any questions about this scholarship or the application process, please contact
Belinda Carr at 309/298-2220*

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BLACK ALUMNI COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

HISTORY: The Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award was established in 2007. The award is intended to provide financial assistance to deserving and qualified African American students enrolled full-time at Western Illinois University.

CRITERIA: NEW FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. **Must be accepted as a new freshman/transfer student at Western Illinois University.**
2. **Enroll as a full-time student**
3. **Have a high school/college GPA of 2.5 or better**
4. **Have a record of community service**
5. **Required Supporting Documents include:**
 - Completed scholarship application
 - 500 word essay about the importance of obtaining a college degree (typed and double spaced) *ESSAY QUESTION: In the 21st century a college education has become a necessity. Knowing that, "What are your reasons for going to college, and what impact will the WIU Black Alumni Scholarship Award have in your financial plans?"*
 - Proof of community service involvement
 - Official transcript (with seal) documenting the applicable high school or college course work to be sent directly from the school in a sealed envelope to the address below
 - *PLEASE include recent professional photo (Optional)

CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

1. **Must be enrolled full-time at Western Illinois University**
2. **Have a minimum of 24 credit hours completed at time of application**
3. **Have a minimum GPA of 2.5**
4. **Have a record of community service**
5. **Required Supporting Documents include:**
 - Completed scholarship application
 - 500 word essay about the importance of obtaining a college degree (typed and double spaced). *ESSAY QUESTION: In the 21st century a college education has become a necessity. Knowing that, "What are your reasons for going to college, and what impact will the WIU Black Alumni Scholarship Award have in your financial plans?"*
 - Proof of membership in student organization(s) and/or campus-based activities - include statement from advisor or event organizer along with their contact information.

Official transcript (with seal) documenting all college/university coursework sent directly from the Registrar's Office in a sealed envelope to:

Belinda J. Carr, Director
Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

APPLICATIONS: Applications are available at the following locations:

Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center
Western Illinois University
(309)298-2220

Or
Scholarship Office, Sherman Hall 308
(309)298-2001

TERMS: The minimum award is \$250 per recipient

SELECTION PROCESS: The Black Alumni Scholarship Committee will select recipients of this scholarship award.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Scholarship recipients will be invited to the Annual Western Illinois University Black Tie Affair held each year in February. Scholarship applications will be accepted until all recipients have been selected.

INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455
Or
Scholarship Office
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

DEADLINE DATES:

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IS THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RENEWABLE? Yes

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR RENEWABILITY? Student must reapply for consideration

MAKING A DONATION

Private donations and Annual Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Fundraisers support the Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award. Contributions for this scholarship award should be directed to:

*WIU Black Alumni Scholarship Award
Western Illinois University Foundation
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455
wiublackalumni@yahoo.com*