

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Residential Scholar Initiative Program Guidelines

General

A maximum of 125 room scholarships will be awarded to incoming Fall freshmen and transfer students. Scholarships will be offered on a continuing basis until May 1. After that date, applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These awards do not apply to students who plan to live in University graduate and family housing, apartments or off-campus housing.

Eligibility

The room scholarship awards will be given to students with outstanding academic credentials. Valedictorians and salutatorians are automatically eligible for the awards. Students minoring in the Military Science program also will be considered favorably in the selection process. Recipients are expected to maintain a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average during the academic year. Failure to do so could mean the cancellation of the award.

Room Cost Waivers

Freshmen and transfer scholarship recipients will receive a room cost waiver for a double room in a WIU residence hall for the Fall and Spring semesters only during the first year of enrollment.

1. Pay the board portion of their housing contract during the applicable Fall and Spring semesters.
2. Live in the residence hall the following year and pay full room and board.
 - a. Students who *must* do student teaching or who drop out before they fulfill the second-year live-in requirement will be expected to comply with the live-in obligation starting the first semester they return to school. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in a financial penalty-(the room portion of room and board at the double room rate for the second year.)
 - b. Recipients of this award will not be permitted Greek releases to live in a fraternity or sorority house during the second-year live-in requirement.
 - c. This scholarship can/will have an impact on financial aid awards. Please check with your WIU financial aid advisor.
3. Sign a statement indicating that they understand and agree to the above conditions.

Attention Transfer Students: *Transfer students with 60-69 hours will be considered on a case-by-case basis for a one year award. Students with 70 or more hours will be considered on a semester-by-semester basis only. Students who fit into either one of these categories should understand that when they accept a residential scholarship they are obligated to live in a WIU residence hall for a period comparable to the length of time they received the award.*



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Western Illinois University Residential Scholar Initiative Application

New Freshmen Only (complete this section and move on to the next section):

I am currently attending _____ High School

ACT Composite Score _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____

New Transfer Students Only (complete this section and move on to the next section):

I am currently attending (college/university) _____

Cumulative GPA (4.0 pt scale) _____ Semester hours completed prior to WIU _____

Freshmen and Transfer students both complete this section, then continue with the next page:

Student's Name _____

WIU ID# _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Phone Number _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Do you plan to enroll in the Military Science (ROTC) program? Yes No

Intended Academic Major _____

List other scholarships for which you have applied:

List types of financial aid for which you have applied:

Please briefly describe what special strengths you believe you would bring to the University and how the Residential Scholar Initiative Program might be of assistance.

New Freshmen Only (complete this section and sign below):

List all high school and community activities in which you participated during your sophomore, junior and senior years. Indicate whether you have been involved in Student Government. Also list any offices held in each organization.

List any awards, honors or recognition you have received in high school

List any volunteer experience(s)

Have you held a job while attending high school? Yes No

Nature of job and average number of hours worked per week

New Transfer Students Only (complete this section and sign below):

List college/university activities in which you have participated. Indicate whether you have been involved in Student Government. Also, list any offices held in each organization.

List leadership roles you have assumed in college or your community

List awards, honors or recognition you have received while in college

Have you held a job while attending college? Yes No

Nature of job and average number of hours worked per week

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Return to: Residential Scholarship Initiative Program
 Scholarship Office, 308 Sherman Hall
 Western Illinois University
 1 University Circle
 Macomb, IL 61455

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