

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
MACOMB, ILLINOIS

**P. JAMES NIELSEN SCHOLARSHIP
FOR OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE PRE-PROFESSIONAL
STUDENTS – 2010**

The P. James Nielsen Scholarship is an award given to graduating Pre-Professional students who will be matriculating to an accredited medical, dental, optometry, or veterinary school in the Fall of 2010.

The awardee will receive \$1,000 towards professional school expenses, applied to a special account set up by the WIU Foundation.

The student must have completed at least half of their university credit hours at WIU to qualify. The student's intention to graduate in Spring 2010 must be on-file at the time of application.

The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by the Department of Biological Sciences Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Overall GPA + Hours attended at WIU
2. Pre-professional exam score (MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE [general])
3. Evidence of acceptance to a professional school at time of award decision (see below)
4. Evidence of student participation in civic, community, or college extra-curricular activities
5. Previous awards and honors received
6. Strength of student's personal statement
7. Strength of letters of recommendation

Scholarship applications and supporting forms must be received by the Biological Sciences Scholarship Committee **no later than 12:00 (noon) on Monday, May 3, 2010.**

If a student has applied but has not been accepted to a professional school at the time of application, they must supply the committee with evidence of acceptance prior to **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**, which is when the committee will select the candidate.

The recipient of the P. James Nielsen Scholarship will be informed both by e-mail and in writing. At that time, further information about the account set up for the awardee will be given.

Any questions about award specifics should be directed to Dr. Bonnan, Chair, Scholarship Committee: MF-Bonnan@wiu.edu; (309) 298-2155.



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Student's Name _____

Home Address (City, State, Zip) _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Local Telephone Number & E-mail _____ Major: _____

Local / School Address _____ Minor: _____

Local / School Address _____ Semester Hours Completed at WIU: _____

Student Identification Number _____ Semester Hours Completed elsewhere: _____

Student will graduate in Spring of 2010* Yes No

*This requires the student to have their intention of graduation on record.

List professional schools to which you have applied:

List professional schools to which have been accepted:
Student must supply documentation showing acceptance.

Please indicate your score on the following: (check all that apply)*:

MCAT _____ DAT _____ OAT _____ GRE (general) _____

*Student must supply a copy of the exam results from the appropriate test-administering agency.

List awards and honors received in college:

List civic, community, and/or college extra-curricular activities:

Student must include with this application form:

1. Two (2) letters of recommendation from appropriate faculty members or employers in sealed envelopes.
2. A one-page, typed statement about the student's future career goals and how the P. James Nielsen Scholarship would assist them in pursuing their professional careers.

I, _____, verify that the information I am providing to the Biological Sciences Scholarship Committee is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful.

Student's Signature

Date

**Return the completed application and supporting materials BY MAY 3, 2010 to:
ATTN: Dr. Matthew F. Bonnan, Chair – Biological Sciences Scholarship Committee
Department of Biological Sciences
Waggoner Hall, Rm. 372
Western Illinois University
Macomb, IL 61455**