

WIU Minority Achievement Program Information

The Minority Achievement Program goals are to attract and retain minority students with high academic achievement and potential, and encourage and support their success while enrolled at Western Illinois University.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for WIU's Minority Achievement Program, new freshmen entering the University must be of African American, Asian American, Native American, or Hispanic descent, have an ACT score of 21 or better and/or rank in the upper 15 percent of their high school graduating class, have an ACT subscore greater than 15 in both English and math, and be enrolled as a full-time student at WIU. Upperclassmen and transfer students must be of African American, Asian American, Native American, or Hispanic descent, have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average, and be enrolled as a full-time student at WIU. To maintain good standing in the program, students must be enrolled full-time at WIU and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE AWARD:

All Minority Achievement Program participants with a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average will be considered for the Textbook Purchase Award. This award is given every Fall and Spring semester.

MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP:

A limited number of scholarships are available to Minority Achievement Program participants. Selection of scholarship recipients is completed through a competitive application process. Awards range in value from \$100 to \$500.

WIU HONORS PROGRAM:

Students participating in the Minority Achievement Program will be eligible and encouraged to participate in the University Honors Program. Through seminars, research opportunities, and independent study courses, students are challenged and encouraged to develop their intellectual abilities to the fullest extent. The program makes it possible for students to gain recognition in general honors, departmental/college honors, and/or law honors.

MENTORS:

A mentor system helps students participating in the Minority Achievement Program and consists of WIU faculty and administrators who have volunteered their time and support. There is an attempt to match students and mentors according to declared curriculum interests. Mentors provide encouragement and academic guidance in course selection, academic direction, and career goals; assist students in making a smooth transition from home to college; and help provide outlets for social interaction and cultural awareness. Mentors also encourage participation in University activities, encourage a competitive attitude, and help close the gap between faculty and students.

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