



Western Illinois University Fallen Soldiers Scholarship

Six \$500 scholarship awards will be made during the academic year to acknowledge veterans and service members for their outstanding scholarship and leadership. Three awards in the amount of \$500 each will be made for the fall term and three awards in the amount of \$500 each will be made for the spring term. The scholarship award may be used for educational expenses and will be made via electronic funds transfer. Preference will be given to an applicant who has served at least one year active duty in support of a combat mission.

This Fallen Soldiers Scholarship is not renewable. The deadline for consideration for the Fall 2017 term is August 1, 2017.

Background Information

The Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund was started in honor of two WIU alumni who were killed in the line of duty, Captain Derek Dobogai and Lieutenant Colonel Robert Baldwin.

Dobogai graduated from Western in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration, was a member of the Leatherneck cross-country team and track and field team. He was also a member of WIU's Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC), and while at Western, was ranked as the No. 14 Army ROTC cadet in the nation among more than 4,000 cadets. Dobogai earned the "Lieutenant of the Year" award for the 25th Infantry Division and had recently been selected to join the U.S. Army Special Forces unit known as the Green Berets.

Baldwin earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from WIU in 1993. He also held a master's degree in military art and science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and a master's degree in adult education from Kansas State University. While at Western, Baldwin was a member of ROTC and the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity. Baldwin's military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Air Assault Badge; Parachutist Badge; and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Eligibility Criteria

Must have served at least one year active duty (for purposes other than training) or have served active duty in support of a combat mission in the U.S. Armed Forces, including reserve and guard forces.

Must submit a copy of the DD Form 214 with notation of an honorable discharge or a letter from the Commanding Officer documenting service.

An undergraduate student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Western, earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for the term immediately preceding the award and enroll as a full-time student at Western during the term in which the scholarship has been received.

A graduate student must earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for the term immediately preceding the award and enroll as a full-time student at Western during the term in which the scholarship has been received.

Submit an essay (500 words or less) describing how your military service has influenced your intellectual, academic, and personal life experiences.

Scholarship recipient must be willing to attend an award ceremony in Macomb on Saturday, October 14, 2017, if residing in the local area.



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DEADLINE: August 1, 2017
Veterans Resource Center
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455

Phone: 309-298-3505

Student Name: _____
Last First M.I.

WIU I.D. #: _____ Cell Telephone #: (____) _____

School Residence (Street Name): _____

City: _____ County and/or Township _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell Telephone #: (____) _____

Permanent Residence (Street Name): _____

City: _____ County and/or Township _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell Telephone #: (____) _____

Academic Major _____ Academic Minor _____

The following documents must be submitted with this application form. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted.

- Submit a written essay (500 words or less) describing how your military service has influenced your intellectual, academic and personal life experiences.
- Submit a copy of the DD Form 214 with notation of an honorable discharge or a letter from your Commanding Officer documenting service.
- Submit an unofficial copy of your Western Illinois University transcript (may be printed through STARS).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Return the completed application, essay, DD Form 214, and transcript to the Veterans Resource Center, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455. All application materials for the fall 2017 term scholarship must be received on or before August 1, 2017. Application materials will also be accepted if postmarked no later than August 1, 2017. No fax or email applications or copies will be accepted.