

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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*

*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 The Gwendolyn Brooks Center 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:

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:**

**New Entering Freshman Student: August 1**

**New Entering Transfer Student: August 1**

**Currently Enrolled Student: July 1**

**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***