

WIU 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



WEST INDIES UNITED

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Scholarship Criteria

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a US citizen, [US National](#), [Resident Alien](#), .
- Applicant must be a high school senior with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.
- Applicant must be accepted by an accredited college or university at least **1/2 time** basis by the time the award payment is made.
- Applicant must be entering as a college freshman or sophomore.
- Applicant must submit a transcript of his/her Grade Point Average (GPA).
- A letter of recommendation from one of his/her [faculty members must accompany the application](#).
- A 500-750 word, single-spaced essay on an influential Caribbean figure, [art or historical fact](#).
- A half page BIO and a high-res [1/2 photo \(Either 426 x 640 or 500 x 751\)](#) in graduation attire.

Selection Process

Selections will be made by a committee comprised of up to five [persons](#), including the President or Vice President. Individuals selected for this committee must not be related to, or have special alliance to any of the applicants. [WIU will try to find one educator annually](#). The committee will consider the following:

- Applicant's college or high school grade point average (GPA).
- Faculty member or guidance counselor's recommendation
- Essay submitted [as required on the topic as requested](#)
- Qualifications of the individual(s)

The availability of funds and the number of applications received by the Scholarship Committee will determine the number of awards given annually.

[Winner notification and instructions after winning](#)

Scholarship winners will be notified by phone by the [third](#) Saturday of May. Winners will be invited to attend our Awards Banquet in July where they will be formally recognized. Scholarship money will be submitted directly to the college/university that the student attends. [Students must submit the school address and student ID information at least one week after school starts in order for scholarships to be sent out](#). If for some reason the recipient of the scholarship is unable to attend school or becomes ineligible after [winning](#), (i.e. decides not to attend college, etc.), the recipient must immediately notify West Indies United. The money will then be awarded to the next eligible applicant. [Scholarships will be given out after school starts and as soon as the letter is received by the winners but no later than October](#).

NOTE: [In order to receive the scholarship, the winners must provide the address of the school's financial aid office and his/her student ID number one week after school starts.](#)

[All debts will be cleared by the school prior to them sending out funds to the student,](#)

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Scholarship Application Form
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This application must be filled out in its entirety and all requested information must be submitted via email or regular mail (see contact info above).

Your application must be turned in by **April 30, 2017** to be considered for this scholarship.

Personal Information

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

I am a (check one):
U.S. Citizen U.S. National Resident Alien

Academic Information

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____
Street Address *City* *State*

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ On a Scale of: _____

Name of two-year or four-year institution you plan to attend in the Fall 2017:

Check one:
Two-Year University Four-Year University

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If you are planning to enroll in a two-year institution, what four-year institution do you plan to transfer to and attend?

Programs and Activities

1. List all high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.) that you have participated in since freshman year. You will have space to list 10 activities.

Name of Activity	Description/Office Held	Dates

2. List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. You will have space to list 5 activities.

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3. List internships, assistantships, and jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past four years. You will have space to list up to 5 employers.

Company	Description/Position Held	Dates

4. List awards, scholarships, honors, or special recognitions you have received in the past four years.

Award	Description	Date Received

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Application Questions

Answer each question honestly, and to the best of your ability. Limit each answer to 150 words or less.

What are your academic goals? Your future career plans? How do you plan to use your studies to achieve your future career plans?

From your high school experience, what have you learned most about yourself?

What has been your proudest achievement so far?

What are you looking forward to attending college and how do you want to contribute to your college community?

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Essay

Write a 500 – 750 word, single spaced essay on an influential Caribbean figure, art or fact (i.e. musician, scientist, government official, filmmaker, author, instrument, historical fact or site, etc.; can also be of Caribbean descent). How about someone who has inspired you in your pursuit of higher education?

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Disclaimer and Signature

I affirm my wish to be considered for West Indies United's scholarship.

I affirm that I did this application and not someone else.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that my essay is original work, free of plagiarism. I understand that false or misleading information in my application will result in rescindment of acceptance. (Feel free to search the internet; do not plagiarize other person's work)

Permission is hereby given to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other requested information for consideration in the West Indies United's scholarship program.

I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation on my behalf.

I affirm that I plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2017.

If selected as a West Indies United Scholar, I will try and attend the Scholarship Awards Gala on Saturday July 29, 2017. I understand that I will receive 2 free tickets to attend the Gala.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

