

WIU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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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 ready to be 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.
- 500 -750 words, single-spaced essay on the theme:
 - **On any issue that is affecting a Caribbean Island or Caribbean country**
 - **Identify the issue.**
 - **In your opinion how can this issue be resolved to benefit the island or Caribbean people**
- A half page BIO and a high res ½ 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)
- Any volunteer work will be considered and can be a tie breaker; but is not mandatory.

All applicants, please note: The availability of funds and the number of applications received by the Scholarship Committee will determine the number (if any) award(s) is/are given annually.

Winner notification and instructions after winning.

Scholarship winners will be notified by phone by the fourth Saturday of May. Winners can then be awarded and recognized at their school's award ceremony. 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, but no later than the end of September of the scholarship year.

NOTE: In order to receive the scholarship, the winner(s) must provide the address of the school's financial aid office and his/her student ID number. *WIU will verify the student is actively enrolled prior to providing any funding to the school. WIU will not provide funds directly to the student.*

Good luck to all applicants.

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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 the third Saturday of May of the current year 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 this fall.

Check one:

Two-Year University Four-Year University

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WIU encourages all students to engage in volunteerism as a way to broaden their community involvement.

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 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 in attending college?

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Essay

Write a 500-750 word, single spaced essay on the theme: Any issue that is affecting a Caribbean Island or Caribbean country.

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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 will need to my application 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 the current year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

