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**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
 FOR BEGINNING FRESHMEN ENTERING FALL 2009**

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS. POSTMARK DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Application must be postmarked no later than January 15. Generally, a 3.7 cumulative grade point average and a 26 composite ACT score (or 1170 SAT) are necessary to be competitive for most academic scholarships. All scholarship applicants will be notified by mid May.
2. Submit an application for undergraduate admission prior to this application. Scholarship application cannot be considered unless an application for admission is on file.
3. Print clearly or type responses to **Parts I and III**. Please sign **Part IV**.
4. Take the completed application to your high school guidance counselor to complete Part II. A transcript and grading scale must be included with the scholarship application.
5. Mail the completed application to the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

PART I

1. Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ WKU ID _____ - _____ - _____
2. _____
 Last name (family or surname) First name Middle name Name you prefer to be called
3. Permanent address _____
 Street, Route, or P.O. Box City State Zip Code
4. Home telephone () _____ E-Mail _____ Date of Birth _____
5. High school name and location: (name) _____
 (city) _____ (county) _____ (state) _____
6. Guidance Counselor's name _____ Phone () _____
7. Year and term (check one term) you will enter WKU: Year _____ Fall (Aug.) ___; Spring (Jan.) ___; Summer ___
8. High school graduation (month/year): ___/___ 9. Intended Major: _____
10. Ethnic origin code (number from below) _____ (This information is voluntary)
 1 = Non-resident alien (international student); 2 = Black/African American; 3 = American Indian or Alaskan Native; 4 = Asian or Pacific Islander; 5 = Hispanic; 6 = White

PART II

**To Be Completed by High School Guidance Counselor
 (Application cannot be considered unless this section is complete)**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Sixth Semester Rank/Class Size | Seventh Semester Rank/Class Size | Cumulative GPA on UNWEIGHTED 4.0 SCALE
Sixth SemesterSeventh Semester |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
1. _____/_____/_____
 2. ACT scores: Date _____ EN _____ MA _____ RE _____ SC _____ COM _____
 3. SAT scores: Date _____ Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____
 4. Number of Advanced Placement Program (APP) classes taken and/or in progress _____
 Number of honors classes taken and/or in progress _____
 5. Indicate if student is: ___ National Merit/National Achievement Semi-finalist ___ KY Governor's Scholar ___ GS Arts ___ Gatton Academy of Math and Science
- Signature of Guidance Counselor _____ Date completed _____

FOR OFFICE USE
Fund _____
Year _____
Amount _____

Please include transcript and grading scale with the scholarship application. Awards will be determined based on an unweighted 4.0 scale.

PART III

To be completed by student

Please use space provided-do not include resumes. List in order of importance to you.

Membership in school activities

Circle year(s) of membership

List leadership position (Indicate Yr. 9, 10, 11, 12)

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Non-school activities (community, church, civic, employment, etc.)

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Honors and awards

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PART IV

To be completed by student.

Will you complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA? Yes ____ No ____ To complete the FAFSA form or for more information, you may go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

By signing this document, I give the representatives of the Office of Student Financial Assistance at Western Kentucky University permission to discuss and share my academic and financial records (including, but not limited to: FAFSA information, unmet need, tuition, charges and other billing statements, grades, GPA, EFC, and other aid received) with the representatives of the above mentioned scholarship committee. You should interpret this document as conforming to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If student is under the age of 18) _____ Date _____

PART V

To be completed by student.

If you are interested in applying for the Leaders of Distinction Scholarship, check the appropriate box below regarding eligibility.

I am applying for the Leaders of Distinction scholarship based on the following:

- Under-represented population
- Under-served population (Check category that applies):
 - Recipient of Supplemental Security Income
 - Recipient of Food Stamps
 - Recipient of Free or Reduced Lunch
 - Recipient of TANF
 - Recipient of WIC
- Other

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

The following scholarships are offered to both traditional and non-traditional beginning freshmen who begin attendance in the fall semester. Complete applications received with a postmark date no later than January 15 will be considered for the scholarships listed below. **Applications postmarked after January 15 will not be given full consideration.** To meet the January 15 deadline, applicants should have qualifying test scores **PRIOR** to February test dates. Late scores and adjusted class rank cannot be accepted. It is not necessary to apply for a specific award. Students will be awarded the largest scholarship possible. Scholarships are awarded competitively on the basis of ACT/SAT composite scores, cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 **unweighted** scale, rank in class, curriculum, activities, and honors.

Honors College membership is required for Award of Excellence and Presidential Scholarships. If you are awarded an Award of Excellence Scholarship, you will be invited to apply for a Presidential Scholarship. Presidential Scholarship applications are due two weeks from receipt of notification of an Award of Excellence. Applicants who are selected for a Presidential Scholarship interview will be required to attend a mandatory one-day interview in March, 2009.

Applicants for the Alumni Leadership Scholarship should enclose with the completed application a two page, double-spaced essay on your experiences and goals as a leader (see below).

All scholarship applicants will be notified by mid May. You may access scholarship award information via your TopNet account. TopNet login information is available at www.wku.edu/finaid/howto.htm.

While the information presented here is as accurate as possible as of the date of publication, the University reserves the right to make changes that future circumstances may require.

Scholarship	Details	Value	Renewable
Presidential	Applicants with a 3.95 GPA and 31 ACT that wish to be considered for this level of award will be required to submit additional information. Eligible students will receive a letter with details approximately two weeks after submission of completed scholarship application	In-state tuition, \$3,500 on-campus housing allowance, \$2,000 meal, and \$1,000 book allowance, and participation in the Honors College	Yes w/3.5 overall GPA and good standing in the Honors College
Award of Excellence	Applicants with a 3.95 GPA and 31 ACT are assured this scholarship. GPA and ACT scores below the above stated will be awarded on a competitive basis. Additional requirements listed above	In-state tuition, \$3,000 on-campus housing allowance, \$500 book allowance and participation in the Honors College	Yes w/3.5 overall GPA and good standing in the Honors College
Hallmark	National Merit or Achievement Semi-Finalist and 3.0 unweighted GPA	In-state tuition, standard semi-private room on campus, and \$500 book allowance	Yes w/3.5 overall GPA
Regents	ACT composite of 28 (or SAT total of 1240) and 3.90 unweighted GPA	In-state tuition (National Academic Scholarship students not eligible)	Yes w/3.5 overall GPA
KY Governor's Scholar	Participant in the Governor's Scholars program and not receiving a larger award. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 and ACT composite of 25 required	In-state tuition	Yes w/ 3.5 overall GPA
Alumni Leadership	ACT composite of 21, 3.00 unweighted GPA, exceptional leadership & essay listed above	5 @ \$1,000 including one award for the Northern Kentucky area	Yes
Kentucky Scholar	1st or 2nd in class at a Kentucky high school by January 15 and not receiving a larger award	\$1,500	No
College Heights	Competitively awarded. Last year's minimum was a 3.80 unweighted GPA & 27 ACT composite	\$1,500	No
Alumni	Competitively awarded. Last year's minimum was a 3.70 unweighted GPA & 26 ACT composite	30 @ \$800	No
Trust Fund Scholarships	Varies according to the criteria established by more than 300 trust funds administered by the College Heights Foundation and the WKU Foundation	Varies	Varies
Distinct Scholars	Merit-based; targeted to under-represented populations	In-state tuition and above (Varies)	Varies
Leaders of Distinction	Requires a one-page letter written by the applicant explaining past contributions to diversity and future contributions to diversity at WKU. Letter must accompany scholarship application	In-state tuition	No

All applicants are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. by the priority deadline of April 1, 2009.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS

Agriculture Department

For more information call (270) 745-3151 or e-mail <deborah.gabbard@wku.edu>.

Army ROTC

For more information call (270) 745-4293 or e-mail <army.rotc@wku.edu>.

Governor's School for the Arts

For more information call (270) 745-2345 or e-mail <tracy.rucker@wku.edu>.

Minority Education Recruitment and Retention Scholarship

Applicants must be Kentucky residents majoring in teacher education. For more information call (270) 745-2996 or e-mail <denise.hardesty@wku.edu>.

Music Department

For more information call (270) 745-3751 or e-mail <joe.stites@wku.edu>.

Ogden College Foundation

A limited number of awards in the amount of \$750 per semester are available annually for beginning freshmen and returning students. Minimum criteria: Kentucky resident, rank in the top 15%, ACT composite of 26 (or 26 in math and science categories), and majoring within Ogden College of Science and Engineering. The application is available at <http://ogden.wku.edu/> or write to:

Ogden College Foundation
P.O. Box 610
Madison, TN 37116-0610
(615) 868-9391
E-mail: ogden.wku@earthlink.net

School of Journalism and Broadcasting

For more information call (270) 745-4144 or e-mail <journalism@wku.edu>.

WKU Alumni Chapter of Greater Louisville Leadership Scholarship

Applicants must be residents of Jefferson County, Ky. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded based on leadership, activities, and high school involvement. For more information contact your guidance counselor or one of the following representatives:

Mr. Kent Groemling
1932 Rutherford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40205
(502) 473-0610

Pat Richardson
(502) 585-9781