

# COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

*Updates from the Western Kentucky University  
Office of Admissions*

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## **The Hilltopper Guarantee**

The Hilltopper Guarantee is our pledge to close the gap for Kentucky students who may not otherwise be able to afford college. WKU guarantees 100% tuition coverage for any first-time, first-year freshman from Kentucky who receives Pell Grant assistance and has at least a 3.0 cumulative unweighted high school GPA.

There is no separate application necessary for a student to receive the Hilltopper Guarantee. This award is automatically given to eligible students based on their admission application and supporting materials, and FAFSA submission.

**Check out our full 21/22 scholarship package here.**

# The Mahurin Honors College

The priority deadline for the Mahurin Honors College application is coming up on **December 1st!** The Mahurin Honors College is a great opportunity for students looking to find a close-knit community of scholars on the Hill. Honors College students have exclusive access to priority class registration, a Travel Abroad Grant (TAG), and opportunities for smaller classes. Research-driven students can complete a thesis as part of their honors curriculum fulfillment.

Mahurin Honors College applicants are evaluated for admission on a holistic basis. Admission review takes into consideration extracurricular involvement, volunteer experience, quality of writing samples, as well as academic excellence. There is **no minimum ACT/SAT score or GPA** required to apply, and all interested students are encouraged to complete the application.

Students **must be admitted to WKU prior to applying for the Mahurin Honors College**, so we recommend encouraging interested students to be admitted to WKU by mid-November to allow plenty of time to complete that additional application!

We are excited to welcome **Laura King** to the Mahurin Honors College staff as their new admission counselor. Please contact Laura at [laura.king@wku.edu](mailto:laura.king@wku.edu) for information about the application and admission process, honors student experience, or setting up a VIP Honors tour for an interested student.



## Questions?

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