

# COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

*Updates from the Western Kentucky University Office of Admissions*



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## Test Optional Admission

Beginning with Spring 2021 applicants, first-time freshman admission will be test-optional for students with an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 2.50 or greater.

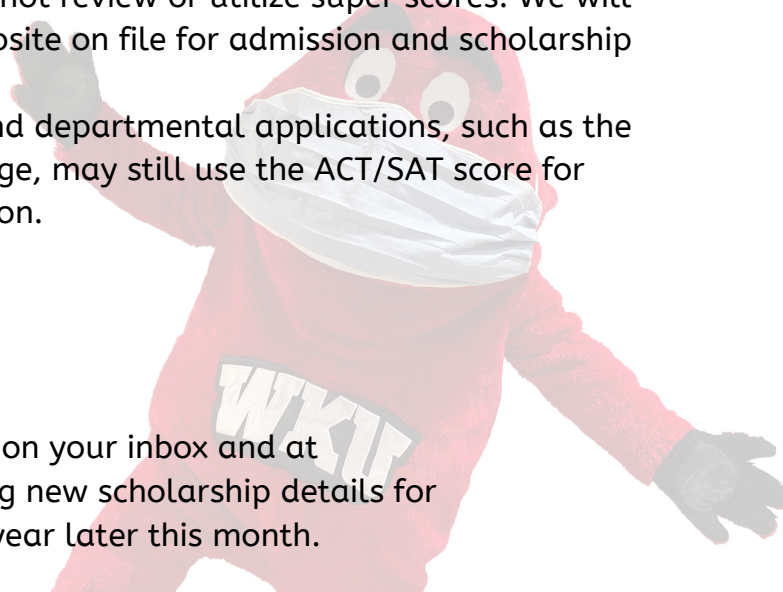
While students must have a minimum 2.0 unweighted, cumulative GPA in order to be considered for admission, only those with an unweighted, cumulative GPA between 2.0-2.49 will need to submit an ACT/SAT score for admission consideration.

As a reminder, we do not review or utilize super scores. We will use the highest composite on file for admission and scholarship purposes.

Select scholarships and departmental applications, such as the Mahurin Honors College, may still use the ACT/SAT score for admission consideration.

**SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please keep an eye out on your inbox and at [wku.edu/scholarship](http://wku.edu/scholarship) for exciting new scholarship details for the 2021-2022 school year later this month.



# Visit Opportunities

We are currently offering **campus tours**! Some things to keep in mind:

- To follow current guidelines for on-campus gatherings, tour groups will be limited to 9 participants per tour guide.
- To allow for flexibility should guidelines change, tour dates and registration will be made available 2 weeks in advance of each tour.
- Our **Day On Campus** program has moved to a virtual format. You can schedule a live virtual meeting and presentation with your WKU Admissions Counselor and view a virtual tour with your classroom. Contact [tours@wku.edu](mailto:tours@wku.edu) for more details!

We are excited to offer **virtual visit opportunities** this Fall!

- **Head for the Hill** will be offered three times this Fall. This event will include live presentations from academic departments and student services. You can interact with staff and faculty across campus to learn more about life as a Hilltopper. Students can RSVP at [wku.edu/headforthehill/index.php](http://wku.edu/headforthehill/index.php)
- **DiscoverWKU** events will take place throughout the semester and will include a live presentation and Q&A from your local WKU Admissions Counselor as well as a representative from the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Students can RSVP at [wku.edu/discoverwku/index.php](http://wku.edu/discoverwku/index.php)
- We are working on building a more interactive **virtual campus tour**. The current version can be viewed online at [wku.edu/admissions/virtualtour/](http://wku.edu/admissions/virtualtour/)

## Fall 2021 Important Dates

- The application for **Fall 2021** is open **now**! Decisions are made within 7-10 business days of the application being completed.
- **October 1**: FAFSA opens for 2021-2022.
- **October/November**: Housing application opens for admitted students.
- **December 1**: The Mahurin Honors College priority deadline **and Cherry Presidential Scholarship deadline**. Students should aim to be admitted to WKU by mid-November in order to have plenty of time to complete the Mahurin Honors College Application, which doubles as the Cherry Presidential Scholarship application.
- **February 1, 2021**: TOP registration opens.
- **February 1, 2021**: Priority deadline for TOPDollar scholarships.
- **March 31, 2021**: Priority housing deadline.
- **May 1, 2021**: Scholarships should be accepted on TopNet.
- **June 1, 2021**: Final deadline for The Mahurin Honors College.

## Questions?

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