At WKU, we value parents and family members as essential partners in supporting student success. We recognize the vital role parents and family members play in their students’ college experience - from helping them research and apply to various institutions, to assisting them in their college transition; from encouraging their high school extracurricular involvement, to guiding their college major selection.

We know selecting Western Kentucky University as your student’s institution of Higher Education was a family decision, and that the decision to send your student to WKU has impacted your family's priorities, finances, and structure. We want you to know that your family's decision is our family’s commitment. We - you, me, and the thousands of other WKU faculty, staff, and administrators - are equally committed to supporting your student's success.

I hope you will consider Parent and Family Programs your number one WKU resource, your hub for information, referrals, and support. Learn more about how Parent and Family Programs can serve you; explore the website, familiarize yourself with its pages. Connect with us on social media. We look forward to serving you and your students.

From our family to yours, welcome to WKU!

Sincerely,
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Parent and Family Programs Coordinator
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WHO ARE WE?
The WKU Parents Association serves as the official parent and family member organization. The association links our institution and the parents and family members of current students. Its primary purpose is to support the mission of WKU’s Parent and Family Programs to engage parents and family members of current WKU students as partners in ensuring student success!

WHAT DO WE DO?
The Parents Association:
• Connects WKU parents and family members to University administrators;
• Supports Parent and Family Programs events and activities, including Parent and Family Weekend;
• Serves as the voice of WKU parents and family members;
• Assists the University in fundraising for the Parents Fund;
• Engages in outreach activities to acquaint prospective students, parents, and family members with WKU, promote Association membership, and connect parents and family members to each other.

All parents and family members of WKU students are considered General members of the Parents Association. However, to receive the benefits listed below, parents and family members are required to complete their member profiles. To complete your Member Profile, visit www.wku.edu/parents, and click the “Complete my Member Profile” button.

- Access to Parent and Family Programs website and social media sites
- Hard copy of the Parent Guide mailed to your student’s permanent address
- Subscription to the Hilltopper Parent Press e-newsletter
- Invitation to attend Parent and Family Programs events and activities including Parent and Family Weekend

Joining the Association at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold levels with a charitable gift provides additional benefits. These gifts support the Parents Fund which has provided over $175,000 in financial support for non-university funded programs, student directed initiatives, and student scholarships.

BRONZE LEVEL
A tax deductible gift of $55 (per household mailing address) allows your family to become Parents Association Bronze members for one year (renewable at $35 each year your student is enrolled at WKU). Benefits of Bronze level membership include all of the General member benefits plus:
- One Parent Pride Pack (not included in Bronze membership after the first year)
- Two Membership Discount Cards
- Eligibility to serve on the Parents Advisory Council

SILVER LEVEL
Joining the Parents Association at the Silver level with a charitable gift of $120 (per household mailing address) includes your family’s Bronze membership for your student’s tenure at WKU - a discount of $40 over four years! Benefits of Silver level membership include all of the General and Bronze level membership benefits plus:
- Two Membership Discount Cards each year for twelve years
- WKU Afghan (Retail Value $49.99)

GOLD LEVEL*
Gold level membership allows families to maintain long-term connections to the Parents Association and WKU. Membership at the Gold level with a charitable gift of $480 includes your Silver membership and a gift to the Parents Fund to cover your lifetime membership benefits. Benefits of Gold level membership include all of the General and Bronze level membership benefits plus:
- Two Membership Discount Cards each year for twelve years
- WKU Afghan (Retail Value $49.99)

*Gold level membership is an excellent option for families with multiple students attending WKU.

REGISTRATION
MEMBERSHIP
Bronze, Silver & Gold Level
Parents Association
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

*General members complete member profiles online:
www.wku.edu/parents

Household Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Phone (Home):

Family Member #1
Name:
Preferred Phone:
E-Mail Address:
Relationship to Student:
Mother
Father
Step-parent
Grandparent
Guardian
Other:
Job Title:
Employer Name:
Employer Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Employer Phone:
WKU Alumnus/a
Yes
No
Year(s):

Family Member #2
Name:
Preferred Phone:
E-Mail Address:
Relationship to Student:
Mother
Father
Step-parent
Grandparent
Guardian
Other:
Job Title:
Employer Name:
Employer Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Employer Phone:
WKU Alumnus/a
Yes
No
Year(s):

Student Name:
WKU ID:
Classification:
Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior