



WKU Sisterhood Scholarships
A Bridge to Independence for Young Women with Autism
Mid-Year Update
July 2022

The WKU Sisterhood Scholarships have been awarded to four deserving young women with Autism. The scholarship funding is making it possible for these amazing individuals to receive crucial skills-training related to independence, employment, socialization, and citizenship.

The scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Holly Fortier, age 24, Bowling Green, KY.
- Isa Farrer, age 27, Louisville, KY.
- Joy McAlpine, age 31, Columbia, KY.
- Sarah Webb, age 26, Bowling Green, KY.

Each of these young women are making tremendous strides in their ability to be strong, independent, contributing members of the community. One of four core values at LifeWorks@WKU is **Community Contribution & Employment**. We hold that individuals with autism possess tremendous potential to make meaningful contributions to society through employment and volunteerism. We believe that possessing the ability to secure and maintain employment is perhaps the most important step to reaching independence.

It is a pleasure to share that all four scholarship recipients are now successfully employed in jobs at WKU. And one (1) of the participants is also employed by Fruit of the Loom Corporation. Outside of work and class, each of these women are also performing several hours of volunteer service each week at various nonprofit agencies in the local community.

Thank you again to the WKU Sisterhood Scholarship program for assisting these four worthy individuals to receive the support, guidance and training necessary to not only improve their own lives but to contribute to the broader community as well.

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