



2024-2025 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Application

Scholarship Description

Western Washington University offers a scholarship program for non-traditional students. This scholarship is funded through the WWU tuition waiver program. The Non-Traditional Scholarship (in combination with other tuition waivers, scholarships, or awards) cannot exceed the cost of tuition on a quarterly basis. The scholarship will be awarded for winter and spring quarters of 2025.

Scholarship Qualifications

- ▶ Washington State resident.
- ▶ Applicant must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at WWU (post-baccalaureate and graduate students are ineligible) who intends to be enrolled for winter and spring quarters of 2025.
- ▶ The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship cannot be used for Outreach and Continuing Education coursework, including, but not limited to, online, self-paced, TESOL, recreation courses, and study abroad, including faculty-led programs.)
- ▶ Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- ▶ Financial need as defined by the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).
- ▶ Meet at least one of the non-traditional student criteria as defined on page 2 of this application.

Application Requirements

Essays: Write a brief essay (not to exceed 500 words) for each of the following prompts:

1. How will attending Western help you to achieve your academic and career goals?
2. Describe what academic success means to you.
3. Describe how being a non-traditional student has impacted your educational experience.

Résumé: Provide a résumé that lists employment information and volunteer activities. Please include significant activities and honors. If you prefer, this summary may be written in list form.

Transcripts: You are encouraged but not required to include transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Please do not include your WWU transcript.

***If you are applying as a Fairhaven Major:** Please submit any available 2023-2024 faculty evaluations. If you are unable to provide all Fairhaven evaluations, please submit a written statement describing why this requirement cannot be met.

Scholarship Applicant Information

Last Name:

First Name:

WWU ID#:

Release of Information

I authorize the release of my grade transcript and the extent of my financial need (if applicable) to the scholarship committee.

Student Signature:

Date:

No signature required if submitted from your WWU email account

Deadline: November 26th, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.



Non-Traditional Criteria

Please check each category for which you are eligible and submit the required documentation. Scholarships will be awarded in each category:

- Delayed college enrollment:** A student who was admitted or re-admitted to WWU for one of the following quarters: winter 2024, spring 2024, summer 2024 or fall 2024 following a continuous five-year absence from either high school or college. Western records will substantiate this status, no additional documentation is required.
- Displaced Homemaker:** Provide a detailed statement that addresses the following:
 - Your prior unpaid services to family member(s).
 - Your loss of financial support from a family member.
 - Your current employment status, i.e., unemployment or underemployment (part-time or below education/skills).
- Foster Youth:** A student who was a foster youth at any time after the age of 13. You must provide documentation of this status if you are not currently a recipient of the Passport to College Scholarship.
- Students who file the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA):** Your 2024-2025 WASFA application will serve as documentation.
- Students with Dependents they support:** Must provide more than half of support for this person(s) as defined by IRS publications. Please provide a written statement detailing how you meet this requirement. In addition, you must submit a copy of page 1 of your 2022 or 2023 IRS tax return listing your dependent(s) or, if you do not claim them on your return, please provide a statement describing your situation.
- Students with Disability:** Please provide written verification that you receive services from the WWU Disability Access Center. This documentation can be provided by the Disability Access Center upon student request.
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth:** A student who has been verified as qualifying for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth status on the 2024-2025 FAFSA or WASFA through the WWU Financial Aid Department. Western records will substantiate this status, no additional documentation is required.

Application Submission

Submit your application via your WWU email address with the scholarship name in the subject line. If applying for multiple scholarships, please submit each application in a separate email. You are encouraged to submit your application documents as pdf files.

To ensure that your changes to this pdf are saved, we recommend following these steps:

1. Save the form on your computer.
2. Open it, fill in the information, save, and close.
3. Re-open it to check that the information is still there, close.
4. Attach to a new email and send to: ScholarshipCenter@wwu.edu

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Applicants must meet all qualifications and submit all required documentation in order for the application to be sent to the committee for consideration.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

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