

# Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award Application

Please print & fill in the following information:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Enrollment Status (Check One):

New Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ New Transfer \_\_\_\_\_ Current WIU Student \_\_\_\_\_

Total College Credit Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and send complete application with all required documentation to:

**WIU Black Alumni Committee Scholarship**  
**C/O Belinda Carr**  
**Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center**  
**Western Illinois University**  
**1 University Circle**  
**Macomb, IL 61455-1390**

If you have any questions about this scholarship or the application process, please contact Belinda Carr at (309) 298-2220

# **Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award**

**HISTORY:** The Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award was established in 2007. The award is intended to provide financial assistance to deserving and qualified African American students enrolled full-time at Western Illinois University.

## **CRITERIA:** New Freshmen/Transfer Students

1. Must be accepted as a new freshman/transfer student at Western Illinois University.
2. Enroll as a full-time student
3. Have a high school/college **GPA of 2.5 or better**
4. Have a record of community service
5. Required Supporting Documents, which include:
  - a. Completed scholarship application 500 word essay about the importance of obtaining a college degree (typed and double spaced; see below for Essay Question)
  - b. Proof of community service involvement
  - c. Official transcript (with seal) documenting the applicable high school or college coursework to be sent directly from the school in a sealed envelope to the address below
  - d. PLEASE include recent professional photo (head shot only)

## **Currently Enrolled Students**

1. Must be enrolled full-time at Western Illinois University
2. Have a minimum of 24 credit hours completed at time of application
3. Have a minimum **GPA of 2.5 or better**
4. Have a record of community service
5. Required Supporting Documents, which include:
  - a. Completed scholarship application 500 word essay about the importance of obtaining a college degree (typed and double spaced; see below for Essay Question)
  - b. Proof of membership in student organization(s) and/or campus-based activities - include statement from advisor or event organizer along with their contact information.
  - c. Official transcript (with seal) documenting all college/university coursework sent directly from the Registrar's Office in a sealed envelope to:

**Belinda J. Carr, Director  
Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center  
Western Illinois University  
1 University Circle Macomb, IL 61455**

## **Essay Question:**

(Premise: In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a college education has become a necessity.)

**“What are your reasons for going to college, and what impact will the WIU Black Alumni Scholarship Award have in your financial plans?”**

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications are available at the following locations:

Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center  
Western Illinois University  
(309) 298-2220 Or

Scholarship Office  
Sherman Hall 308  
(309) 298-2001

**TERMS:** The minimum award is \$250 per recipient

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The Black Alumni Scholarship Committee will select recipients of this scholarship award.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Scholarship recipients will be invited to the Annual Western Illinois University Black Tie Affair held each year.

Scholarship applications will be accepted until all recipients have been selected.

**INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

**Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center**  
**Western Illinois University**  
**1 University Circle**  
**Macomb, IL 61455 Or**

**Scholarship Office**  
**Western Illinois University**  
**1 University Circle**  
**Macomb, IL 61455**

**DEADLINE DATE:** Deadline for application is open

**MAKING A DONATION**

Private donations and Annual Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Fundraisers support the Western Illinois University Black Alumni Committee Scholarship Award.

Contributions for this scholarship award should be directed to:

**WIU Black Alumni Scholarship Award**  
Western Illinois University Foundation  
Western Illinois University  
1 University Circle  
Macomb, IL 61455

Email: [wiublackalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:wiublackalumni@yahoo.com)