

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION & STATEMENT: February 10, 2017

(Applications received after this date will not be considered.)

- **WHAT IS WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE (WILS)?**

Women in Leadership and Service (WILS) is a volunteer advisory board to the West Chester University Foundation. WILS serves as a strategic resource for the women students of West Chester University providing educational programs, leadership opportunities, and financial support while advocating for individual success. The mission of WILS is to empower and shape present and future generations of women students at West Chester University through leadership, mentorship, service, and philanthropy.

This year, Women in Leadership and Service will award a \$5,000 scholarship to assist a woman student who demonstrates leadership and service qualities.

- **WHAT CAN A STUDENT USE THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR?**

Scholarship can be used for tuition, housing, books or University meal plans.

- **WHO CAN APPLY?**

The recipients must be WCU women undergraduate students who demonstrate distinguished leadership abilities on campus or in the community. The student must have completed 30 or more undergraduate credits at WCU as of the start of the Spring 2017 semester. They must have one or more remaining semester(s) on campus after Spring 2017 and must be in good standing with the University with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

- **HOW IS THE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED?**

- ✓ Applications will be reviewed by the WILS Committee. Applicants should carefully review spelling, grammar, phrasing, and ensure that all questions are answered clearly.
- ✓ The Scholarship Committee may request an in-person or phone interview with finalists.
- ✓ Recipients and other applicants will receive notification after March 31, 2017.

NEXT STEPS

- Step One: Complete Application Form (below) and attach transcript (unofficial from myWCU)
- Step Two: Write a 750- 1,000 word essay that addresses the 3 requirements listed below:
 1. Clearly define and depict your vision/definition of leadership and service.
 2. Using your definition of leadership and service from question 1, how do you demonstrate these qualities? Applicants should provide examples that consistently and clearly demonstrate their own vision/definition of leadership and service.
 3. Explain how you see yourself continuing to use leadership and service qualities throughout your life.
- Step Three: Use the SEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS function on www.wcupa.edu/scholarships and enter "Women in Leadership and Service" in the keyword search to apply. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Molly Callanan at mcallanan@wcufoundation.org.

WILS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Campus Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Hours Completed: _____ GPA: _____ Attach transcripts (unofficial from myWCU is acceptable)

List of Activities and Professional Organizations:

References:

Please provide the names of two (2) professional or academic references; select individuals who have supervised your work as a student or community leader

Name: _____ Title/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

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Please indicate whether you are interested in receiving more information about the WILS Mentoring Program. This program runs for one year and pairs an experienced female professional with University Juniors or Seniors to help them prepare for the next steps in their professional careers or continued education endeavors. *Interest in the program will not affect applicant's chance of receiving the scholarship.*

Interest in WILS Mentoring Program? (Yes / No)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship application
please contact the West Chester University Foundation
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