



## Apply for EWU Scholarships

### How to Apply

Apply for EWU Admission at least 48 hours in advance of your scholarship application to obtain your NET ID. Using your NET ID and password, go to [www.ewu.edu/scholarshipapp](http://www.ewu.edu/scholarshipapp) to complete your scholarship application.

### What You Need to Apply

- Academic Transcripts (Unofficial Acceptable): High school, former college and EWU.
- Essays: Response to five short essay questions
- For Details: [ewu.edu/scholarships](http://ewu.edu/scholarships), click Apply Now

### Who Should Apply

Eligibility requirements for EWU scholarship awards vary depending on criteria specified by the donor. In most cases, recipients must have a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA. Any student meeting the minimum GPA requirement who is either enrolled in a degree-seeking program or has submitted an admissions application to EWU should apply.

### When to Apply

EWU scholarship applications annually become available by November 1 and are due the following February 1. The deadline for the 2020-2021 EWU scholarship application is **February 1, 2020**.

- **February 1:** 2020-21 application deadline
- **Mid-February:** 2020-21 scholarship review begins
- **Early April:** 2020-21 notification to those selected for a scholarship

## New EWU Freshmen Only

EWU offers automatic scholarships, up to \$3,000 per school year, to new 2020 freshman who apply for EWU admission by **February 1, 2020** and based on:

- State of residency
  - **Washington residents** are students from Washington State who will be assessed resident tuition at EWU
  - **Non-Residents from WUE states** are students who are residents that participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). This includes Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Wyoming.
  - **Non-residents from non WUE states** are non-Washington residents from a state outside of the WUE program (listed above)
- Test scores (ACT/SAT); and
- High School GPA

To see what you may receive, visit [ewu.edu/financialaid](http://ewu.edu/financialaid), New Freshman Scholarships, "Calculate Now"  
Enter your residency type, cumulative high school GPA, and ACT/SAT score.

### Important Award Requirements:

1. First time freshman, fall 2020 (no post high school college work)
2. U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
3. Cheney/Spokane EWU campus (state support) students
4. Apply for EWU Admission by February 1, 2020  
(Awards for WUE state resident, new freshman may be available after Feb 1, 2020, but are not guaranteed.)

## **Important Scholarship Application Tips**

1. Meet ALL application deadlines! Use a calendar, make a schedule and stick to it. If you miss a deadline, even by just one day, your application will likely not be considered.
2. Gather Application Materials. Give yourself plenty of time to complete each application step. Applications completed in a rush look unpolished and incomplete applications may not be accepted.
3. Don't Ignore Small Awards. Small scholarship awards can add up to a big amount! Plus, the larger the award, the more competition you will face. Also, focus on local and regional opportunities to be more competitive.
4. Request Letters of Recommendation Early. Some applications require letters of recommendation. Think carefully about who should write these letters and choose people who can speak to your strengths and ability to overcome your weaknesses (letters from family members are generally a no-no). Give your recommenders no less than two weeks' notice so they have time to write a thoughtful letter. Be prepared to provide them with additional information about yourself or the scholarship.
5. Write a GREAT Essay. Think carefully about the question being asked and use this opportunity to tell the selection committee things about you not shown elsewhere in the application. Get help with editing for grammar and spelling, but do your own writing--the committee wants to hear from you personally.
6. Sing Your Own Praises. Applications will often ask you to tell what you do with your time. As uncomfortable as it may feel, this is the time when it's necessary to brag! Tell about recognition and awards you've received. Emphasize activities showing your talent and passions, especially where your ability to lead, take initiative, persist through adversity and care for your community is demonstrated. Don't underestimate yourself--employment and family responsibilities can say a lot in your favor as well.
7. Try, Try Again. Keep trying even if you don't win a scholarship right away. Save copies of every application you complete so you don't have to start from scratch each time.
8. Make it Your Part Time Job. Think of applying for scholarships as a part time job. Doing the math...if you put in 20 hours of "work" applying for scholarships and receive four, \$500 awards totaling \$2,000, that translates to earning \$100 per hour!

## **Common Scholarship Application Materials**

- Personal Statement: Tell all about you, your involvement and accomplishments along with your future goals.
- Resume: Highlight involvement, leadership, service, accomplishments and work experience.
- Letter(s) of Recommendation: Ask employers, youth leaders, teachers, principals, etc. Provide them with a copy of your resume to help them prepare a great recommendation.
- Academic Transcripts: high school and college transcripts (unofficial are usually acceptable).
- Copy of your complete FAFSA.

## **Find Private Scholarships**

Ask about scholarship opportunities any place where you have a connection such as your school, clubs, societies, fraternal organizations, your place of worship, your/your parent's employers and businesses big and small. Also, be sure you review and search the options on the "Current Scholarship Opportunities" at [www.ewu.edu/scholarships](http://www.ewu.edu/scholarships).

## **Scholarship Websites**

- [www.ewu.edu/scholarships](http://www.ewu.edu/scholarships)
- [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org)
- [www.waopportunityscholarship.org](http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org) (for STEM majors)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)
- [www.collegeresourcenetwork.com](http://www.collegeresourcenetwork.com)
- [www.supercollege.com](http://www.supercollege.com)
- [www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com)