

*For direct from high school students and college transfer students
Beginning their first semester at Washburn University.*

Leadership Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Direct from high school students must have a GPA at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
College transfer students must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.0.

Leadership Scholarship Participation Requirements

Accepting a leadership scholarship commits a student to participate in Washburn University's Leadership Institute and is more than award-based scholarship. Annual renewal of a leadership scholarship is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 making appropriate annual progress toward the Leadership Studies Minor or Certificate, and meeting performance and program participation criteria as determined by the Director of the Leadership Institute.

Application Process Timeline



Autobiographical Information (Please print or type.)

Name: _____ /_____/_____
Last First MI Date of Birth

Permanent Address: _____
Number and street City State Zip code

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Intended Major: _____

Educational Information (Please print or type.)

High School Education: (for direct from high school students) List most recent high school attended. Official high school transcripts **should be sent directly from the high school to the Washburn University Office of Admissions**, 1700 College Ave, Topeka, KS 66621. Do not include them with this application.

High school name, City, State _____ Graduation Year _____
Have you earned college-level credit? Yes No Credit Hours earned: _____
If yes, was it: Advanced Placement CLEP Concurrent Enrollment with:
(Name of College) _____

College Education: (for transfer students) List all schools attended. Attach typed additional pages if necessary.

School name _____ Dates of attendance (month/year) _____ Hours completed _____
City _____ State _____ Degree received _____ Date of Degree _____

What items to submit.

All items must be received to complete your application to be considered for a leadership scholarship.

1. Essay—Submit a typed essay responding to either Essay Option #1 OR Essay Option #2. Thoroughly and well-written responses are more important than length of responses (approximately 500 words).

Essay Option 1: Explain a defining moment in your life. Defining moments can be positive or negative, but help you rethink your values, future actions and how you consider yourself a leader. After explaining the defining moment, please share how this moment shaped your future leadership behaviors.

Essay Option 2: Talk about a time when you had to act with integrity. What challenges did you face? What leadership skills did you use? How would you handle the situation differently if you experienced it today?

Provide support by using specific examples throughout the essay, particularly describing your personal leadership accomplishments.

2. Resume — your resume should highlight the following areas:

* Leadership Roles * Awards Received * Community Service * Work Experience

Remember to include organizational activities, leadership positions, events you participated in etc. (If you don't write it down, we won't know about it.)

3. Two Letters of Recommendation—One must be direct observation of your leadership abilities and skills. They should be forwarded to the Leadership Institute prior to or postmarked by February 28, 2024.

Where to submit items.

Please submit the following documents to the **Leadership Institute**, by email to leadership@washburn.edu (pdf format) or mail to be received or postmarked on or before **February 28, 2024**, to guarantee review of your application.

1. Leadership Scholarship Application
2. Personal Resume highlighting your leadership accomplishments
3. Typed leadership essay
4. Two letters of recommendation

(Applications and supporting documents postmarked later than **February 28, 2024**, cannot be guaranteed a review. Even if we can review late submissions, they will almost certainly be at a competitive disadvantage in the review process.)

Mailing Address:

Washburn University Leadership Institute,
1700 College Ave, Benton Hall Room 408,
Topeka, KS 66621

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