

IDEA Scholarship Description

(Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Access)

Purpose

WACAC will provide scholarships to first generation, low-income students who are pursuing higher education in Wisconsin. Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time award of \$500 to be used towards higher education expenses during the 2011-2012 school year.

Qualifications

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be of first generation background (Neither of your parent(s) has obtained a four-year degree from a U.S. college or university).
- Demonstrate financial need and/or be eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in all college preparatory courses.
- High school senior attending a WACAC member public or private high school in Wisconsin (membership list attached).
- Planning to attend a WACAC member 2-year or 4 year public or private college or university (membership list attached).

Application

Students must complete the scholarship application and submit all required materials listed on the application form. The application must be received or postmarked by March 31, 2011 to be considered for the scholarship. **The application can also be found at www.wacac.com** Please use the key word "IDEA Scholarship."

Required application materials:

- Completed application
- Official high school transcript
- Write a 300-600 word essay
- Counselor verification



IDEA Scholarship Application

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The completed application must be received or postmarked by **THURSDAY, March 31, 2011**

PART I: STUDENT INFORMATION

(Please print or type)

Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ M.I. _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ [] Male [] Female

Place of Birth _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (Apt. No.)

(City) (Zip Code)

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____
(area code)

Mailing Address (if different) _____
(Street) (Apt. No.)

(City) (Zip Code)

Racial or ethnic group (please check the following - Optional)

African American, Black

American Indian, Alaskan Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

Hispanic or Latino

Multi-racial

White

PART II: EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ Grade _____

Name of high school guidance counselor _____

Extracurricular Activities

Please list any Extracurricular Activities (athletics, precollege programs, employment, clubs, etc.)

Activity	Grade Level				Hours per week	Weeks per year	Positions held, honors awarded or letters earned
	9	10	11	12			

What are your current plans for education after graduation from high school?

List the WACAC member colleges/universities to which you have applied or plan to apply.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

On a separate document write a 300-600 word response to the following essay question:
 Describe the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome, discuss its impact, and what you have learned from your experience?

PART III: FAMILY INFORMATION

Please check off the highest education level completed by your parent(s) or guardian(s), whom you reside with.

	Elementary School	GED/High School	2 Year College	4 Year College
Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Father	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guardian(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the parent(s) or guardian(s) graduated from a 4-year college, what country was the degree completed in and what degree was received?

What Country _____ Degree _____

Income: check the approximate combined gross income (before taxes) of parents. Include in this estimate income from other sources (i.e., dividends, interest, property rentals and other investments, social security, child support, alimony, etc., if any). **Failure to disclose family income could eliminate you from scholarships based on financial need.**

_____ Less than \$20,000	_____ Between \$50,000 and \$64,999 _____
_____ Between \$20,001 and \$34,999	_____ Between \$65,000 and \$79,999 _____
_____ Between \$35,000 and \$49,999	_____ Between \$80,000 and \$99,999
	_____ \$100,000 and over

Ages of all dependents on parent's income tax form _____

Ages of dependents in college (not present applicant) _____

I certify that all information submitted is correct

Student's signature _____
Date

PART IV: COUNSELOR VERIFICATION

The following information must be completed by the student's guidance counselor. Please keep in mind that we will not review the student's application without this verification form. Thank you for your time and support of this student.

Name of Student _____, _____, _____
Last **First** **MI**

Grade _____ Name of School _____

Name of Counselor _____,
 School Address _____

Student's cumulative grade point average is _____ on a scale of _____

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

If you would like to share any information you think might be helpful to us, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

Counselor's signature _____ Date _____

IDEA Scholarship Application Checklist

- Completed Application—with all appropriate signatures
- Completed Essay
- Transcript
- Counselor verification

**All required materials must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2011.
Please send your application to the following address:**

WACAC IDEA Scholarship Committee
Attention: Eva Martinez Powless
Marquette University
Zilber Hall, 136
P.O. Box 1881
Milwaukee, WI 53201