**Honors College Merit Scholarship**

**Application Information**

The Honors College is now accepting applications for a limited number of available scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Full-time students in good standing in the Honors College may apply. The deadline for applications is 5:00 pm December 14, 2015. Eligible students should be in their first or second year at Western Carolina University, having completed fewer than 51 credit hours at WCU at the time of application.

Scholarship applications will be considered once your fall grades have been posted, and awards will be applied to your Spring Semester account.

Selection of the scholarship awardees will be made by a committee of WCU faculty and staff and will be based on the application materials submitted, your fall course load and grades, and your overall academic profile. Financial need will be considered as part of the entire application. Students who do not currently receive merit-based aid from the Honors College will be given higher priority during the selection process.

Application Process and Criteria

• application must be complete and submitted by the deadline.

• applicant must have completed at least 15 credit hours in the fall term and must be registered for at least 15 credit hours for the spring term.

• applicant must be in good standing in the Honors College (not on probation), and must have successfully completed at least one Honors designated course or contract in the fall semester.

• the following documentation must be submitted with the completed cover page

* a statement of purpose that describes your academic interests and long-term academic goals (1000 words or less)
* a personal statement that describes who you are and why this scholarship is important to you (1000 words or less)

• your completed application signifies that you are allowing us to consider

* your academic record / transcript, which we will obtain after fall grades are posted, and
* financial need information as available through the Financial Aid Office.

**Completed applications should be returned to the Honors College office in 101 Balsam Hall.**

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**Application Cover Page**

**This page should be typed and attached as the cover page to your complete application.**

Name:

920 number:

Campus Address:

Home Address:

Email address: @catamount.wcu.edu

Alternate email address:

Cell phone number (best way to reach you by phone):

Alternate phone number:

Date of first enrollment at WCU:

Date of anticipated graduation from WCU:

**Initial each of these statements:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to allow the scholarship committee to review my academic records for consideration for this scholarship award.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to allow the scholarship committee to obtain financial need information about me from the Financial Aid Office as needed for consideration for this scholarship award.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I affirm that I meet the application criteria for this award.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed all of the documentation required for consideration for this award, including:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cover Page

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of Purpose

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement