

# 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 2012-2013 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 of a 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, 2012 to be considered for the scholarship. **The application can also be found at [www.wacac.com](http://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)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Alaskan Native   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino      | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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?**

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**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
<b>Mother</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Father</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Guardian(s)</b>	<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 Saturday, March 31, 2011.  
Please send your application to the following address:**

WACAC IDEA Scholarship Committee  
*Attention: Juanita Terán*  
Marian University  
45 South National Ave.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## WACAC Membership List

Appleton East High School  
 Appleton North High School  
 Arrowhead High School

Badger High School  
 Bay Port High School  
 Bradford High School  
 Brookfield Academy  
 Brookfield Central High School  
 Brookfield East High School  
 Brown Deer High School  
 Catholic Memorial High School  
 Central High School - La Crosse  
 Crivitz High School

DC Everest School District  
 Deerfield High School  
 Divine Savior Holy Angels High School  
 Fox Valley Lutheran High School  
 Glenbrook South High School  
 Greendale High School  
 Hamilton High School  
 Indian Trail High School & Academy  
 Johnson Creek High School

Alverno College  
 University of Arizona  
 Ashford University  
 Beloit College  
 Cardinal Stritch University  
 Carroll University  
 Carthage College  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Cornell College  
 DePaul University  
 Eastern Illinois University  
 Edgewood College  
 High Point University  
 Indiana U/Purdue U Indianapolis  
 Iowa State University  
 Lakeland College  
 Lakeshore Technical College  
 Lawrence Technological University  
 Lawrence University  
 Lincoln College  
 Luther College  
 Marian University  
 Marquette University  
 Milwaukee Area Technical College  
 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering

Kewaskum High School  
 Kimberly High School  
 Manitowoc Lutheran High School

Marquette University High School  
 Merrill High School  
 Messmer High School  
 Nathan Hale High School  
 New Lisbon High School  
 New Richmond High School  
 Nicolet High School  
 Oak Creek High School  
 Oshkosh North High School  
 Ozaukee High School

Pius XI High School  
 The Prairie School  
 Regis High School  
 Rufus King High School  
 Saint Thomas More High School  
 St. Catherine's High School  
 St. John's Northwestern Military Academy  
 St. Lawrence Seminary  
 Stevens Point Area Senior High

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
 Mount Mary College  
 North Point University  
 Northern Michigan University  
 Northland College  
 Regis University  
 Ripon College  
 Saint Mary's College  
 Saint Mary's University of MN  
 St. Ambrose University  
 St. Norbert College  
 Silver Lake College  
 University of the Sciences  
 Valparaiso University  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Viterbo University  
 Western Illinois University  
 UW-Eau Claire  
 UW-Green Bay  
 UW-La Crosse  
 UW-Madison  
 UW-Marshfield/Wood County  
 UW-Milwaukee  
 UW-Oshkosh  
 UW-Parkside  
 UW-Platteville

Tenor High School  
 Tremper High School  
 University Lake School  
 University School of Milwaukee  
 Valders High School  
 Verona Area High School  
 Washington Park High School  
 Waukesha North High School  
 Wauwatosa West High School  
 West Bend East High School  
 West Bend West High School  
 Weston School District  
 Whitefish Bay High School  
 Wisconsin Lutheran High School  
 Wm. Horlick High School  
 Xavier High School

UW-River Falls  
 UW-Stevens Point  
 UW-Stout  
 UW-Superior  
 UW-Whitewater