

FA 2012- SP 2013 Alumni Relations Scholarship Application Packet

The UWA Alumni Relations office accepts **complete** scholarship packets up to the scheduled deadline of **February 28th** annually. This application is for the combined fall and spring semesters that follow the February 28th deadline. As applications arrive in our office, it is imperative that they are complete. Students must be enrolled full time (12 semester hours; only exception is nursing students in clinical classes where 9 semester hours is considered full time). We do not make checks payable to the students; all financial aid is directed through our Financial Aid office and checks are made payable to the UWA Business Office. The only exception to this rule is during Honors Day in the spring semester when we may make checks payable to the students, at the direction of the appropriate college dean. There are no scholarships for summer semesters; any exception is made only by direction from the President or the Vice President of Institutional Advancement.

Eligibility Criteria

High school seniors must meet four criteria to be considered for UWA Alumni scholarships:

- Cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75.
- Composite ACT score of 19.
- Tentative admission to the University of West Alabama.
- Students **must complete** the Free Application for **Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be completed on-line at www.fafsa.gov. Workshops to assist you with this process are listed on the Student Financial Services web page at www.uwa.edu/financialaid (7 Easy Steps to FAFSA).

A complete UWA Alumni Scholarship Application Packet consists of:

- 1) *The Scholarship Application*: Fill out this form completely, typed or neatly printed with blue or black ink. ****This includes the listing of scholarships you have applied for. ****
- 2) *The Personal Essay*: Follow the instructions on the application.
- 3) *Two Recommendation Letters*: Follow the instructions on the application.

Final Deadline- February 28, 2012

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline and mailed to:

University of West Alabama Alumni Relations Office • Attn: TyAnne Stone • Station 6 • Livingston, AL 35470

If you have any questions please contact:

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Alumni Scholarships

Students who meet the Eligibility Criteria may submit a completed UWA Alumni Scholarship Application Packet and apply for the following scholarships. **Place a check mark beside the scholarship(s) that you qualify for.** Scholarship amounts vary depending on available funds.

Alumni Chapter Scholarships

Baldwin County:

- _____ **Baldwin County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Baldwin County (AL).
- _____ **Baldwin County Education Fund**: Available to residents of Baldwin County (AL) with a “B” high school average. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.
- _____ **The Malone Fund**- Available to students from Baldwin and Mobile Counties (AL) who plan to major in elementary education. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

Choctaw County:

- _____ **Choctaw County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Choctaw County (AL).

Marengo County:

- _____ **Marengo County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to Marengo County (AL) incoming freshmen. Must maintain minimum 3.0 GPA each semester.
- _____ **India L. Shields Memorial**- Available to Marengo County (AL) incoming freshman. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA each semester.

Mobile County:

- _____ **Mobile County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Mobile County (AL).
- _____ **The Malone Educational Fund**- Available to students from Mobile and Baldwin Counties (AL) who plan to major in elementary education. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

Sumter County:

- _____ **Sumter County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Sumter County (AL).
- _____ **Gatewood Hatcher Memorial Scholarship**- Available to current UWA upperclassmen from Sumter County (AL). Priority given to students who graduated from Sumter Academy or Sumter County High School.
- _____ **McConnell Scholarship**- Available to incoming freshman from Sumter County (AL). Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- _____ **McLean/ Luke Scholarship**- Available to students from Sumter County (AL) who are currently a UWA Sophomore. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- _____ **Sarah B. Cunningham Memorial**- Available to incoming freshman or transfer students from Sumter County (AL).

Tuscaloosa County:

_____ **Tuscaloosa County/ Credit Union Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Tuscaloosa County (AL). Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Washington County:

_____ **Washington County Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to students from Washington County (AL).

Wilcox County:

_____ **Gladys Mason Scholarship**- Available to current UWA students from Wilcox County (AL). Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

_____ **Gordon Bridges Scholarship**- Available to incoming freshman from Wilcox County (AL). Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

West Alabama Area:

_____ **Liza Howard Alumni Chapter Scholarship**- Available to incoming freshman from the West Alabama area. Must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Must demonstrate community service, volunteer, and leadership experience.

Additional Alumni Scholarships

_____ **Future Leaders of Demopolis Scholarship**- Available to students from Demopolis, AL. Must demonstrate strong leadership and academic abilities. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

_____ **James P. Homer Memorial Scholarship**- Available to all graduating high school seniors. Must maintain 3.0 GPA each semester. Must show leadership and academic abilities.

_____ **Kemp Foundation Scholarship**- Available to incoming freshman and current UWA students who have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Priority given to high school seniors from Winfield High School in Winfield, AL. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

_____ **Louise Sisk McDaris Scholarship**- Available to education majors only. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

_____ **McLain Memorial Scholarship**- Available to incoming female freshmen who are residents of Alabama. Must show demonstrated leadership and financial need. Student must reside on campus and maintain a 2.75 GPA.

_____ **Russell Scholarship**- Available to all UWA education majors (freshman to graduate students). Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

_____ **Sharon Smith Pafford**- Available to students in good academic standing in English, music or physical education. Priority given to students graduating from Central High School in Camden, TN and Livingston High School in Livingston, AL.

_____ **Tagged for Success**- Available to UWA junior and senior Alabama residents. Must maintain 3.0 GPA each semester.

_____ **Winton and Naomi Wise Scholarship**- Available to students that demonstrate high academic standards and ACT scores, as well as, leadership and financial need. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.



Personal Essay:

The application requires you to develop a personal essay. The personal essay is one of the most important parts of your application. It will help the Scholarship Committee gain a complete picture of you. This is your chance to let the Scholarship Committee know why you feel you should receive an alumni scholarship.

Be sure to include your name and student ID# in the heading. **Your essay should be 1 page, 12 point Times New Roman font, one inch margins, and double-spaced.** Some items you may want to include in your essay are as follows:

- Your educational and career goals
- Why you have selected your stated major and career goal
- Any life experiences which have influenced this decision
- Your anticipated role in society after your education career goals have been achieved
- How the scholarship will help you or any unusual circumstances which may affect your current financial situation
- Any extra-curricular activities and accomplishments (e.g. honors, accolades, awards, community involvement, service and volunteer actions, student activities, school and club involvement, sports participation, hobbies, etc.)
- Anything else you feel the Scholarship Committee needs to know about you in order to present yourself as the best candidate for an alumni scholarship.

Recommendation letters:

You are required to ask **two individuals** to complete the attached Scholarship Recommendation Letter Form. These letters need to be completed by individuals who can attest to your current academic strengths and potential for success.

Recommended sources include: UWA alumni, instructors, academic advisors, counselors, employers, clergy or other known members of your community. Be sure to ask for recommendation letters from sources that you know will write favorable things about you. A parent, relative, or other students are poor sources for scholarship recommendation letters and will not be considered as valid references.

The individuals you ask to complete recommendation letters **should use the attached Recommendation Letter Form.** Your Recommendation letters are to be submitted at the same time as you submit your scholarship application packet. **Failure to comply will result in a rejected application.** Please allow your references plenty of time for the letters to be completed and returned to you in time to submit with your scholarship application.



Scholarship Recommendation Letter Form (#1)

The Scholarship Committee appreciates your evaluation of this scholarship applicant's strengths and potential for future success. Please complete this form and return the completed letter to the applicant for submission with the scholarship application packet. ***Your letter is not confidential.*** Your comments are critical to the committee's decision. Feel free to attach any additional comments if necessary.

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First

How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances have you become familiar with the applicant's capabilities?

Describe any impediments or hardships of which you are aware that the applicant has had to overcome in order to attain academic success.

How would you rate the applicant's motivation and initiative in pursuing academic goals, as well as, his/her potential for future success?

Do you have any basis on which to judge the applicant's leadership ability? If so, please provide specific examples.

Recommendation from: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Ext: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Place of Employment: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank You for taking the time to complete this form.



Scholarship Recommendation Letter Form (#2)

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank You for taking the time to complete this form.