

Scholarship Committee information:

The WCU Alumni Association and Foundation Scholarship Committee is always looking for additional volunteers. Since the 2014-15 academic year, we have more than doubled the number of applicants to our scholarships and increased our total amount awarded by \$40,000! With over 800 students applying for approximately 60 scholarships, we rely on alumni and volunteer support to review and rate the applications.

The University has recently launched a new scholarship management software, NextGen. NextGen allows WCU students to complete one general application for many scholarships, including those on the WCU Alumni Association and Foundation Committee review. Each committee member is given access to the NextGen system to review and rate the candidates, including reading their essays, reviewing their GPA, majors, extra-curricular activities and more. The system is very user friendly and directions are given to each member upon joining the committee.

We meet in early May once the application closes to review the number of applicants and divide the scholarships to review among the committee members. The members will review and rate the candidates on their free time, however, any member is permitted to come into the WCU Alumni and Foundation Center to review candidates as well. We then meet again in June to review our selections and confirm recipients. Our Scholarship Awards Ceremony is held on the Saturday of Family Weekend at WCU. This upcoming year, the ceremony will be held on September 16th at 10am at the WCU Alumni and Foundation Center. We would love to have you join us!



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