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WLI Core Values and How They Are Measured

The Women's LeadHERship Institute is grounded in four core values that reflect how emerging leaders grow, inspire, and make a difference in their communities. Reviewers will assess these values through the applicant's personal statement, letter of recommendation, and demonstrated record of leadership and service.

- **Integrity:** We believe leadership begins with character. Integrity reflects honesty, ethical decision-making, and accountability. Measured by: Examples of ethical leadership, responsibility in academic and community roles, and testimonials of trustworthiness from recommenders.
- **Innovation:** We value creativity, vision, and the ability to generate new ideas that advance equity and excellence. Measured by: Demonstrated problem-solving, original projects or initiatives, and innovative thinking reflected in the personal statement or leadership activities.
- **Resilience:** We honor perseverance in the face of adversity and the ability to adapt and grow from challenges. Measured by: Reflections in the personal statement showing determination, adaptability, and a commitment to overcoming obstacles.
- **Equity:** We are committed to fairness, inclusion, and the elevation of all voices, particularly those historically underrepresented. Measured by: Involvement in initiatives that promote inclusion, service to marginalized communities, or advocacy for equity in leadership or academics.



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

1. Be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Virginia State University.
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Demonstrate leadership potential through involvement in student organizations, campus initiatives, or community service.
4. Exemplify WLI values—integrity, innovation, resilience, and equity in academic and extracurricular activities.
5. Be in good standing with the University, both academically and conduct-wise.

Award Amount

The number and value of scholarships will be determined annually based on available funds. Awards may be applied toward tuition, fees, books, and other educational expenses.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

- **Completed Application Form** (available on the WLI website and through the Office of Financial Aid).
- **Personal Statement** (500–750 words) describing:
 - Your leadership journey and accomplishments.
 - How you have demonstrated resilience and made a positive impact in your community.
 - How will receiving this scholarship help you achieve your academic and leadership goals?
- **One Letter of Recommendation** from a faculty member, advisor, or community leader.
- **Current Resume** highlighting leadership roles, academic achievements, and community involvement.
- **Official Transcript** verifying GPA eligibility.



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WLI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE – SPRING AWARD

(Students apply in the Fall for Spring semester funding)

- Application Opens: Monday, November 3
- Application Deadline: Friday, December 5
- Recipients Notified: Monday, January 12
- Awards Announced: Tuesday, January 20

WLI Scholarship Application Timeline – Fall Award

(Students apply in the Spring for Fall semester funding)

- Application Opens: Monday, March 3
- Application Deadline: Friday, April 4
- Recipients Notified: Monday, May 12
- Awards Announced: Monday, May 19

Selection Process

The WLI Scholarship Committee will review applications. Selection will be based on academic merit, demonstrated leadership, commitment to service, and alignment with WLI's mission.

Recipient Expectations

Scholarship recipients must:

- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA throughout the award period.
- Serve as a WLI Student Ambassador, promoting leadership and engagement among peers.

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FULL NAME: _____

V-NUMBER: _____

VSU EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

MAJOR/PROGRAM: _____

CLASSIFICATION: UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

ELIGIBILITY CONFIRMATION

To apply, you must confirm you meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Virginia State University
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale)
- Demonstrated leadership potential through involvement in student organizations, campus initiatives, and/or community service
- In good academic and conduct standing with the University

Check to confirm: **I confirm I meet the eligibility requirements.**

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. **Personal Statement** (500–750 words) addressing:
 - Your leadership journey and accomplishments
 - How you have demonstrated resilience and made a positive impact in your community
 - How receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your academic and leadership goals
2. **One Letter of Recommendation** (faculty member, advisor, or community leader)
3. **Current Resume** highlighting leadership roles, academic achievements, and community involvement.
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Check to confirm: **I confirm I have obtained and attached all required application materials.**