



## **The President W. Franklin Evans’ African American Student Scholarship**

### **Purpose**

West Liberty University (WLU) strives to provide a nurturing environment of diversity, inclusion, and equity in our community where everyone is respected, valued, included, treated fairly, and welcomed—regardless of one’s race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, ethnicity, nationality, and/or socioeconomic status.

The scholarship will provide opportunities to underrepresented African American students, so they may reach their full potential in a higher education environment. Offering scholarship(s) to African American students provide a financial incentive to attend West Liberty University and build cross cultural connections. Providing this opportunity may lead to increased applications and/or retention for African American students.

### **Scholarship Description:**

The West Liberty University’s President W. Franklin Evans ‘African American Student Scholarship was established to offer financial aid to African American students who exemplify academic excellence for award money consideration to any undergraduate student or incoming freshman at West Liberty University to help offset tuition costs, student loans, and/or expenses. Offered annually, President W. Franklin Evans’ African American Student Scholarship will be awarded \$1,000 to one student per year.

### **Common Questions and Answers:**

1. **Will this scholarship be a one-time nonrenewable scholarship?** Yes, this will be a one-time nonrenewable scholarship.
2. **Should it be for just incoming new students or all?** This scholarship is for any incoming African American students at West Liberty University who meets the requirements and has exemplified academic excellence.
3. **What is the scholarship’s focus?** The scholarship’s focus highlights African American students that demonstrates excellence in academics.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Must submit the President W. Franklin Evans’
- African American Student Scholarship application by August 1 of each year online.
- Identify as an African American student.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from school official, teacher, member of a community organization, and/or employer.
- Must submit a 300-word personal essay on the topic “Write a short essay that describes examples in your life where you demonstrated service leadership within the global community?”
- High School overall grade point average Requirement: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline.

**Scholarship Application**

The Brantley Foundation Scholarship for Students of African Descent is awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00 to incoming minority undergraduate students at West Liberty University. The students must exemplify evidence of academic excellence. They must show a commitment to the goals at West Liberty University. For incoming first year students, a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 is required.

Please return the completed application to the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion via email to: [deioffice@westliberty.edu](mailto:deioffice@westliberty.edu) with Scholarship Application in the subject line, or via postal mail addressed to:

The Brantley Foundation Scholarship for Students of African Descent Committee Chair  
Office of DEI  
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CUB 142  
West Liberty, WV 26074  
[deioffice@westliberty.edu](mailto:deioffice@westliberty.edu)  
304-336-8292

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

Please list high school attended with the pertinent date, grade point average, and ACT or SAT

| <u>Institution</u> | <u>Date<br/>Attended</u> | <u>Degree and<br/>Year</u> | <u>GPA</u> | <u>ACT/SAT Score</u> |
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**Family Information:**

Mother/Guardian Occupation:

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Father/Guardian Occupation:

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Number of people living at home (including parents or guardians): \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular and Community Activities:**

Please list any extracurricular, service-learning or community activities in which you have participated.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Dates of Involvement</u> | <u>Brief Description</u> |
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**With this application, please attach a copy of the following documents:**

- Résumé (highlighting leadership/service experience, educational background, and work experience)

- Two references (include name, telephone number, and email address.)
- A 200-word essay on the topic of “Why do you deserve this scholarship?”
- A copy of the student’s unofficial high school transcript.