



The Carole Lynn Harris Minority 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 multicultural students, so they may reach their full potential in a higher education environment. Offering scholarship(s) to minority students to 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 minority students.

Scholarship Description:

The West Liberty University’s Carole Lynn Harris Minority Scholarship was established to offer financial aid to minority 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, the Carole Lynn Harris 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 minority freshman 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 a minority student that demonstrates excellence in academics.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Must submit the Carole Lynn Harris Minority Scholarship application by August 1 of each year online.
- Identify as a multicultural citizen of the United States of America.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from school official, teacher, member of a community organization, and/or employer.
- 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 Carole Lynn Harris Minority Scholarship 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 with Scholarship Application in the subject line, or via postal mail addressed to:

The Carole Lynn Harris Minority Scholarship Committee Chair
Office of DEI
208 University Drive
CUB 142
West Liberty, WV 26074
deioffice@westliberty.edu
304-336-8292

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Education:

Please list high school attended with the pertinent date and grade point average.

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

Mother/Guardian Occupation:

Father/Guardian Occupation:

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 copy of the student's unofficial high school transcript.

