

[Print Application](#)**Welcome to the 2019 Wells Mountain Initiative (WMI) Scholars program application.****Applicants should meet all of the following criteria when applying for this scholarship program:**

- (1) successfully completed a secondary education, with good to excellent grades
- (2) plans to study within his or her developing country or another country in the developing world
- (3) plans to live and work in his or her country after his or her graduation
- (4) has volunteered prior to applying for this scholarship and is willing to volunteer 100 hours per year while receiving the WMI scholarship
- (5) may have some funds available for his or her education, but will not be able to attend school without scholarship support

Please DO NOT apply if you:

- (1) Are planning to study in a developed country (US, Canada, UK, countries in Western Europe, Australia, etc.)
- (2) Have earned a bachelor's degree, or
- (3) Plan to study for a master's or PhD. This scholarship opportunity is for students seeking their first higher education degree (certificate, diploma, bachelor's degree, Medicine and Surgery, etc.)

About the Program

The **Wells Mountain Initiative (WMI)** is a public charitable foundation based in Bristol, Vermont, USA, which has been approved under the United States Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3). WMI works to create social change through education and community building by providing bright young people in the developing world with student scholarships and skills training, building a network of grassroots leaders who are catalyzing community transformation.

Each year WMI provides support to students as they pursue various educational objectives. Support is provided for post-secondary school (university, polytechnic, trade school). Financial support is primarily to cover the costs of the education itself and directly related expenses including books and supplies.

Scholarships are generally granted for the full period of study; however, recipients must maintain good grades, perform community service and provide copies of all semester reports, school grades and validation of community service hours. The scholarship can be discontinued at any time in the event of unsatisfactory performance or dishonesty.

The scholarship awards are determined by volunteer reviewers and the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors and are awarded once a year on August 1.

Application & Submission Guidelines

- We highly recommend that you review the WMI Scholars Program Information Flyer, WMI Scholars Application Frequently Asked Questions Guide, and the WMI Scholars Recommendation Letter Guidelines documents that are located on our website to assist you in preparing the most complete and competitive application possible.
- Remember to save your application form every few minutes by pressing "Save Draft". Only submit your application when all required fields have been completed. You will have until April 1 to complete your application.
- Be sure to logout when you have completed a session. Logging into two different computers or two browsers on one computer at the same time could result in the loss of information from your application.
- Please DO NOT type in all capital letters.
- Applications must be received by 11:59 PM EST on April 1, whether mailed or submitted through our online scholarship application process via website, to be considered for the next academic year.
- Only send one completed copy of your application with all required documents. Incomplete applications or additional mailings with supporting documents will be discarded.
- Applications may be submitted via the postal service, but we prefer you use our online application process. If you do mail in your application, it must arrive (not postmarked by) on or before April 1. Please allow three weeks for delivery to ensure your application's arrival by April 1.
- We won't consider applications sent by email.



Scholarship application mailing address:

**Wells Mountain Initiative
25D Main Street
Bristol, Vermont 05443
United States of America**

SECTION 1: PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide us with your personal contact information. Please DO NOT type in all capital letters.

Family Name: * Given Name: * What you like to be called: Nationality: * Gender: * Male
 Female


Date of Birth: *  (mm/dd/yyyy) 

Address: *


City: *

Region/State/Province: *


Country: *

Country code for telephone number: 

Telephone: *

Country code for mobile telephone number: 

Mobile Telephone:

E-Mail Address: * 

SECTION 2: FAMILY MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide us with the contact details of someone you trust and can count on. If we are not able to contact you by the phone number(s) and email address you provided, we will then try to contact this person. We will only contact him/her if we are unable to reach you.

Name: *

Relationship to you: * Mother
 Father
 Sister
 Brother
 Spouse
 Grandparent
 Uncle
 Aunt
 Other

Address: *

City: *

Region/State/Province: *

Country: *

Country code for telephone number: 

Telephone Number: *

E-mail Address: *

SECTION 3: PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

This is your opportunity to share your tertiary education plans with us. All responses should be accurate and reflective of your current situation as a student and as an applicant to university.

Please DO NOT apply if you are planning on studying in a developed country (US, Canada, UK, Europe, Australia, etc.) or for a Masters or PhD degree. This scholarship opportunity is for students seeking their first higher education degree (certificate, Bachelor's degree, Medicine and Surgery, etc.).

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO STUDY?

Program of Study: *

Specialization of Focus

Degree level? * Certificate
 Diploma
 Bachelor's
 Medicine & Surgery (MBBS)

Other

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO STUDY?

Name of school: *

City: *

Country: *

Website URL of your school: *

DURATION OF STUDIES

Total duration of the program (start to finish in years) *

Have you been accepted to this program yet? * Yes
 No

Are you currently enrolled? *

What date will or did your studies begin (NOTE: This is when you first began or will begin university. It is not the date of your next semester. If you don't know the exact date, put the first of the month)? * (mm/dd/yyyy)

If you are in this program and attending classes, how many years have you completed? *

What date will you finish your required course work? * (mm/dd/yyyy)

SECTION 4: FAMILY BACKGROUND

What is your current marital status? *

Number of Children (If none, please write "0") *

Number of Dependents (any additional family members that you're supporting, NOT including your children) *

Your Parents

Are your parents alive? *

What was the highest level of schooling your mother completed? *

Mother Employment Status *

Mother's Current or Last Job/Title (e.g. Primary School Teacher, Tailor, House Help, etc.) *

Mother's average current monthly income (in USD-please convert)? *

What was the highest level of schooling your father completed? *

Father Employment Status: *

Father's Current or Last Job/Title: *

Father's average current monthly income (in USD-please convert)? *

Guardian Employment Status

Your Siblings

How many siblings do you have? *

Please tell us the number of siblings that fit in each of the following categories. If none, please put 0:

of siblings who have completed secondary *

of siblings who are currently enrolled in a diploma or higher degree program *

of siblings who completed a diploma or higher degree *

of siblings who are employed full-time *

SECTION 5: YOUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

We understand that all applicants come from different financial backgrounds. We ask that you complete the following section with honesty. Students selected to receive a WMI scholarship are chosen based on many aspects, not financial need alone. The WMI scholarship does not always cover the full cost of tuition and associated educational expenses. In this section, please detail how you will pay for the remainder of your academic expenses.

Do you have any prospects for employment part-time or otherwise while you are in school or between semesters, where you can earn income towards your educational costs? *

Our maximum scholarship is \$3000 USD, but we do not usually award that high an amount. If we provide less than the total yearly amount you have asked for in this scholarship application, is there any way you can make up the difference? *

- Yes
No

If yes, how much are you able to contribute annually towards your educational expenses in USD?

List all sources of income or support and the amount you expect to receive from each on an annual basis in USD:

Job: *

Family: *

Savings: *

Awarded Scholarships: *

Government Loans: *

Other Loans: *

Are you a recipient of a government sponsorship for education? *

Please list all the organization/institutions that you have received funding from or

have pending loan or scholarship applications. *

If you are currently in your tertiary studies, how have you been paying for school? And what has changed in your ability to pay so that you now need this scholarship? *

If you are currently in your tertiary studies, do you have any debts with your school? *

If your costs exceed \$3000 and you have no other way to make up the difference, then you should not apply for this scholarship.

SECTION 6: YOUR ACADEMIC COSTS

In this section, you will provide your best estimate of the costs for your academic program for ONE SCHOOL YEAR. Please do not over-estimate your financial costs; all calculations will be checked for accuracy in the final review stage.

CURRENCY

Name of local currency: *

Current exchange rate, \$1 US Dollar equals what amount of local currency: *

Date the current exchange rate was calculated: *

 (mm/dd/yyyy)

ACADEMIC COSTS—Complete the first section of costs in your local currency. In the second section, convert the costs into US Dollars with the currency conversion rate you entered above. THESE ARE COSTS FOR ONE SCHOOL YEAR.

Costs in your local currency

Tuition: *

 ?

School fees (other than tuition): *

 ?

Cost of room: *

 ?

Books & School Supplies: *

 ?

Total:

Costs in US Dollars

Tuition: *

 ?

School fees (other than tuition): *

 ?

Cost of room: *

 ?

Books & School Supplies: *

 ?

Total:

Where do you intend to live during your studies? *

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SECTION 7: ABOUT YOU

Help us to get to know you through the experiences you have had at school and within your community and your goals for the future.

Education, Work & Volunteer Experience:

Please provide us details on your education, work and volunteer experience using [this template](#) and upload the completed template here: *

(maximum size 300MB)

What do you plan to do after you complete your education, including where you hope to live? *

Do you know any current or past WMI scholars? *

SECTION 8: PERSONAL STATEMENT & ESSAY QUESTIONS

A personal statement* of 500-1000 words, telling us about your background, your family, your life experiences, why you chose to study the particular field you are studying, and why you believe you should be favorably considered for this scholarship. This statement is a very important part of our decision making process! Please do not fabricate your life experiences. We can tell.

(If you are uploading a pdf, make sure that the file is using Adobe version 10 or later)

Personal statement of 500-1000 words Upload *

(maximum size 300MB)

Two essays are required as part of your complete application. You must complete BOTH essay questions.

This is your opportunity to share your ideas and feelings regarding issues impacting you and your community. All essays must be completed in English and contain your own words 1000 words per essay question.

Question 1: What inspired you to go into your selected field of study? What makes you well-suited to this field and how would you like to use your degree to help your community or region? *

(maximum size 300MB) ?

Question 2: If you were granted \$1000, what community improvement would you organize? Define an issue in your community, detail how your project will address this issue and be specific about how the \$1000 will be spent. *

(maximum size 300MB) ?

SECTION 9: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR YOUR APPLICATION

The following documents are required for your application to be complete:

- A clear personal photo (head only).*
- Official transcript of grades from secondary school and if you have already completed one or more years at the tertiary level, please include an official grade report for these studies*. Do not include grades from primary or junior high school.
- An official key or explanation to interpret your secondary AND tertiary grades (if applicable) as issued by the institution*. Ask your previous and current schools for a copy of this document. If they do not have an official version, you will need to provide a typed document with their seal and signature of authenticity.
- Results from your national exam*.
- An official key to interpret your national exam results*. Ask the national exam board for this document. If they do not have an official version, you will need to provide a typed document with their seal and signature of authenticity. For example, in some countries "D" means below average and in others, it stands for "distinction".
- IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN TERTIARY STUDIES it is REQUIRED for you to submit all of your recent transcripts. *Please also submit an official key to interpret them.
- Two letters of recommendation.* These letters need to be from people who know you, but are not family members, such as employers, teachers, clergy, volunteer group leaders, etc., who can tell us about your character and abilities. We strongly suggest the recommendation letters be on official stationery from the organization, school or business of the person writing your recommendation. Be careful not to upload the same letter twice. We suggest that you provide your recommender our "Guidelines for Recommendation" available below.

You may submit the following additional documents, but they are not required.

- If you have received your acceptance letter, please upload it. If you have not received your acceptance letter then DO NOT upload anything else in this field and do not send us a copy unless we specifically request it in August.
- Up to 3 additional photos of you with your family, friends, at school, within your community volunteering, etc.

Guidelines for Effective Application Recommendation Letters

Providing TWO recommendation letters written by different recommenders is a requirement of the WMI program application. Please note, the entire application will be reviewed and evaluated as a whole. Letters of recommendation are **one** element that assists reviewers in learning more about the applicant from someone who knows him or her and his or her accomplishments well.

Be careful not to upload the same letter twice. If you do this, you will have submitted only one letter of recommendation and will be disqualified.

Feel free to send these tips to your recommender:

Tips for Those Writing Recommendation Letters for an Applicant

Requirements:

- Letters should be written within a year of the application submission.
- The recommender CANNOT be a family member of the applicant.
- Include the full name of the applicant.
- Indicate how long you have known the applicant.
- Describe the capacity and nature in which you have known the applicant.
- Most effective letters are not less than 400 words nor more than 1000 words.
- Provide your letter on official stationery with your contact information listed.

Suggested Areas to Write About:

- Discuss why the applicant would be a strong candidate for this specific scholarship. We are looking for someone who is passionate about working with his or her community and committed to helping improve the quality of life within his or her country. Specific examples are critical.
- Discuss the applicant's personal characteristics, ability to work with others in a team, leadership skills and communication skills.
- Comment on the applicant's proposed plan of study at the tertiary level and the past experiences witnessed by you that may relate to the applicant's aptitude, retained interest, completion of a degree in the subject matter and benefit given to society upon graduation within this program.
- From your perspective, how effective is the applicant in establishing and maintaining relationships?
- To what extent does the applicant possess the traits of motivation and persistence?
- Is there any reason to doubt the applicant's diligence as a student and his or her honesty?
- Share documented evidence of the applicant's achievements in academics, leadership or community service.
- Does the applicant have any unique competencies, talents or leadership abilities?
- What motivates this person? What excites him or her?
- Are there any specific family or community circumstances of which we should be aware?

The following are documents that you are required to upload in order to have a completed application.

(If you are uploading a pdf, make sure that the file is using Adobe version 10 or later)

Clear personal photo: *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
Official transcript of grades from secondary school *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
Key to interpret secondary school grades *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
National exam results: *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
Key to interpret national exam results *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
College/Tertiary transcripts	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB) ?
Key to college/tertiary transcripts	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
Letter of recommendation #1 *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)
Letter of recommendation #2 *	<input type="text"/>	(maximum size 300MB)

The following are additional documents that you can submit. They are not required.

Letter of acceptance from the school: (maximum size 300MB)

Up to three additional photos of you with your family, friends, at school, within your community volunteering etc.

Additional Photo #1: (maximum size 300MB)

Additional Photo #2: (maximum size 300MB)

Additional Photo #3: (maximum size 300MB)

SECTION 10: COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The Wells Mountain Initiative is committed to the importance of volunteer service. We believe volunteer service provides benefits not only to the cause where the time is expended, but also to the volunteer. Applicants for a scholarship should be advised that an award of a scholarship will include a requirement of 100 hours of documented volunteer service at a non-profit organization, a school, a medical office etc. within their country of study or home country each year while supported by the Wells Mountain Initiative.

I understand the above statement and will participate in 100 hours of documented volunteer service within my community if selected as a scholarship recipient.

E-Signature (type your name): * 

Date: *  (mm/dd/yyyy)

SECTION 11: LEGAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify that all of the information provided here and in the attached documents is accurate and that this application is complete. If information in this application is found to be false, any scholarship I receive from WMI will be terminated.

E-Signature (type your name): * 

Date: *  (mm/dd/yyyy)