



Wells Mountain Initiative

Scholars Program Information Flyer

To apply for the WMI Scholars Program, you must submit a complete application through the application portal. The 2026 WMI online application will be available from December 1, 2025, to March 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm EST.

Visit our website at: <https://www.wellsmountaininitiative.org/prospective-scholars/>

OVERVIEW

- Highly competitive scholarship opportunities for students in developing countries.
- Scholarships support students earning their first diploma or bachelor's degree.
- Scholarship awards last throughout all years of undergraduate education if the awardee meets ongoing scholarship support criteria.
- Applications must be completed in English. If required documents are supplied in other languages, they must be accompanied by official English translations.
- We award 80-100 scholarships per year. Our maximum scholarship is \$3,000 USD per year, but the average scholarship is \$1,500 USD.
- The scholarship supports:
 1. University tuition and fees
 2. Books and required course materials
 3. Accommodation and meals
 4. Transportation

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Will be 35 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2026
- Will be studying in their home country or region
- Has completed secondary education or is in the final year, with above-average to excellent grades
- Is applying to university or is currently enrolled and taking classes towards completion of their first undergraduate degree or diploma
- Plans to live and work in their own country or region after graduation
- Has participated in volunteer service before applying for this scholarship and is committed to volunteering within their community during their studies
- Has some funding available for their education but will not be able to go to university or continue without assistance. The WMI scholarship is a partial scholarship and does not cover the full cost of tuition and associated educational expenses. The scholarship is not intended to be a full scholarship.
- First generation students to obtain a university degree



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LEVELS OF STUDY & EXPENSES NOT SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP

The WMI Scholarship has specific limits so we can support as many students as possible. The scholarship does NOT cover the following:

1. Study Outside Your Home Region

University, college, or polytechnic studies in high-income countries such as the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, or countries in Europe.

Our limited resources are focused on helping students complete their first bachelor's or equivalent degree at an accredited institution within their own country or region.

2. Graduate-Level Studies

- Master's degrees
- Doctorate (PhD) degrees

WMI supports students earning their first bachelor's or equivalent degree.

3. Equipment, Travel, or Special Programs

- Laptop computers
- Conferences, workshops, or study trips
- International exchange programs

4. Previous Debts

- Past-due tuition balances
- School debts from previous years

APPLICATION IS FREE

The WMI application is free. We do not require the applicant to pay an admission or processing fee or to buy a number to access, submit, or have the application reviewed. If someone contacts you saying a fee is required, please forward that email to info@wellsmountaininitiative.org.

POLICY ON PLAGIARISM AND AI-GENERATED CONTENT WITHIN APPLICATION MATERIALS

You will be required to write personal statements and an essay.

- Ensure that the work that you submit fully originates from you. If you borrow ideas from another source, cite any quotations or references, or the essay will be deemed plagiarized.
- The use of AI-generated text or outline structures is not allowed.



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- Using uncredited ideas, content created by other persons, and AI-generated text directly violates the scholarship application policy. Your personal statements and essay will be checked for plagiarism and the use of AI-generated text. Any applicants found to have plagiarized or used AI-generated content will be considered ineligible for a scholarship.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

December 1, 2025 - Application Opens 12:01 AM EST

March 1, 2026 - Application Closes 11:59 PM EST

April-July, 2026 - Review of Applications and Invite-only Interviews

August 1, 2026 - Announcement of Scholarship Recipients

September 2026 - First Installment of Scholarship Support Sent

January 2027 - First Academic and Community Service Reports Due

OVERVIEW OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain above-average grades in all university studies
- Engage in and document 100 hours of community service activities throughout the year
- Complete the Academic Semester Report & Community Service Report for WMI Scholars twice a year
 - o The academic report consists of semester grades, current school ledger, current academic calendar, a scholar expense tracker detailing how the scholarship funds were spent in the previous period together with receipts.
 - o The community service report details how the scholar was involved in community service activities, and scholars are required to attach photos of their community service activities to this report.
- Communicate with the Education Manager openly regarding your situation as a student.

For further information, contact info@wellsmountaininitiative.org.