

**Educational Opportunity Fund for Graduate Students
Wichita State University**

1. Guidelines/Eligibility:
 - a. Applicants must have a valid admission status as a degree bound graduate student at WSU, and have completed at least one semester of graduate coursework.
 - b. Applicants with 9 or more hours of graduate credit must have a GPA of 3.00 or higher, and be making satisfactory progress toward degree.
 - c. Applicants should be a part-time student enrolled in graduate coursework hours (minimum of 3 hours, and not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours). Students enrolled in thesis or dissertation hours will not be eligible.
 - d. Students may enroll in courses for graduate credit only. Audited classes and lower division courses are not permissible.
 - e. International students (F-1 & J-1 visas) are not eligible due to INS Regulations prohibiting part-time enrollment status.
 - f. Applicants must submit the **Financial Need Planning Form**.
 - g. Applicants must provide a letter explaining financial need/reasons they are requesting financial assistance, and the number of hours in which they plan to enroll.
 - h. Applicants cannot hold remunerative employment at Wichita State University.
 - i. Awards are available for a maximum of \$1000.00 and are provided by student fees through the Student Government Association.
 - j. Awards are renewable if funds are available and the applicant reapplies and is eligible; however, preference is given to first time applicants.
2. Instructions:
 - a. Complete the **Financial Need Planning Form**.
 - b. Prepare a letter, addressed to the Graduate EOF Committee, explaining your need for financial assistance and the number of hours you plan to enroll.
 - c. Submit application materials via one of the methods below by the following deadlines:
 - i. Last Monday in June for Fall awards
 - ii. Last Monday in October for Spring awards

U.S. Mail
Graduate School
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260-0004

WSU Campus mail
Graduate School
Box #4

Delivery in person
Graduate School
107 Jardine Hall

FINANCIAL NEED PLANNING FORM

Graduate School Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship

(Applicants for **Fall** consideration must base information on the previous tax year. Applicants for **Spring** consideration must base information on the tax year prior to the most recent tax year.)

Funds are requested for the following semester / year (check only one semester):

Fall Spring Year _____

Anticipated semester enrollment hours: _____

(must be a minimum of 3 hours and cannot exceed 6 hours)

Section I: **STUDENT INFORMATION**

1. Name _____
2. *myWSU ID* _____ Phone number _____
3. WSU Email _____

Section II: **HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

4. Marital status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed
Number of family members: _____
5. Number of family members in college (including self): _____

Section III: **INCOME, EARNINGS, AND BENEFITS**

7. Monthly Veteran Benefits (student only): \$ _____
8. Number of months expected to receive Veteran Benefits: _____
9. Student/Spouse type of tax form filed:
1040EZ/1040A 1040 Not required to file

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| 10. Number of exemptions claimed: | <u>Student/Spouse</u>
_____ |
| 11. Adjusted Gross Income: | \$ _____ |
| 12. Tax Paid (leave blank, computer will calculate): | \$ <u>XXXX</u> |
| 13. Income from work (Student): | \$ _____ |
| 14. Income from work (Spouse): | \$ _____ |

Untaxed Income:

- 15. Earned Income Credit: \$ _____
- 16. Social Security Benefits: \$ _____
- 17. ADC, AFDC, TANF: \$ _____
- 18. Child support received: \$ _____
- 19. Other untaxed income: \$ _____
(Workers comp., untaxed pensions, deductible
IRA/KEOGH/401K payments, tax exempt interest, etc.)
- 20. Child support payments & taxable financial aid: \$ _____

Section IV: ASSET INFORMATION

- 21. Value of cash, savings, and checking accts. \$ _____
- 22. Other real estate/investment value: \$ _____
(Stocks, bonds, money market funds, etc. excluding home)
- 23. Other real estate/investment debt (excluding home): \$ _____
- 24. Business value: \$ _____
- 25. Business debt: \$ _____
- 26. Farm value (investment farms only): \$ _____
(Exclude if you live on farm)
- 27. Farm debt: \$ _____

Section V: SIGNATURES

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the Graduate School may also use information from my FAFSA application, if applicable.

Student's signature _____ Date _____