

TRIO Student Support Services Scholarship

Dr. Harshini DeSilva Scholarship

Application Form

Deadline	11:59 pm (Central Time) on Sunday, April 13, 2025	Award	Up to \$ 840.00
Requirements:			
<p>Scholarship will be awarded based on the following three criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be TRIO Student Support Services Participant 2. Academic Achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA required ○ Must be enrolled part-time or full-time for Spring 2025 3. Financial Need 			
Instructions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED • Fill Section 01: Demographic information - Provide and certify demographics • Fill Section 02: Estimated Costs and Income - provide estimated cost of attendance for Spring 2025 and your income • Fill Section 03: Essay and Participation - See rubric below. • MUST FILL SECTION 01, 02, 03. OTHERWISE, APPLICANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED • Application must be submitted through the following Link: https://www.wichita.edu/services/student_support/TRIO_SSS_Scholarship/scholarship_application.php <p>**NOTE: Scholarship awardees will be contacted via email. If you have any questions, please email us on trio.sss@wichita.edu</p>			
Qualifications:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application must be typed (Section 01 & Section 02). • Essays must be typed, double-spaced, with Times New Roman font, 12-point, and limited grammatical errors (Section 03). • Each of the essays must follow the rubric posted on the Current SSS Students webpage and included within this application form. • Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm (Central Time) on Sunday, April 13, 2025. • Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified. 			
Disqualifications:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of <i>an incorrect</i> Scholarship Application • Submission after the deadline • Incomplete Applications—missing and/or duplicate essays, incomplete entries on application form • Complete or partial use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) from any online website like ChatGPT or similar. All applications will be scanned through an AI Detector 			

SECTION 01: Name and Demographic Information

Name			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
Preferred Name		myWSU ID	
Shocker Email		Phone	
Certification:			
<p>I certify the information I am providing on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application is subject to review and verification. I also understand any fraudulent information given or use of AI will result in <u>immediate disqualification</u>. If I am a recipient of a scholarship, I agree to participate in various program promotional activities and submit a thank you letter to the donor.</p>			
Applicant eSignature		Date:	
<p>Please describe below any unusual circumstances regarding you or your family's financial situation that you would like us to consider (answering this is optional).</p>			

SECTION 02: Student's Estimated College Cost and Income

Instructions:			
Visit https://www.wichita.edu/admissions/undergraduate/tuition_fees.php for assistance with estimating costs			
Cost	Amount	Income	Amount
Tuition	\$	Estimated Family Contribution (FAFSA)	\$
Fees	\$	My Savings	\$
Books/Supplies	\$	Scholarships	\$
Equipment	\$	Grants	\$
Room and Board	\$	Job or Work Study	\$
Transportation	\$	My Federal Ed Loan (Perkins/Stafford)	\$
Personal Expenses	\$	Parent PLUS Loans	\$
Others	\$	Other Loans	\$
	\$	Other Resources	\$
Total Cost	\$	Total Available Income	\$

SECTION 03: Essays		
		18 - 24
Instructions:		Scores
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essays must be at least 2 pages long or 475 words. Follow the rubric posted on the Current SSS Students webpage and also listed below. Submitting the same essay for each scholarship is not permissible. 		
Essay:		
<p>In addition to a completed application form AND meeting the requirements:</p> <p>REQUIRED: Write and submit <u>ONE</u> reflective essay responding to each question listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What motivates you to apply for this scholarship, and how will it contribute to your academic and career goals? In what ways have you actively engaged with TRIO Student Support Services programs and activities, and how has it influenced your personal or academic growth? Describe any financial challenges you are facing and how this scholarship would help support your educational journey. <p>Your essay must follow the rubric posted on the webpage and must follow the instructions listed on the scholarship application.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are applying for more than one endowed scholarship, you cannot duplicate essays. <p><i>Participant Points will be awarded to current SSS students who refer new students to the SSS program, current students who meet with their advisors on a monthly basis, and current students who attend SSS workshops</i></p> <p>TIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essays can be paraphrased and cannot be submitted verbatim (YOU CANNOT DUPLICATE ESSAYS) You may use different examples if applying for more than one endowed scholarship 		

Endowed Scholarship Essay Rubric:**Essay Rubric**

Criteria	Excellent (5-6)	Satisfactory (3-4)	Unsatisfactory (0-2)	Score
Clarity and Depth of Scholarship Motivation	Clearly articulates motivation for applying, demonstrating strong alignment with academic and career goals.	Provides a reasonable explanation of motivation but lacks depth in connecting to long-term goals.	Does not clearly explain motivation or lacks connection to academic/career goals.	
Engagement with TRIO SSS Activities	Provides a detailed and insightful reflection on participation in TRIO SSS, demonstrating meaningful involvement, impact & outcomes.	Mentions participation in TRIO SSS but lacks depth or specific examples.	Provides little to no explanation of involvement in TRIO SSS.	
Explanation of Financial Need	Clearly describes financial challenges with specific details and explains how the scholarship will provide essential support.	Mentions financial need but lacks details or clarity on how the scholarship will help.	Provides little to no explanation of financial need.	
Writing Mechanics and Organization	The essay is well-structured with strong organization, and contains 1-2 minor errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.	The essay has some structure but includes multiple grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation errors that slightly impact readability.	The essay is poorly organized and contains numerous grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation errors that make it difficult to read.	
Total Score				

Student _____ **Assessor** _____ **Date** _____ **Score** _____**NOTES:**

- To be filled out by the advisors

SECTION 04: Advocacy/Participation Points

Please provide information on your advocacy & participation for bonus points.

A	Have you ever referred a student to the SSS Program?	Yes		No	
	List the name(s) of the student(s) you referred				
B	Have you attended your monthly advising appointments?	Yes		No	
	Who is your Advisor?				
C	Have you participated in any of the monthly workshops?	Yes		No	
	If so, which one's?				