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WICHITA STATE
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James J. Rhatigan
Leadership Scholarship
Application Packet
2021-2022

Applications must be received by
5:00 PM, Friday, March 5, 2021
Student Government Association
At sga@wichita.edu



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James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship

The James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship was created by the 1995-1996 Student Government Association to provide tuition assistance to eligible Wichita State University students. The Scholarship honors Dr. James J. Rhatigan, Senior Vice President of Wichita State University, for his many years of service as Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and for being a model of leadership to students throughout his tenure. The scholarship is meant to reward students who have demonstrated consistent **leadership, service, and academic merit** within the University and surrounding community.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following criteria:

- 1) Illustration of leadership skills
- 2) Commitment to academic excellence (GPA of 3.0 or above)
- 3) Financial need
- 4) Service to the University and community

In addition, all applicants must:

- 1) Be currently enrolled as a Wichita State University student
- 2) Have at least 60 credit hours completed before the Fall semester for which the scholarship is awarded
- 3) Have at least two additional semesters of course work to complete
- 4) Enroll as a full-time student during the period of the award
- 6) Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 throughout the award period

For a complete application:

- 1) Complete and sign a CANDIDATE RELEASE FORM (attached).
- 2) Submit one LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from a member of the Wichita State University faculty or staff.
- 3) Submit one LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from a professional contact outside of the University.
- 3) Complete and attach questions listed in the CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET (attached).
- 4) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline and have it on file with the Office of Financial Aid **OR** submit a separate typed statement describing your financial need.

**Applications will be screened, and finalists will be contacted
by the Scholarship Committee for interviews.**

James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship
CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Full Name: _____

Please type and attach answers to the following questions:

1. In 750 words or less provide a personal statement and include why you would make a deserving James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship recipient.
2. What activities have you been involved in at Wichita State University? Please include dates and details.
3. What leadership positions have you held?
4. What awards or honors have you received?
5. Besides WSU clubs or organizations, in what other activities are you involved (religious, community service, etc.)? Please include dates and details of involvement.
6. Describe a situation in which you assumed a leadership role. What did you learn?
7. Describe a time you helped improve either Wichita State University or your local community. What impact did that have on you as a person and as a leader?
8. Please list the current scholarships, grants and other sources of financial aid you are receiving (include the amount of each award).

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