

To: WOU Faculty Senate
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Re: Looking for Reviewers for the WOU General Scholarship

- General Scholarship deadline for all students is March 1st with a second chance deadline of May 1st
- The scholarship process is run through AcademicWorks, a scholarship management system, which allows reviewers to access scholarship applications from anywhere with an internet connection.
- The General Scholarship Committee only reviews scholarship applications of students who have a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or greater.
- The application requires a 350 word essay. This year's essay question is "Tell us about an event or circumstance that shaped you and made you into who you are today."
- Feedback from our reviewers last year:
 - "You learn a lot about our students and where they are coming from!"
 - "I really enjoyed reviewing the various scholarship applications. It really didn't take a tremendous amount of time. The on-line process made it very easy, and I could review applications away from WOU. This is just another way to learn about the students who are coming to WOU."
 - "I really enjoyed reviewing scholarship applications last year! Since I normally just look at transcripts, I enjoyed reading their stories through their essay, even if I didn't know their name. It was encouraging to see all the positive things our students are involved in, as well as being part of the committee that aids in their future success at WOU. Academic Works was really easy and convenient to use as well. I look forward to reviewing applications again this year!"
- Five staff members have volunteered to join our committee so far, however, we need more help.
- We feel that faculty bring another perspective to reviewing scholarship applications
- We anticipate reviewing 800 scholarship applications
- Each application should take no more than 10 minutes to review
- With a committee size of 15, each volunteer would review 54 applications
- The first review period will be March 1-31st and the second review period will be May 1-31st