

## NELL WARDA MEMORIAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

WGU Indiana has designated a small fund to provide financial assistance for students with extreme financial hardship during their demonstration teaching (DT) experience. We understand the financial strain each student entering DT experiences from employment loss. However, this scholarship funding is awarded to a select number of students who have shown high levels of success at WGU throughout their degree program and will also be put into extenuating hardship beyond loss of income.

To be eligible for this fund, students must:

- Be provisionally admitted into a DT cohort
- Have maintained Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Be put into extenuating financial hardship beyond loss of income during DT
- Be an Indiana resident

There may be more students who fit these minimum qualifications than we have funds available to award. As a result, even excellent students with extraordinary financial need may not be recipients of this scholarship.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for this scholarship, please complete this application and email it to [DTscholarship@wgu.edu](mailto:DTscholarship@wgu.edu). Download this editable PDF form so you can type your answers in this document, but should you need additional space or have difficulties with the form, please respond to the questions in any word processor (word, notepad, etc.). Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

The scholarship review committee meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and will review all applications received by the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the every month.**

In reviewing which students will be recipients of this funding, the scholarship review committee will consider the following:

- WGU academic history
- Scholarship application
- Financial information (This includes loan history, current loan availability, and the Cost of Attendance [COA])
- Mentor statement of support

The COA limit is set per federal guidelines and includes tuition and fees, supplies, room and board, and other education costs. You can read more about WGU's COA policy in the student handbook here: <https://cm.wgu.edu/t5/Financial-Services/Cost-of-Attendance/ta-p/196>. Because we are unable to award beyond this limit, students that are already awarded to COA will be ineligible for scholarship funding.

### FUNDING POLICIES

The value of this scholarship varies, typically between \$500 and \$3,000, and is decided based on circumstances and needs of students being awarded. Funding awarded will be released to the student's WGU account once fully accepted into the cohort. If a student is awarded, but later withdraws from the cohort, they will need to reapply for future cohort considerations.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. When will you begin your Demonstration Teaching (DT) experience? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your current employment status? \_\_\_\_\_

3. If employed, please explain if you plan on leaving your employment to complete your DT experience, and when you will be leaving.

4. If unemployed, please explain for how long you have been unemployed and what circumstances led to your being unemployed or kept you from finding employment.

5. What is your household Adjust Gross Income for the most recent tax year? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please list your current household Adjusted Gross Income. \_\_\_\_\_

7. If there has been a change in your household income since your most recent tax filing, please describe what has caused the change.

8. Including yourself, how many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please list the individuals in your household. If you live alone, please put N/A in the first box.

Relationship (spouse, child, roommate, etc.)	Age

10. Including yourself, for how many people are you financially responsible? (Include yourself, your partner/spouse, and the number of dependents for whom you provide more than half of the support).

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11. If different than the total number of people in household, please explain that difference.

12. Please select all that apply in your financial plan for covering the tuition and expenses

- Employer Tuition Reimbursement/Assistance
- External Scholarships
- FAFSA Grants (Pell or state)
- FAFSA Loans (federal student loans)
- Military Tuition Benefits
- Private Loan
- Self-pay
- Other

13. If other, please explain.

14. If you are receiving employer tuition assistance/reimbursement and or military benefits, please list how much funding you will receive during your DT term.

15. Will your DT be complete within a single term, or will you be required to enroll in an additional term for your field experience?

16. Please describe the extenuating financial hardship you will be experiencing during your DT field experience. If there are extenuating expenses that must be covered, please provide detailed cost breakdowns for those expenses.

17. What changes or steps have you taken personally to financially prepare for your DT experience?

18. If you are applying for federal aid (grants and/or loans), will the award amount cover your necessary expenses?

- Yes
- No

19. If the federal aid does not cover your necessary expenses, what amount will be left to cover?

20. If you are not applying for federal student loans, please describe why you are not doing so.

21. Part of the scholarship review process is reviewing past academic history. Is there anything you would like the committee to consider about your past academic history with WGU?

22. Discuss how your interest in your field or major developed. Describe your experience in the field and what you gained from this involvement.

23. What are your short- and long-term career goals?