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**Black
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WESTERN
KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY

WE'RE FOR YOU

One of Western Kentucky University's goals is to continue the growth in the number of black students enrolled at the University. If you want to fully develop your capabilities, then Western is for you.

As a Western student, you'll be encouraged to focus and develop your interests, whether they lie in student government, campus clubs, Greek or non-Greek organizations, religious life and varsity or intramural athletics.

We're anxious to see your name on a growing list of Western graduates whose lives have been enriched by the education they received here.

Western's campus, situated on a beautiful hill overlooking the southcentral Kentucky city of Bowling Green, is acclaimed as one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation. Western is the home of the Hilltoppers for nearly 14,000 students and more than 50,000 alumni.

The 200-acre campus includes more than 65 major buildings, with an additional 785 acres at the University Farm.

BLACK STUDENT LIFE

Student organizations at Western Kentucky University are concerned with the development of the whole person, professionally and personally. Black students are involved throughout the university community in student government, sororities and fraternities, athletics, religious groups and academic organizations.

Listed below are some of the organizations that contribute to the overall growth of black student life at Western Kentucky University. Black students are also encouraged to participate in other campus organizations to benefit their individual growth.

Amazing Tones of Joy is a campus gospel choir of 75 members, whose purpose is to cultivate a Christian life through spiritual music. The choir, with its student director, travels to churches, conferences and other campuses to perform.

Black Scholastic Achievers provides recognition and support to academically superior black upperclassmen whose college grade point averages exceed 3.00.

Black Student Alliance promotes and maintains positive relationships between the administration and the campus community. BSA meets weekly to plan cultural, educational and social activities for the black student body. It also inquires into possible areas of discrimination both on and off campus and seeks to aid black students in gaining the most out of their college experience.

Black Student Fellowship encourages black students to worship and develop their own religious faith. Activities include weekly meetings, retreats and regional conferences.

United Black Greeks consists of representatives from each black Greek organization. This organization serves as an advisory body for the proper direction of Western's black Greek movement.

Western Kentucky Minority Communicators prepares minority student journalists for careers in the media. WKMC has monthly speakers from the professional journalist field. Members attend a regional job conference each year that provides internship offers from newspapers such as the Courier-Journal, Cincinnati Inquirer, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times.

Greek life is very much an integral part of student life at Western Kentucky University. The sororities and fraternities on campus sponsor a variety of service and social functions. Currently there are four historically black Greek organizations on campus.

Alpha Kappa Alpha annually participates in a wide variety of fund-raisers, community service projects and scholarship promotions. The Miss Black Western Pageant is one of AKA's largest annual fund-raisers and a \$200.00 scholarship is presented to the winner.

Delta Sigma Theta is committed to community services such as canned food drives for the needy, voter registration drives and working with the community youth. Each year during the spring semester the chapter sponsors Delta Week which includes a fashion show.

Alpha Phi Alpha members constantly strive to uphold the founding ideas of academics, service and development. The Alphas sponsor many projects during the year such as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Ceremony.

Kappa Alpha Psi takes pride in its chapter activities, community service and philanthropic projects. The Epsilon Rho Chapter was established at Western on March 14, 1969.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Minority Student Support Services

The office of black student retention is responsible for assessing the needs of black students and coordinating programs and services designated to meet those needs.

The office provides:

- academic counseling
- study skills workshops
- test anxiety counseling
- time management, personal planning and class scheduling workshops
- self-esteem and self concept workshops
- financial aid follow-up
- scholarship information
- career exploration and testing referrals
- black student life orientation sessions
- seminars, panel discussions and workshops on survival at a predominately white university.
- volunteer tutorial program
- mentor program
- peer helper program
- black achievers program

Additionally, the office mainstreams the involvement of black students in all aspects of campus life through a promotion of campus-wide awareness, communication, and programming.

For more information, contact:

Minority Student Support Services
Potter Hall, Room 120
745-5066

Additional Support Services:

Academic Advising and Retention Center offers academic counseling for students with less than a 2.0 GPA.

Other services provided are counseling assistance with:

- Transcripts and records
- General education requirements
- Repeat course policy
- Class attendance
- Study skills
- Time management
- Test-taking skills
- Class scheduling
- Vocational career testing

For more information, contact: Office of Academic Counseling and Retention, Cherry Hall, Room 226, 745-5065.

Career Services Center provides career library, testing and career advisement, MESA computerized employer matching program, on campus job interviews, placement advice and student placement files.

Western Kentucky University Student Support Services make available individual tutoring, group tutoring, personal and academic counseling, referral services and a special three-hour course "Education and Life Planning" (student support services students only).

The University Counseling Center offers the General Education Development Test, national testing programs and personal-social counseling.

Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) is a new program specially designed to meet the individual needs of students with an ACT composite score of 13 or below. The program offers individual attention and smaller classes, study skills courses, college prep courses in English and mathematics and special advisors to monitor academic progress.

FINANCIAL AID

More than 80 percent of Western Kentucky University students receive financial aid from federal, state or university sources such as loans, grants, scholarships and employment. Western participates in the following federally funded financial aid plans: Pell Grants, National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Work Study and Parent Loans.

Application for financial assistance should be filed by April 1 for optimum consideration. Further information and appropriate financial aid forms may be obtained by contacting your school counselor or the Department of Student Financial Assistance, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky 42101, (502) 745-2755.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Black Scholars Program is an integral part of the university scholarship program and is committed to awarding academic scholarship to outstanding black students. All scholarship applicants of Afro-American descent will be

evaluated according to high school grades, ACT scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, leadership positions and honors. The scholarship application deadline is February 15.

The scholarship application contains detailed information about scholarships. Because academic scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, students must apply by completing appropriate forms, which are available through the Office of Admissions, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

The Julius E. Price Scholarship is awarded each year to a black upperclassman based on overall academic performance.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Community College provides opportunities for those in the community who have never attended college, want to return after dropping out, would like to get an associate degree before entering a four-year program, want to update their training, or want to take classes for personal enrichment. Students looking for a small college atmosphere with individual attention, convenient hours and classes and programs designed to fit their needs and interests should consider Western's Community College.

For more information, contact:

WKU Community College
15th and State Street
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
(502) 745-5371

RESIDENCE LIFE

At Western, we make our residence hall programs an important part of the educational process. The University seeks to provide an environment compatible with and supportive of student's personal, social and academic development.

Residence hall rooms accommodate two students and each room is furnished with beds, chest of drawers, closets, mirrors, desks, chairs, a refrigerator and telephone service. Each hall contains kitchens, large lobbies with color television sets, study rooms, multi-purpose space and mail service.

Students should forward the completed residence hall housing agreement with a \$75.00 deposit immediately upon applying for admission to the University. Send the completed housing agreement to:

Office of Housing
Potter Hall
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Make checks or money orders payable to Western Kentucky University.

ADMISSION

The admission policy is designed to provide educational opportunities for students who have a serious commitment to continuing their formal education and reasonable prospects for academic achievement.

Completed applications for admission are sent to the office of admissions where they are reviewed and evaluated by the professional staff. Factors which may be considered for admission include scores obtained on the American College Test (ACT); high school performance; post-secondary academic record, if any;



recommendations from school officials or other interested persons; personal qualifications and conduct; health, including physical and mental conditions; an interview with an admissions officer; and complete and accurate information listed on the application for admission.

Western recognizes that students have different interests and levels of achievement and the admissions process provides them personalized counseling. An application for admission should be submitted well in advance of the term for which the student plans to enroll. Beginning freshmen are advised to complete the procedures early in their senior year in high school.

A student who does not meet the minimum admission requirements may be considered for admission on an individual basis.

Additional information concerning admission may be requested from the Office of Admissions, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Phone (502) 745-2551.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring to the University from other accredited colleges should submit an application for admission and request two official transcripts from each college attended. Transfer students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for the last semester or term of full-time work, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be in good standing at the institution from which they are transferring. Fulfillment of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Applicants are not allowed to ignore previous college work.

CAMPUS TOURS

Visiting the campus helps you see and feel Western's personality. Tours for prospective students include an informational session, a walking campus tour, a visit to a residence hall and departmental advisement. For campus visits, call or write:

Office of Black Student Recruitment
and Retention
120 Potter Hall
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(502) 745-5066

INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ / _____

School Attending _____

Date of High School Graduation _____

Information Requested:

☐ Viewbook (includes admission application)

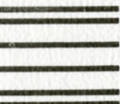
☐ Financial Aid

☐ Scholarship Application

☐ Housing

☐ Other _____

Areas of Academic Interest: _____



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Office of Black Student Recruitment
Potter Hall, Room 120
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101-9943

