Application for Community Based Scholarship Programs*
(first time applicants only)

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*This application is for students who are interested in doing a 300 or 450 hour AmeriCorps term of service. If you are wanting to do an 1800 hour, full-time AmeriCorps term of service, please contact the Washburn AmeriCorps VISTA Fellows Coordinator in the LinC Office.
Consistent with the mission of Washburn University, Learning in the Community promotes an opportunity for Washburn students, faculty, and staff to engage in meaningful service experiences that enhance the educational experience while improving the community. As a municipal university (i.e. established or supported in whole or in part by funds raised from city taxes), Washburn University is a committed partner with the city of Topeka and places 250+ students into short-term and long-term services opportunities in the community each year. Through ongoing interaction with students, the Center provides opportunities for leadership and engagement that result in the development of productive and responsible citizens.

Washburn offer scholarships to students willing to give their time to long-term commitments in the community in the same way that high academic performance and athletic achievement are rewarded with scholarships. There are three types of scholarship programs offered by Learning in the Community:

**Minimum Time AmeriCorps Program** - Student must have at least one full year left at Washburn, must commit to completing at least 300 hours of service that meets the AmeriCorps rules in not more than one calendar year, and must register for a one-hour course each semester they are performing service. Each year, approximately 40 of these scholarships are awarded and priority is given to students willing to do at least 200 of the 300 hours with an academic support/mentoring program. Scholarship is renewable up to four years. Application deadline: September 1st.

**Academic AmeriCorps** - Student must be enrolled in an internship or practicum through an academic department at Washburn, the internship/practicum must be at least two semesters long and require a significant amount of direct service that meets the AmeriCorps rules in not more than one calendar year; and must register for a one-hour course each semester they are performing service. Each year, approximately 20 of these scholarships are awarded with the option of completing either a 300 or 450 hour term of service depending on the internship/practicum hour requirement. Scholarship is non-renewable. Application deadline: August 1st.

**LinC Scholar/Bonner Leader Program** (university honor & civic leadership development program) - Student must have at least three full years left at Washburn (preferably four years); must commit to completing at least 450 hours of service that meets the AmeriCorps rules in not more than one calendar year; must enroll in HN202 Intro to Poverty Studies either in the Fall or Spring semester of the first year of the program; and must attend all-Bonner, cohort and issue-based meetings each month during the academic year. Each year, approximately 40 of these scholarships are awarded. Scholarship is renewable up to four years. Application deadline: April 1st (priority), August 1st (final).

Full descriptions of these programs can be downloaded from Learning in the Community’s website or obtained from our main office (Benton Hall 405).

Requirements common for all programs: recipients must be an undergraduate student enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester at Washburn University; have at least a 2.5 grade point average; be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S.; have at least 6 hours per week open to participate in service during 8-5 M-F; and not have a serious or violent criminal past.
PERSONAL PROFILE

1. Name: ____________________________________________
   Last                                         First     Middle
   Any Previous or Maiden Name(s) Used:

2. Social Security Number:_______________________     WU ID:______________________

3. Date of Birth:__________________ Place of Birth:____________________________________
   Month/Day/Year City/State/Country

4. Gender:          MALE ___   FEMALE ___

5. Do you qualify for Federal Work-Study?   Yes ____      No ____      Don’t Know ____

6. Are you a first-generation college student (i.e. parents, guardians and grandparents did not go to college)?    Yes ____     No ____

7. Current Address: All information will be sent to this address unless you notify us of a change.
   Number and Street:________________________________________________________
   City:_____________________________     State:_______________     Zip:__________
   Home and/or Cell Phone:___________________________________________________
   Email:__________________________________________________________________

    Permanent Address:  Check here if same as above ______
   Name:_____________________________ Relationship:__________________________
   Number and Street:________________________________________________________
   City:_____________________________     State:_______________     Zip:__________
   Home Phone:_____________________________________________________________

8. When would you be available for an interview? _________________________________

9. How did you hear about Washburn’s Community Based AmeriCorps Scholarship Programs?
   _________________________________________________________________________
**EDUCATION**

10. Check the highest level of education that you will have completed by the time you enroll at Washburn University or your current standing if already enrolled (check only one).

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<th>High School Diploma/GED</th>
<th>Freshman (fewer than 24 credit hours)</th>
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<td>Technical School/Apprenticeship</td>
<td>Sophomore (24 to 53 credit hours)</td>
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<td>Community College Associate Degree</td>
<td>Junior (54 to 87 credit hours)</td>
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<td>Other:____________________________________</td>
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11. Current GPA: ____________  (you must have at least a 2.5 GPA to participate in this program)

12. Beginning with Washburn, list all schools that you have attended including high school, trade or technical school, military training, and employment training programs.

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<th>School Name and Location</th>
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SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

13. Attach a resume of your volunteer/community service experience and employment history (include any self-employment, internships and/or fellowships, home management, and full- or part-time paid or unpaid work experience). Please include the position title; name and location of the organization; contact information for the organization; date(s) your service/employment started and ended if not still there; how much volunteer time you gave to the organization (i.e. total number of hours for one-time event or per week or month for long-term service); and a description of the service/work.

14. In the space below, please describe any skills, experience and certifications that you have. For example, your ability to speak and/or write a foreign language; experience with building construction; certification you have received such as CPR, mediation, etc.; experience working with a specific population; communication/teaching/public relations skills; fundraising experience; ability to create art and/or crafts; experience playing sports; etc.

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15. List any other campus organizations which you are currently a member or intend to join by the time you start the Bonner program. For example, please include WSGA, CAB, Leadership Institute, Washburn Debate, Band/Flags/Dancing Blues, a fraternity or sorority, a Washburn sports team, Christian Challenge, and any other registered or non-registered student organization.

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16. For which of the following programs are you applying? (mark all for which you want to be considered)
   ____ Minimum Time AmeriCorps Program (see page 1)
   ____ Academic AmeriCorps -- please list academic department and faculty internship/practicum
   supervisor: ________________________________________________________________
   placement (if known): _______________________________________________________
   ____ LinC Scholar/Bonner Leader AmeriCorps Program (see page 1)

17. What issue area(s) are you most interested in addressing during your AmeriCorps term of service*?
   ____ Education (circle the following age group(s) you would be interested in working with):
   3-to-5 year olds       5-to-12 year olds       12-to-15 year olds       15-to-18 year olds       16-to-60 year olds
   ____ Youth
   ____ Disabilities
   ____ Healthcare
   ____ Hunger/Homelessness
   ____ Elders/Senior Citizens
   ____ Mental Health
   ____ Domestic Violence
   ____ Emergency Services
   ____ Environment
   ____ Outreach to the Hispanic Community
   ____ Other: _____________________________________

* please note that AmeriCorps prohibits service that includes religious content, political work, work that
benefits individuals outside of the U.S. or U.S. territories, medical research/lab work, work with a for-profit
organization, etc.

18. Do you already know of an organization(s) where you would like to do your AmeriCorps term of service
   (not required):
   __________________________________________________________________________

19. All programs include service with a nonprofit organization in the community (i.e. off-campus). Will you
   have access to a reliable form of transportation that will allow you to get to and from your site?
   Yes ____ No ____
MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT

20. Please attach an essay that addresses the following questions:

• Why do you want to participate in the AmeriCorps program? What could you contribute to the program? What do you hope to gain from the program? How would participating in the program contribute to your academic/professional goals, core values and/or personal interests? (no less than 300 words)

• The students who participate in these AmeriCorps programs specifically work on issues related to social justice and social change. What do these concepts mean to you and how do you hope your participation in this program might support this? (no less than 300 words)

AMERICORPS REQUIRED INFORMATION

21. Are you a United States citizen, or lawful permanent resident alien? YES ___ NO ___

Eligibility documentation is required: Please attach a copy of your state issued birth certificate, or U.S. passport, or report of birth abroad, or certificate of birth-foreign service, or certificate of naturalization/citizenship, etc., proving US Citizenship.

22. Have you previously participated in an AmeriCorps program? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, what was the name and location of the program and your dates of service?

________________________________________________________________________

If you previously participated in an AmeriCorps program, did you successfully complete your term of service?

YES ___ NO ___

If no, why not? _______________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

LEGAL

23. I understand that the program will do a background check on me prior to the start of my service and I give permission for this to be done at no cost to me. YES ___ NO ___

Please attach a clear copy of your driver’s license and any name change documentation if your name is different than what you submitted as proof of citizenship as we need this to complete your background check.
24. Answer the following questions fully. Existence of criminal conviction/adjudication may or may not, depending on the circumstances, disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission will disqualify you. Do not include minor traffic violations.

**Have you ever been:**

- Convicted of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by military authorities? 
  - YES ___ NO ___

- Adjudicated or held responsible as a juvenile offender of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by authorities? 
  - YES ___ NO ___

**Are you now:**

- Under charges for any offenses or are any civil suits or judgments pending against you? 
  - YES ___ NO ___

- On probation or parole? 
  - YES ___ NO ___

If NO to all, skip to "Certification" below.

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please provide the following information (You may attach any additional information or explanation on a separate sheet of paper):

- Date of Charge/Conviction (Month/Day/Year): ________________________________
- Place (City/State): ______________________________________________________
- Charge: _______________________________________________________________
- Action taken: ____________________________________________________________
- Court Probation/Parole Officer (Name): _____________________________________
- Phone and Address: _______________________________________________________

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and good faith. I understand that misinformation or omission of information could result in my disqualification and/or termination as an AmeriCorps member. I also understand that my selection for participation in some community agencies/programs may require a physical examination, including drug and alcohol testing.

_________________________  _______________________
Signature                   Date
For Parent or Guardian of Applicants under 18 Years of Age:
I have reviewed this application and I hereby authorize my son/daughter/legal ward to apply for a Washburn University Community Based AmeriCorps Scholarship Program.

______________________________  __________________________
Signature                          Date

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Relation: __________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Address (City/State/Zip Code): ______________________________________

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