

# 2025-26 WCU 1871 Award Application DRAFT

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Established in 2018, the 1871 Award annually recognizes up to 71 West Chester University juniors and seniors who are high-achieving in academics, leadership, community engagement and career readiness. Applicants must be undergraduate students who have completed a minimum of 60 credits (at least 30 must have been earned at WCU) and are in good conduct standing. By submitting this application, you are consenting to have your academic and conduct records reviewed by a member of the selection committee.

Applicants will be reviewed on the following criteria: Academics (25%); Leadership (25%); Community Engagement (25%) and Career Readiness (25%). You are encouraged to review the [selection rubric](#) to familiarize yourself with the details of the evaluation criteria.

The application consists of four sections: 1) Student personal information; 2) Short answer questions; 3) Resume or curriculum vitae; 4) Letters of recommendation. It is recommended that applicants draft their responses to the short answer questions in a Word document and then paste those responses into the relevant fields. Please note that your recommenders should submit their letters to you and you submit them via this form. We cannot accept them separately via email.

**The deadline to apply is Monday, November 3, 2025 at noon.** Applicants will be notified of their status in January 2026, and those selected will be honored at an awards ceremony on Thursday, March 26, 2026. If you have questions about the application, please contact Dr. Sara Hinkle, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at [shinkle@wcupa.edu](mailto:shinkle@wcupa.edu).

Good luck!

**First and Last Name \***

**Your WCU e-mail address: \***

**Your WCU ID number \***

**Phone number: \***

**Current Class standing: \*** ☐ Junior (60+ credits)  
☐ Senior

**Academic College/School: \*** ☐ College of Arts and Humanities  
☐ College of Business and Public Management  
☐ College of Education and Social Work  
☐ College of Health Sciences  
☐ College of the Sciences and Mathematics  
☐ University College  
☐ Wells School of Music

**Your major: \***

**Second major, if applicable:**

**What is your anticipated graduation year? \*** ☐ 2026  
☐ 2027  
☐ Other (indicate below)

**Comments:**

**What is your anticipated graduation month? \*** ☐ December  
☐ May

I consent to having my academic and conduct records reviewed by a member of the selection committee as a part of this application process. (Please note that lack of consent will remove this application from consideration.) \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Please describe your leadership experiences during your time at West Chester University. How would others describe you as a leader? (500 words maximum) \*

(Minimum words: 1)

(Maximum words: 500)

Describe your most significant accomplishments as a student leader, or a challenge you overcame to add value to your organization/field/department, the University, or the community at large. (500 words maximum) \*

(Minimum words: 1)

(Maximum words: 500)

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Describe how you have engaged with the community (locally, nationally, and/or internationally) during your time as a student at WCU, and reflect on what you learned as a result of that engagement. (500 words maximum) \*

(Minimum words: 1)

(Maximum words: 500)

How has your community engagement impacted your attitudes, beliefs, values, priorities and/or life choices? Please provide examples. (500 words maximum) \*

(Minimum words: 1)

(Maximum words: 500)


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What are your career goals? Describe the skills and knowledge you have gained through your curricular (academic) and co-curricular (outside the classroom) experiences, and how they apply to these goals. Please identify areas for continued growth. (500 words maximum) \*

(Minimum words: 1)

(Maximum words: 500)

Please upload your resume or curriculum vitae: \*


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Name of person providing first recommendation letter: \*

Email address of person providing first recommendation letter: \*


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Name of person providing second recommendation letter: \*

Email address of person providing second recommendation letter: \*

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