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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) Ram Plan Co-curricular transcript; and 5) 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 Sunday, November 3, 2024 at midnight. Applicants will be notified of their status in January 2025, and those selected will be honored at an awards ceremony on Thursday, March 20, 2025. If you have questions about the application, please contact Dr. Sara Hinkle, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at shinkle@wcupa.edu.

Good luck!

Please type your name as you would like it to be printed on a certificate, if selected: *

Your WCU e-mail address: *

Your WCU ID number *

Phone number: *

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

Academic college: * 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? * 2025
 2026
 Other (indicate below)

Comments:

What is your anticipated graduation month? * December
 May

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Please describe your leadership experiences 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, 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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Describe the skills and knowledge you have gained through your curricular (academic) and co-curricular (outside the classroom) experiences, and how they apply to your career 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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You may upload your Ram Plan Co-curricular Transcript here. This is recommended, not required.


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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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Thank you for submitting your application for the 1871 Award. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sara Hinkle, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement, at shinkle@wcupa.edu