James J. Rhatigan
Leadership Scholarship
Application Packet
2016-2017

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the Office of Financial Aid Located in 203 Jardine Hall, Wichita State University
James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship

The James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship was created by the 1995-1996 Student Government Association to provide tuition assistance to eligible Wichita State University students. The Scholarship honors Dr. James J. Rhatigan, Senior Vice President of Wichita State University, for his many years of service as Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and for being a model of leadership to students throughout his tenure. The scholarship is meant to reward students who have demonstrated consistent leadership, service, and academic merit within the University and surrounding community.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following criteria:

1) Illustration of leadership skills
2) Commitment to academic excellence (GPA of 3.0 or above)
3) Financial need
4) Service to the University and community

In addition, all applicants must:

1) Be currently enrolled as a Wichita State University student
2) Undergraduates must have completed sixty (60) undergraduate credits before the fall semester for which the scholarship is awarded. Graduate students must have completed at least twelve (12) graduate credit hours.
3) Have at least two additional semesters of course work to complete as a full-time student
4) Enroll as a full-time student during the period of the award
5) maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 throughout the award period

For a complete application:

1) Complete and sign a CANDIDATE RELEASE FORM (attached).
2) Submit one LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from a member of the Wichita State University faculty or staff.
3) Submit one LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from a professional contact outside of the University.
4) Complete and attach questions listed in the CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET (attached).
5) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1 and have it on file with the Office of Financial Aid OR submit a separate typed statement describing your financial need.

Applications will be screened and finalists will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee for interviews.
James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship
CANDIDATE RELEASE FORM

Full Name: ___________________________ Home Phone: (____) ______________
Last First Middle

Address: ___________________________________ Work Phone: (____) ______________
Street Address or PO Box

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip

College: ___________________________ Major: ___________________________

Anticipated Hours of Enrollment for 2016 – 2017: Fall 2016 _________ Spring 2017 _________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ___________________________

I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By submitting this application, I authorize my college and/or university to make available to Student Government Association information concerning my academic records.

I understand that falsification of any information on this application disqualifies me for any current or future Student Government Association scholarship. I understand that submission of an application in no way guarantees that a scholarship will be awarded. I understand that my application will not be considered if it is incomplete or submitted after the March 1, 2016 deadline.

By submitting this application, I do hereby give Student Government Association the right to use my name and image in the promotion of the James J. Rhatigan Scholarship.

Applicant Signature ___________________________
Date ___________________________

WSU ID ___________________________

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship
CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Full Name: _________________________________

Please type and attach answers to the following:

1. In 750 words or less provide a personal statement and include why you would make a deserving James J. Rhatigan Leadership Scholarship recipient.

2. What activities have you been involved in at Wichita State University? Please include dates and details.

3. What leadership positions have you held?

4. What awards or honors have you received?

5. Besides WSU clubs or organizations, in what other activities are you involved (religious, community service, etc.)? Please include dates and details of involvement.

6. Describe a situation in which you assumed a leadership role. What did you learn?

7. Describe a time you helped improve either Wichita State University or your local community. What impact did that have on you as a person and as a leader?

8. Please list the current scholarships, grants and other sources of financial aid you are receiving (include the amount of each award).

APPLICATION PACKET & REQUIRED MATERIALS TURNED IN TO:
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
ROOM 203 JARDINE HALL
1845 FAIRMOUNT, WICHITA, KS 67260-0024
BY 5:00PM ON Tuesday, March 1, 2016