

PENSACOLA PLEDGE SCHOLARS

A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE WITHIN
THE CITY LIMITS OF PENSACOLA WISHING TO ATTEND THE
UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA AND PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

CITY OF PENSACOLA RESIDENTS AND NOTED PHILANTHROPISTS QUINT & RISHY STUDER have partnered with the University of West Florida (UWF) to offer the Pensacola Pledge Scholars program beginning in 2012. This scholarship program will award selected recipients attending UWF \$2,000 per academic year and those attending Pensacola State College \$1,200 per academic year. Thanks to their generosity, students from within the city limits of Pensacola will have more opportunity to pursue higher education and more incentive to achieve while in high school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Students interested in applying for the Pensacola Pledge Scholars program must meet the following requirements:

- Resident within the City Limits of Pensacola
- Graduate from an Escambia County public high school the same year as college entrance
- First Time in College designated student
- Apply for admission by March 1 to UWF or Pensacola State College and be admitted for the fall semester
- Submit a Pensacola Pledge Scholars application, two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on “what being a citizen of Pensacola means to me” by April 1 to the appropriate institution*

**Late admission and scholarship applications will be considered pending availability of funds for a later round of screening.*

RENEWAL CRITERIA:

- Maintain full time status (12 hours) at UWF or Pensacola State College
- Maintain a combined college 3.0 GPA or higher
- Complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service per academic year in the Escambia County School District Mentoring Program

The Pensacola Pledge Scholars program is available to accepted students for up to eight undergraduate semesters (four years) and is transferable from Pensacola State College to UWF.

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The complete scholarship application brochure can be found at uwf.edu/pensacolapledge.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS: Pensacola Pledge Scholars will receive \$2,000 per academic year to attend UWF or \$1,200 per academic year to attend Pensacola State College. This scholarship will be combined with all other available funding including Pell grants, Bright Futures and any other resources. A scholar’s total financial assistance (need and merit) cannot exceed the total cost of attendance.

ALLOCATION: The Pensacola Pledge Scholar fund, through the UWF Foundation, will provide approximately \$80,000 of new scholarship awards each academic year to approximately 40 First Time in College students—distribution may vary from year to year depending on quantity and quality of applicants.

SELECTION: The selection of the candidates will be made by the Pensacola Pledge Scholars Committee at UWF, chaired by the Director of Undergraduate Admissions. The Vice President of University Advancement shall appoint the committee comprised of a cross section of representatives from campus. Pensacola State College will follow the same guidelines in establishing a selection committee. The scholars will be announced beginning in April. Late admission and scholarship applications will be considered pending availability of funds for a later round of screening.

SCHOLARS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Scholars will be acknowledged at city events, community events such as Pensacola Blue Wahoo’s Baseball games, UWF and Pensacola State College events and graduation. They will also have the opportunity to serve as representatives of their institution and mentors to future City of Pensacola graduates at recruitment events, open houses and transition programs.