

2020 first-year application

for admission & scholarships



Western Washington University is a dynamic, innovative public university ranked among the best in the Pacific Northwest. Western is recognized for excellence in undergraduate education, an increasingly diverse learning environment and a strong sense of community. Students choose Western for the top-notch academic quality, size, location, success of graduates and affordable cost.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to Western Washington University is selective. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission, as the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available enrollment spaces.

The most important criterion in the selection process is demonstrated academic achievement, including grade point average, quality and rigor of course work, grade trends, and SAT or ACT scores. Activities, leadership, special talents, multicultural experience and individual circumstances are also considered.

Applicants are encouraged to pursue academic coursework and advanced study beyond the minimum course requirements. Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International, Running Start or other College-in-the-High-School, Honors courses, and even a full load of standard academic courses provide an excellent foundation for a successful college experience.

The minimum recommended high school courses include:

- 4 units of English, including 3 units of college prep composition and/or literature
- 3 units of mathematics beyond pre-algebra, including completion of algebra II*
- 2 units of science, with one year of algebra-based chemistry or physics; one year must include a lab
- 3 units of social science, such as history, civics, psychology, economics, etc.
- 2 sequential units in a single world language, Native American language or American Sign Language. This requirement may be satisfied for students from non-English speaking countries who entered the U.S. educational system in eighth grade or later
- 1 semester or trimester of fine and performing arts

* During the senior year of high school, students must earn a credit in a math-based quantitative course. Completion of higher-level math prior to the senior year exempts students from the senior year quantitative course requirement (e.g., pre-calculus, math analysis or calculus).

FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Quarter*	Early Action – November 1
	Regular Decision – January 31
Winter Quarter	September 15
Spring Quarter	January 1

*To learn more about Fall quarter deadline options, visit admissions.wvu.edu/first-year.

WHO SHOULD USE THIS APPLICATION?

The First-Year Application for Admission is for students who have not enrolled in any college coursework **after** high school graduation or GED completion, excluding the summer immediately following graduation. Students who have earned college credit while in high school, including Running Start students, should use this application.

DO NOT USE THIS APPLICATION IF YOU ARE A:

- Transfer or Postbaccalaureate applicant
- Former/returning Western student
- Graduate School applicant
- International applicant
- Summer-only applicant

Go to admissions.wvu.edu/apply to determine which application is right for you, or call the Office of Admissions at (360) 650-3440.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application, signed and dated
- Non-refundable \$60 application fee*
- Essay/additional information
- Transcript(s)
- Official ACT or SAT test scores

All application materials, including transcripts and the application fee, must be postmarked by the application deadline.

* The application fee must be in the form of a check or money order, payable to *Western Washington University*, and is non-refundable. To request a fee waiver, include a written request with your application that explains why paying the application fee imposes an extreme financial hardship on you or your family. A limited number of fee waivers are granted.

Apply online at admissions.wvu.edu

Or, mail your completed application and fee to:
Western Washington University, Office of Admissions,
516 High Street, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9009

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

We recommend you keep a file with copies of all correspondence you have with Western, including a copy of your completed application form and transcripts of high school and college coursework. Some sections of the application for admission require further explanation, which you can find online at admissions.wwu.edu/first-year/apply. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at (360) 650-3440 or admissions@wwu.edu.

Transcripts

High School: A high school transcript is required at the time of application. For the application review, you may submit either an official or unofficial transcript. We accept electronic transcripts in the following methods: 1) via the Naviance/Docufile transcript system; 2) via the online application, students can upload an electronic version of their transcript. We will also accept paper transcripts mailed from your high school. Official high school transcripts will be required *after* admission.

College: Official college transcripts and AP/IB/Cambridge International scores are required for college credit to be granted. These transcripts will enable Admissions to process your application more efficiently and expedite the awarding of transfer credit. Washington Running Start students who have completed college credit are encouraged to request an electronic college transcript be sent from the college at the time of application, in addition to a high school transcript.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid: Applying for financial aid does not affect your application for admission or consideration for scholarships. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Western's school code is 003802. If you are a non-citizen eligible for resident tuition under HB 1079, please submit the WASFA instead at readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa. Fall quarter applicants should submit the FAFSA/WASFA prior to January 31 for priority consideration. For more information, refer to www.finaid.wwu.edu or contact the Financial Aid Services Center at (360) 650-3470.

Scholarships: Most scholarships are awarded based on the information provided in the application for admission, and no separate application is required. The Office of Admissions awards scholarships based on merit or other interests as identified in the application for admission. First-year students applying for Fall Quarter admission should complete the application for admission by the application deadline of January 31 for priority scholarship consideration. A complete list of new student scholarships is available at admissions.wwu.edu/scholarships. A complete list of all undergraduate student scholarships is available at www.finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships.

Residency

To qualify as a Washington State resident and in-state tuition, you must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident (resident alien) status. You must also be a dependent student whose parent or guardian has been a legal resident for at least 12 months prior to enrollment, or an independent student who has established a permanent home in the state of Washington for at least 12 months prior to enrollment. Verification may be requested. The spouse or dependent of a person who is on active military duty can be allowed to pay resident tuition after providing appropriate documentation to the Registrar's Office.

You are not a resident of Washington State if you (or your parent, in the case of a dependent) have attended, as a resident, college in another state within a year prior to enrollment; have received financial assistance from another state, including a reciprocity award, within a year prior to enrollment; or possess a current out-of-state driver's license, vehicle registration or other document which gives evidence of being domiciled in another state.

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. and not on a current visa, but have continuously resided in Washington State for three (3) years prior to receiving a high school diploma from a Washington State high school, you may be eligible to pay resident tuition, in accordance with HB 1079.

For more information about residency refer to admissions.wwu.edu/residency.

Living on Campus

First-year students who meet all housing deadlines, including the payment deadline, are guaranteed housing on campus. The date you apply to Western serves as your housing priority date, and room assignment priority is given to students who applied for admission the earliest. Detailed housing information will be sent at the time of admission; admitted students can apply at housing.wwu.edu.

Western Washington University (WWU), in compliance with applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or genetic information in its programs or activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs. Inquiries may be directed to the Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity & Employment Diversity, Title IX Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Office, Western Washington University, Old Main 345, MS 9021, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225; (360) 650-3307 (voice) or 711 (Washington Relay); eoo@wwu.edu.

WWU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. To request an accommodation in the application process, please contact the Disability Access Center, Wilson Library 170; (360) 650-3083 (voice) or (360) 255-7175 (VP); drs@wwu.edu. One week advance notice appreciated. To request this document in an alternate format, please contact the Office of Admissions, Old Main 200; (360) 650-3440; admissions@wwu.edu.

As part of Western's commitment to maintaining a healthy and safe living, learning and working environment, we want to make you aware of our Annual Security & Fire Safety Report. This report is developed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and provides reported crime statistics for the previous three calendar years. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. It is available for download at <https://www.wwu.edu/vpress/docs/ASRClerereport.pdf>. To request a paper copy of this report, please contact the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services Office; (360) 650-3839; vpesa.office@wwu.edu.



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submit with
\$60 fee to:

Western Washington University
Office of Admissions
516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225
admissions.wvu.edu

1. Application Information

This application is only for students who have not attempted college coursework after high school graduation or GED completion. Visit admissions.wvu.edu/apply for further details.

For which quarter are you applying? Check only one. Winter (January) 2020 Spring (March) 2020 Fall (September) 2020

Have you or will you earn college credit through the Washington State Running Start program? No Yes

Have you previously attended Western? No Yes _____
Last quarter/year at Western

Have you attempted college coursework **after** high school graduation or GED completion, excluding the summer immediately following graduation? No Yes (If yes, you need to fill out the Transfer application at admissions.wvu.edu/apply)

Do you require a non-immigrant student visa to study in the U.S.? No Yes (If yes, you need to fill out the International application at admissions.wvu.edu/apply)

2. Personal Information

Legal Name: Your legal name will be used for official University communications – including admissions communications, transcripts and degrees.

_____ Last First Middle Jr., etc.

Preferred First Name _____ Preferred first name is used in various documents and communications at Western, such as your ID card, class rosters, and in the campus directory. To see a complete list of places preferred first name is used for Western students, visit the Registrar's Office website. Enrolled Western students may update their preferred name through the Registrar's Office.
(if different than legal first name)

Former Name(s) or other name(s): If your first or last name has changed, indicate your former name(s). Also list any other names that may appear on transcripts.

_____ Last First Middle Jr., etc. Last First Middle Jr., etc.

Current Mailing Address _____
Number and Street (include apartment number) Valid indefinitely
 Valid until _____
Month/Day/Year

_____ City County (if you live in Washington) State Zip

Email Address _____
Provide a valid email address that you check regularly, as Western will email important information regarding your admission and enrollment.

Home Phone (____) _____ **Cell Phone** (____) _____ Yes, I accept text messages
Standard text messaging charges may apply.

Permanent Address _____
(if different than mailing) Number and Street (include apartment number)
_____ City County (if you live in Washington) State Zip Telephone

Date of Birth _____ **Birthplace** _____
Month/Day/Year City State Country (if other than US)

Citizenship: Use this application if you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, political asylee or refugee, DREAMer, or eligible for DACA or HB 1079/1487. If you require a non-immigrant student visa to study in the U.S., you must use the International Student Application instead.

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. permanent resident A _____
Resident Alien number Date issued
- Political asylee or refugee
- Other _____
Country of citizenship U.S. visa type Date issued (if applicable)

Residency:

- Yes No **Are you a resident of Washington State?** See Residency instructions for details about qualifying for Washington State residency.
If yes, dates of most recent continuous residence in WA: from _____ to _____
Month/Year Month/Year
- Yes No **Do you have a parent or guardian who currently resides in Washington and has lived here twelve (12) months or more?**

Military background:

- Yes No **Are you the dependent or spouse of an active duty military, State Department, or Foreign Service employee who is a permanent resident of Washington State?**
- Yes No **Are you on active duty or a U.S. military veteran?**
- Yes No **Do you plan to use military educational benefits?**

3. Family Information

Students age 24 or younger must provide information about at least one parent or legal guardian. This information is required to determine residency classification. Omission of parent/guardian information may result in classification as a non-resident.

Name _____
First Middle Last

Relationship to you Mother Father Guardian Other

Is parent/guardian living? Yes No (If no, skip to formal education)

Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____
Number and Street (include apartment number)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Highest level of formal education completed (optional):

Some high school or less Some college Bachelor's degree

High school graduate Associate's degree Graduate study

Attended WWU? Yes No Year _____

Name at WWU, if different _____

Earned a degree from WWU? Yes No Year _____

Other colleges/universities attended _____

Name _____
First Middle Last

Relationship to you Mother Father Guardian Other

Is parent/guardian living? Yes No (If no, skip to formal education)

Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____
Number and Street (include apartment number)

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Email _____

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Attended WWU? Yes No Year _____

Name at WWU, if different _____

Earned a degree from WWU? Yes No Year _____

Other colleges/universities attended _____

Yes No Have either of your parents earned a bachelor's degree?

Yes No Do you have other family members who are Western graduates/students?

Name(s), relationship to you and year of graduation/expected graduation _____

Yes No Do you have any family members who work at Western? Name(s) _____

Yes No Have you ever been in state, tribal or federal refugee foster care after age thirteen?

Yes No Are you the dependent or spouse of a deceased or 100% disabled veteran, firefighter, law enforcement officer, state patrol officer, or highway worker?

4. Demographic Data

In accordance with Washington State law, Western Washington University does not use race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in admission decisions.

Western Washington University is required by law to report aggregate demographic data to the U.S. Department of Education and other federal and state agencies. In addition, this information may assist in the awarding of privately funded scholarships.

Female Male

Western recognizes that people may identify their gender in non-binary ways. Currently, our student information system only provides two binary gender fields. We are aware of this limitation and are working to expand the possible ways for individuals to identify their gender in Western's records. Enrolled students have the ability to change their gender marker through the Registrar's Office. For purposes of housing, please contact University Residences at housing@wwu.edu if you have questions.

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? Check one or more. Please specify if you indicate "Other." *Optional*

Yes, Cuban Yes, Mexican, Mexican American/Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, other Hispanic or Latino _____
 No

What race/ethnicity do you consider yourself? Check one or more. Please specify if you indicate "Other." *Optional*

American Indian or Alaska Native

American Indian or Alaska Native _____ Are you an enrolled member? Yes No
Tribal affiliation

Asian

Asian Indian Cambodian Chinese Filipino Japanese Korean

Laotian Thai Vietnamese Other _____

Black or African American

Black or African American African _____ Caribbean _____ Other _____

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Guamanian Native Hawaiian Samoan Other _____

White or Caucasian

White or Caucasian (Includes persons of European [e.g., French, Italian], Middle Eastern [e.g., Iranian, Saudi Arabian], or North African [e.g., Egyptian, Libyan] heritage)

Note: Enrolled tribal members may elect to provide verification of tribal affiliation for purposes of determining resident tuition rates and/or consideration for certain scholarships. For details please visit admissions.wwu.edu/residency.

5. Academic History

Most applicants complete the high school graduation requirement by receiving a diploma through a high school. However, you can also fulfill this requirement with a homeschool transcript, a high school equivalency certificate or diploma score (such as a GED), or a diploma earned through a Washington community college.

Indicate how you plan to fulfill the high school graduation requirement:

Graduation from a high school or homeschool with a diploma

High School Name _____ City, State _____ Dates of attendance (Month/Year) _____ Graduation Date (Month/Day/Year) _____

High school equivalency certificate (ex: GED) _____
Test Date (Month/Day/Year) _____

High school diploma earned from a Washington community college _____
College Name _____ Graduation Date (Month/Day/Year) _____

List all other schools attended during grades 9 through 12:

High School _____ City, State _____ Dates of attendance (Month/Year) _____

High School _____ City, State _____ Dates of attendance (Month/Year) _____

Please provide the name of a high school official who can verify, if necessary, the academic information provided in your application.

Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Have you participated in a homeschool program during grades 9-12? No Yes If yes, select all grade(s) that apply 9 10 11 12

Have you ever attended school outside the U.S.? No Yes _____

If yes, at what level did you begin school in the U.S.? K-7 8 9-12 College or University No school in U.S.

Were you on exchange? Yes _____
Country _____ Dates of attendance (Month/Year) _____

Other than English, what language(s) do you speak or use fluently (include creoles and dialects)?

First language(s) _____

Language(s) spoken or used in your home _____

Language(s) learned through coursework _____

6. Academic Information

A high school transcript is required for the application review. Please attach your transcript or arrange for your high school to send one to the Office of Admissions.

Senior Year Schedule

List your **complete anticipated senior year (Grade 12) schedule**, including the summer before you enroll at WWU. Misrepresenting your schedule and/or failure to complete courses listed may jeopardize your admission status. If your schedule changes after you apply, please email an updated schedule to admissions@wwu.edu. For each term, include: **1) Course Title; 2) Course Notation "CN": H** for Honors, **AP** for Advanced Placement, **RST** for Running Start, **COL** for all other college enrollment (including College in the High School), **IB** for International Baccalaureate, and **CIE** for Cambridge International.

TERM:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sem. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Qtr. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Sem. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Qtr. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Qtr. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	COURSE TITLE	CN	COURSE TITLE	CN	COURSE TITLE	CN
English						
Mathematics						
Science						
Social Science						
World Language						
Fine or Performing Arts						
All Other Classes						

7. College Credit and Academic Enrichment

Official college transcripts and AP/IB/CIE scores are required for college credit to be granted and may be requested during the application review process. These transcripts will enable Admissions to process your application more efficiently and expedite the awarding of transfer credit. Washington Running Start students who have completed college credit are encouraged to request an electronic college transcript be sent from the community college now, in addition to a high school transcript.

Indicate if you have taken or will take any of the following courses while in high school (N/A = courses not offered at your school):

- Yes No N/A **Advanced Placement** # of courses you plan to complete _____ # of exams you plan to take _____
- Yes No N/A **International Baccalaureate** # of courses you plan to complete _____ # of exams you plan to take _____
- Yes No N/A **Other advanced courses or exams** (please list) _____
- Yes No **Running Start or other college** College _____
- Yes No **Are you planning to earn an associate's degree while in high school?**
 College _____ Date earned/expected _____
Month/Year

_____ Total number of college credits (Running Start, College in the High School, AP, IB) earned or expected to earn while in high school

Indicate if you have participated in, or been selected for, any of the following programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AVID | <input type="checkbox"/> College Success Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> National Merit Semi-Finalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Ready to Rise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass 2 Campus | <input type="checkbox"/> National Society of High School Scholars | <input type="checkbox"/> TRIO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champions of Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Gear Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Phi Theta Kappa | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Access Now | <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Rainier Scholars | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Bound Scholars (WA State) | <input type="checkbox"/> National Merit Finalist | | |

8. Academic Interests

Indicate academic programs that interest you. Selecting academic interests on your application is not binding as major declaration occurs after you begin your studies at Western. This information will allow us to address your particular interests in future communications and is not tied to future plans of study. Refer to www.wvu.edu/majors for information about our academic programs.

Academic Interests First choice _____ Second choice _____

Academic Programs Requiring Additional Application Materials - If you wish to participate in any of the following programs for the coming year, please indicate below.

- Art** requires a portfolio. Refer to admissions.wvu.edu/art for more information.
- Design** requires a portfolio. Refer to admissions.wvu.edu/design for more information.
- Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies** requires additional application materials. Refer to admissions.wvu.edu/fairhaven for more information.
- Music** requires an audition. Refer to admissions.wvu.edu/music for more information. **Primary Instrument/Voice** _____
- Honors Program** admission is highly selective and is based on a variety of factors, including strength of curriculum, academic achievement, standardized test scores, teacher/counselor recommendation, and a writing sample. Refer to admissions.wvu.edu/honors for more information.
- Location Programs:** Are you applying to a degree program delivered at one of the following Western sites: Bremerton, Distance/Online Learning (Human Services only), Everett, Port Angeles or Poulsbo? Visit oce.wvu.edu for more information.
 Program Name _____ Site Location _____

9. Extracurricular, Community, Work and Personal Activities

We believe that ability and potential are measured by more than grades and test scores. Help us learn how you spend your time by providing a list of your most meaningful activities and achievements in grades 9-12. This could include areas like: community involvement, volunteer experience, employment, athletics, extracurricular clubs, arts, family responsibilities, or special awards and recognition. Be sure to include the name of the organization or involvement, your position or role, and how long you have participated. You may also share a short description about the activities that are most significant to you. You can find tips and examples on how to organize your activity list on our website at admissions.wvu.edu/activities.

10. Essay Questions for Admission and New Student Scholarships

Help the Admissions Committee learn about you beyond what we can see in your transcript, test scores and activity list by expanding on one of the prompts below. Your response will be reviewed for both admission and scholarship purposes.

Please select **one** of the essay prompts below and provide your response.

- Describe any activities you have been involved in related to diversity or multiculturalism in your community.
- Share a meaningful experience and how this has helped shape you in your preparation for college. This could be related to your passions, commitments, leadership experience, family, or cultural background.
- Admissions essay – topic of your choice. If you have written another essay that captures what you want the Admissions Committee to know about you, feel free to share it here.

Most essays are about 500 words, but this is only a recommendation, not a firm limit. Feel free to take what space is necessary for you to tell your story. You can find tips for writing a strong application essay on our website at admissions.wvu.edu/essay.

The Admissions Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on the information provided within your application for admission and does not require an additional scholarship application. Students are encouraged to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA), prior to the January 31 priority deadline, as some scholarship criteria include financial need. Information about new student scholarships is available at admissions.wvu.edu/scholarships.

11. Tell Us More (optional)

Describe any special circumstances that created challenges or opportunities for you while in high school **and** what you learned from those experiences. This might include personal or academic challenges, being the first person in your family to pursue college, inconsistent grade trends, a grade point average or test scores that you feel do not reflect your potential, or anything else you feel the Admissions Committee should know about you and your ability to succeed in college.

12. Additional Information

Indicate if you are interested in learning about the following clubs and activities at Western. This will help us address your interests in future communications.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Global issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics (Division II, club sports, intramurals) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA or Queer | <input type="checkbox"/> Study abroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service, volunteering, mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic and multicultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Media (TV, film, radio, photography, newspaper) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Have you visited Western's campus? Yes No

How did you first learn about Western?

- | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWU website | <input type="checkbox"/> College fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher, coach, mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit to campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter or email from Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor, advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit to Bellingham | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western visited my school | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Online college search | | |

13. Certification of Accuracy

Your signature certifies that all information included in and with the application for admission is accurate and complete. By signing below, you acknowledge that failure to disclose complete and accurate information, knowingly providing falsified information, or misrepresentation may result in denial of admission or subsequent dismissal from Western Washington University and that information included in your application may be verified with an official source.

Signature of Applicant (required) _____ Date _____