



## WNY Prosperity Scholarship Program Application Guidelines

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The WNY Prosperity Scholarship assists students who are actively preparing for careers that further economic development and growth in the Western New York region<sup>1</sup>. Awardees must demonstrate financial need and be pursuing studies focused on a defined professional career in the fields of engineering, business, or biomedical sciences.

The WNY Prosperity Scholarship is intended for civic-minded students committed to the Western New York community. Eligible students will utilize this 12-month scholarship to gain career-related experiences, to offset costs associated with internship placements, and to help pay for academic year expenses. Scholarship recipients will be required to participate in a credit-bearing internship program during the summer of the initial award year. Internship experiences will be limited to placements in Western New York.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

#### **Undergraduate students:**

- Must be at least junior-level at the commencement of the scholarship period;
- Must be a registered full-time undergraduate student;
- Must be in an approved major in any of the programs in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences or in the School of Management; or in the approved major of Biomedical Sciences in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences;
- Must have financial need as demonstrated by needs analysis through submission of a 2009-10 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. US citizenship or permanent residence is required for this financial need calculation;
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above;
- Must participate in a credit-bearing summer internship and complete 300 hours of internship work in the eight-county Western New York region<sup>1</sup>; and
- Must submit a WNY Prosperity Scholarship Application by May 1, 2009.

#### **Graduate Students:**

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<sup>1</sup> An eight county definition of the Western New York region: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Orleans, Niagara, and Wyoming.

- Must be accepted into a UB graduate/professional program in any department in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences or in the School of Management.
- Must be a registered full-time graduate student;
- Are eligible to participate any time while pursuing their graduate/professional program of study;
- Must have financial need as demonstrated by needs analysis through submission of a 2009-10 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. US citizenship or permanent residence is required for this financial need calculation;
- Must be in excellent academic standing;
- Must participate in a credit-bearing summer internship and complete 300 hours of internship work in the eight-county Western New York region<sup>1</sup>; and
- Must submit a WNY Prosperity Scholarship Application by May 1, 2009.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Required application components for all applicants include:**

1. Completed Application Form (including your UB email address)
2. On-line completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA)
3. Essay
4. Resume

**\*All materials (with the exception of the FAFSA form) should be submitted as one package.**

## 2009 – 10 WNY Prosperity Scholarship Application Form

Legal full name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, Apartment Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State/Country Zip/Postal Code

Local telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

UB E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_@buffalo.edu (**REQUIRED**)

***Notification regarding scholarship awards will be made to your email address in mid-May. Written acceptance of any offer made will be required from you.***

UB Person Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  U.S. citizen  Permanent Resident

**For Undergraduate Applicants to Complete:**

Current cumulative GPA (out of 4.0) \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate approved major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits (completed and in progress) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Graduate Applicants to Complete:**

Current cumulative GPA (out of 4.0) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate program \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits (completed and in progress) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ Degree you will receive \_\_\_\_\_

**For Undergraduate and Graduate Applicants to Complete:**

Have you filed a 2009-10 FAFSA?

Yes  No

**ESSAY:** Please complete an essay describing how your educational, civic, and professional plans will contribute directly to the economic growth and prosperity of the Western New York Region. Also, please consider addressing in what type of business, industry, or community organization you would consider completing your internship, and how you envision this internship will help you to achieve your professional and civic goals.

\*Please limit your essay to 500 words (12-point font, 1" margins, double spacing)

**RESUME:** Please submit a one-page resume (12-point font, 1" margins)

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Please submit concurrently all three components of your WNY Prosperity Scholarship Application no later than May 1, 2009 to:

University at Buffalo  
WNY Prosperity Scholarship Committee  
Office of the Provost  
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Buffalo, NY 14260-1606

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