Wilderness Based Orientation (WBO)
Scholarship Application

Mission Statement

The mission of Wilderness Based Orientation (WBO) is to enhance student success while transitioning into college. We do this by engaging students in the intensive social, physical, and educational atmosphere of a structured wilderness expedition. During these expeditions, WBO aims to develop the strength and quality of character necessary for collegiate success. These qualities include tenacity, honesty, craftsmanship, compassion, intrinsic motivation, and leadership. Through WBO, we attempt to shape the culture of the freshman class by exposing students to the values held by Western State College. These values include learning, critical thinking, knowledge, education, leadership, fun, service to others, community, citizenry, environmental stewardship, and healthy lifestyles.

****Application Deadline: July 1st ****

Scholarship applicants should meet the following criteria:

1. Accepted WSC student enrolled in classes for the upcoming fall semester
2. Registered to participate in Wilderness Based Orientation
3. Registered to attend New Student Orientation
4. Demonstrate financial need
5. Exemplify the values of the Wilderness Based Orientation (WBO) Program.

Full and partial scholarships are available to qualified applicants.

SECTION A.

Name:_____

Student ID #:_____ Permanent Phone:_____Cell Phone:_____

Email_____

I am registered to attend classes in the fall at Western State College: Yes ☐ No ☐

WBO course enrolled in: _____

What is your intended or declared program of study or academic interest?

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SECTION B.

1. In the space provided below or on an attached separate sheet of paper, please state why you believe you are a good candidate for the Wilderness Based Orientation Scholarship. Please describe your reason for participating in WBO and why you believe it will be an impactful experience. Please describe your financial need and academic goals here at Western and share with us any activities you participate in and any leadership experiences you have had as well as any other pertinent information.

Please return completed application by July 1st to:

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