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Western Michigan University

The John Seita Scholarship & Seita Scholars Program

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The John Seita Scholarship is a tuition scholarship that pays for tuition of undergraduate courses at WMU. Books, fees, housing, food and other living expenses are not included in the scholarship; however, most or all of these costs may be covered by financial aid and available state support, thereby making it possible for a Seita Scholar to earn an undergraduate degree with little or no student loans.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must qualify for the Educational Training Voucher (ETV) in their states; and apply for FAFSA by March 1st. Recipients of the scholarship must be accepted at WMU. Freshman and transfer students may apply.

- Students who are awarded the Seita Scholarship will become part of the *Seita Scholars Program*, which aims to promote the success and well-being of students throughout the undergraduate education experience. Recipients of the John Seita Scholarship must abide by the scholarship agreement, which includes the following benefits and conditions:
 - Reside on-campus;
 - Maintain full-time student status;
 - Take a seminar course for Seita Scholars;
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress;
 - Participate in academic monitoring;
 - Abide by university codes for campus living;
 - Attend scheduled program events;
 - Pay bills on time;
 - Meet regularly with a program advisor;
 - Refrain from working off campus
 - Campus Coaches to help navigate campus life
- Recipients of the John Seita Scholarship will have the opportunity to serve as members on the Student Advisory Group of the Foster Youth and Higher Education Initiative at WMU, or offer other services for the benefit of the initiative and future Seita Scholars.
- Once a student has received the John Seita Scholarship, it can be renewed as long as the student files a FAFSA by March 1st of every year, continues to live on campus and maintains satisfactory academic progress. Students who are eligible for more than one scholarship for first-time students at WMU will be awarded the one with the highest value.

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