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New Year's resolution: earn an affordable, respected degree from WGU

Online, nonprofit university now accepting applications for the New Year, New You Scholarship

Indianapolis —WGU Indiana, the 12th largest university in the state, is offering an added incentive for those making resolutions to earn a college degree in the new year: \$30,000 in scholarships. Students who apply to WGU Indiana by March 31, 2018 are eligible to apply for the New Year, New You Scholarship, which provides up to \$2,000 per student for up to 15 students.

Each New Year, New You Scholarship will be applied at the rate of \$500 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms. Students enrolling in any of Indiana's 60 bachelor's and master's degree programs are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

"At WGU Indiana, we play a valuable role in ensuring that a highly-qualified workforce is available to fill jobs statewide," says WGU Indiana Chancellor Allison Barber. "The New Year, New You Scholarship can open doors for new students and enable them to pursue an affordable education, and new job opportunities, in 2018."

WGU Indiana's competency-based education model allows students to take advantage of their knowledge and experience to move quickly through material they already know, so they can focus on what they still need to learn. WGU faculty members work one-on-one with students as mentors, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction. While WGU Indiana's degree programs are rigorous and challenging, competency-based learning makes it possible for students to accelerate their progress, saving both time and money.

About WGU Indiana

WGU Indiana offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate online degree programs in business, education, information technology and healthcare, including nursing. The nonprofit university's competency-based model allows students to accelerate through coursework at their own pace.

According to a 2016 Harris Poll, 95 percent of WGU graduates are employed, 87 percent of them in their degree field. According to a 2016 Gallup study, WGU graduates are more likely than graduates from other U.S. universities to have the jobs they want, feel engaged at work, and have an emotional attachment to their alma mater. In 2012, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education recognized WGU Indiana for its contributions to the Commission's "Reaching Higher, Achieving More" agenda for excellence in academic quality.

In 2017, the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) again named WGU's secondary teacher preparation program among the best in the nation for quality, ranking WGU in the top seven among 2,400 schools.

WGU Indiana has helped more than 5,000 Hoosiers achieve their dream of completing a college degree. Another 5,000 students are currently enrolled. For information about WGU Indiana's degrees and scholarships, visit <u>indiana.wgu.edu</u>.

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