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Western Governors University Offers CompTIA Scholarships for IT Bachelor's Degree Programs

SALT LAKE CITY -- Western Governors University (www.wgu.edu), in cooperation with the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), is now offering two scholarships to aspiring and experienced IT professionals looking to earn their bachelor's degree.

The scholarships are available for WGU's six online IT bachelor's degrees, which include concentrations in networks administration, networks design and management, IT databases, IT security, and IT software.

These WGU IT scholarships are in recognition of the close integration of CompTIA certifications, the recognized industry standard for a broad range of IT skills, into WGU's IT degree programs. WGU's online IT degrees incorporate between eight and ten industry-recognized certifications, including CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Security+.

Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500. The scholarship will be credited to the recipient's account at the rate of \$500 per six-month term for up to five terms. Tuition for a six-month term is \$2,790, less the \$500 per term scholarship.

The scholarship application deadline is May 20, 2008. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must come into WGU already holding one of the four CompTIA certifications offered as part of each IT degree program: CompTIA A+ IT Technician, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, or CompTIA Project+.

WGU is a non-profit, fully-accredited institution and is the only online competency-based university. The university is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and nationally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic record, readiness for online study, and other considerations. WGU's competency-based approach to education makes it possible for those students (especially those who already hold IT certifications) to accelerate their programs and complete the requirements of their online bachelor's degree in as little as one to three years. The actual time to completion will depend on the incoming student's prior experience, academic background, and time commitment to study. For more information go to [WGU's scholarship information page](#) or call toll-free 1-866-225-5948.

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"Competency-based..."

"I like the idea of a competency-based program. In some areas I already had expertise and skills so I could take an independent study class and build the portfolio and take the exams. In other areas I needed more instruction."

—Gretchen Burr, WGU graduate, high school teacher

"I am an expert..."

"Western Governors has raised the bar for online courses. Instead of graduating from their courses and saying, "I have passed all of the requirements," they want their students to say, "I graduated from WGU and I am an expert in the field..."

—Jeffrey Cravy, WGU graduate student

"Competency-based..."

"Google has pioneered the idea of access to information. The reason Google thinks WGU is such a good idea is because WGU has pioneered the concept of competency-based education whenever you want it."

—Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google Inc.

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