



## About WGU

### News Brief - 9/16/08

#### Western Governors University Recognition for Military Sacrifice Scholarship

*For Severely Injured Service Members and Their Spouses*

SALT LAKE CITY -- Western Governors University ([www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu)) is pleased to offer the [WGU Recognition for Military Sacrifice Scholarship](#). This scholarship is designed to help severely injured service members, their spouses, and the spouses of service members killed in action (KIA) attend college online or earn their degree online to improve their education and their employability.

The [WGU Recognition for Military Sacrifice Scholarship](#) is valued up to a maximum value of \$2,000. The scholarship will be credited at the rate of \$500 per six-month term, renewable up to four terms.

This new expansion of scholarships will allow applicants to earn a degree online in any discipline offered by WGU in its Colleges of Business, Education, Information Technology or Health Professions. These new scholarships are made available through funds from Western Governors University. Over the past 12 months, WGU has awarded over 170 scholarships to veterans, military, and military spouses.

WGU's online degree programs are focused on adult learning through flexible, technology-based instruction. WGU's competency-based education approach makes it possible for students to complete the requirements for their degree at a quicker pace and accelerate their program based on their prior experience, academic background and time commitment to study.

The [WGU Recognition for Military Sacrifice Scholarship](#) is a competitive program so applications should be submitted as soon as possible. To view eligibility requirements and to learn more about the WGU Recognition for Military Sacrifice Scholarship, please visit [www.wgu.edu/militarysacrifice](http://www.wgu.edu/militarysacrifice).


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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 of..."

—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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