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Western Governors University Announces Scholarship for Aspiring School Principals

Up to \$2,000 Available for Students Enrolling in WGU's Master's in Educational Leadership Program

Salt Lake City, Utah — Western Governors University, www.wgu.edu, is helping to ease the financial burden for teachers who want to become principals with a new scholarship program. The WGU Aspiring Principals Scholarship Program awards up to \$2,000 to selected students who enroll in the online university's NCATE-approved M.S. in Educational Leadership program.

Western Governors University's M.S. in Educational Leadership prepares licensed teachers for certification to become a principal, vice principal, or assistant principal. The course of study focuses on the principal as the school's instructional team leader, or chief learning officer. The program uses a case study format and includes a six-month practicum during which the student works closely with a school administrator at the practicum site. Like all WGU degrees, the M.S. in Educational Leadership program is competency-based, which means that students advance by demonstrating their competence through carefully designed assessments and completion of a capstone project.

WGU is planning to award 10 Aspiring Principals Scholarships. The program is competitive, and awards will be based on the candidate's academic record, readiness for online study at WGU, and current competency. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and a valid teaching license. Scholarships will be awarded at the rate of \$500 per six-month term for up to four terms. For more information, go to www.wgu.edu/principal or call 1-866-225-5948 (866-CALL-WGU).

