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WGU Tennessee Launches \$100,000 Tenn-K Scholarship Fund in Celebration of Milestone Year

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Online, competency-based university to award up to \$100,000 in scholarships to 10 new students

NASHVILLE — State-endorsed nonprofit university [WGU Tennessee](#) is celebrating the successes of 2015 and looking forward to 2016 by awarding 10 Tennesseans \$10,000 scholarships.

“We experienced a 50 percent growth in student enrollment this year, which says a lot about the renewed commitment to higher education in this state,” said Dr. Kimberly K Estep, WGU Tennessee chancellor. “The Tenn-K Scholarship, which covers nearly 80 percent of the total cost of attending WGU Tennessee, is a way for us to say thank you. We’re so happy for all of our students and graduates, and we’re thrilled to be part of Governor Haslam’s Drive to 55 effort.”

Some of WGU Tennessee’s 2015 accomplishments include:

- Surpassing 2,500 in student enrollment — 50 percent growth for the year
- Exceeding 1,000 graduates statewide
- Maintaining the same low tuition for the eighth year in a row
- Being named the best value in teacher education by the National Council on Teacher Quality
- Being recognized as a military-friendly school by the Military Advanced Education guide for the eighth consecutive year
- Forming partnerships with Tennessee’s three biggest school districts — Metro Nashville, Shelby County and Knox County — to encourage public school employees to earn master’s degrees
- Launching \$300,000 scholarship fund with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Memphis to make education even more affordable for residents of these two metropolitan areas
- Inducting nine graduates into its first-ever Alumni Ambassadors Club

“We want to kick off 2016 by continuing to offer great opportunities to working adults,” said Estep. “Tennesseans are willing to balance school, work and family life to create more opportunities for growth in their careers. We’re excited about what’s ahead.”

The scholarship — which is valued at \$2,500 a term for up to four six-month terms — covers more than 80 percent of WGU Tennessee’s already-low tuition of \$3,000 per term for most programs, and will be awarded based on the student’s academic record, readiness for online study, and demonstrated financial need. To learn more about the “Tenn-K” Scholarship, please visit [tennessee.wgu.edu/TennK](#).

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