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WGU Tennessee to Award Ten \$10,000 Scholarships News Brief - 12/1/16

Tenn-K Scholarship defrays more than 80 percent of the cost of a degree

NASHVILLE — State-endorsed nonprofit university WGU Tennessee today announced it will for the third year in a row award up to 10 Tennesseans \$10,000 scholarships as part of its "Tenn-K" Scholarship program.

"As we prepare for a new year, our hope is to give as many as 10 Tennesseans a jump-start on their New Year's resolutions and the opportunity to change their



futures — to grow in their careers and improve quality of life for their families," said Dr. Kimberly K. Estep, WGU Tennessee chancellor. "The 'Tenn-K' Scholarship reflects our commitment to helping more working adults in our state 'go the distance' and complete a bachelor's or master's degree in 2017."

The scholarship — which is presented in four installments of \$2,500 per semester — covers more than 80 percent of WGU Tennessee's already-low tuition of \$3,000 per term for most programs. "Tenn-K" Scholarships will be awarded based on the student's academic record, readiness for online study, and demonstrated financial need, as well as other considerations. The application deadline is March 31, 2017.

Evans Duvall of Memphis, Tenn., had just finished his bachelor's degree in Information Technology Management through WGU Tennessee in January 2015. Just a few months later, he applied for and was awarded one of WGU Tennessee's Tenn-K Scholarships.

"Earning a master's degree was my immediate goal once I finished my bachelor's program," Duvall said. "When I received the Tenn-K Scholarship, I knew it was going to be possible. I have two kids in college, so having help with my own tuition was really great."

Launched by Gov. Bill Haslam in July 2013 as part of his "Drive to 55" initiative, WGU Tennessee is an online, accredited, nonprofit university established to meet the needs of working adults who wish to complete a bachelor's or master's degree and advance their careers.WGU Tennessee was created through a partnership between the state of Tennessee and nationally recognized Western Governors University. More than 1,500 Tennesseans have graduated since the university's inception, and 3,000-plus are enrolled.

To learn more about the "Tenn-K" Scholarship, visit tennessee.wgu.edu/TennK.

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