

 Research Rookies Application

*For incoming freshman and rising sophomores*

Research is an important part of the undergraduate experience. Students engage in enriching research experiences that allow them to explore their intended majors, develop relationships with faculty in their field, and cultivate critical thinking skills. WVSU has partnered with American Electric Power to develop the Research Rookies program which provides a stipend for freshman and sophomore students who engage in yearlong research projects. Students applying for the program must be highly motivated, have a strong academic performance and a commitment to discovery. The program provides a stipend in the amount of $1,500 for each academic semester ($3,000/year) To be considered for this award, applicants must submit this application, a letter in interest, a letter of recommendation from a counselor, teacher, or NSM faculty and already be admitted to WVSU. Students admitted to the Research Rookies Program will be paired with a faculty member in their field of interest for an innovative research experience.

**Please TYPE in the following information, then PRINT and SIGN the application.**

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| Name (Last) (First) (Middle) | WVSU Student ID # |
| Address | City, State, Zip | County |
| Area Code and Telephone Number | Email address |
| What was/will be your starting semester at WVSU | High School Name and graduation year |
| High School or University GPA  | Intended College Major |
| Current research interest | Do you have any previous research experience? If yes please explain on an attached sheet of paper. |
| Ethnicity: | Citizenship: | Gender: |
|  African American Caucasian Alaska Native Hispanic/Latino Asian American Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  US Citizen Permanent Resident #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  Female Male |
| Parent’s Level of Education: |
| Highest Grade/degree completed by your Mother/Guardian? 12th Associates Bachelors Masters PhD JD MD Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Highest Grade/degree completed by your Father/Guardian? 12th Associates Bachelors Masters PhD JD MD Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

I signify that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand my obligation to notify WVSU in writing as soon as possible if I modify my decision to enroll.

Signature of applicant Date Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

 (If applicant is under 18 years)

Please return this application, a letter of interest, and a letter of recommendation to:

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