*AIM5 / Washburn Student Success Scholarships*

**Project Vision:** The AIM5 Student Success collaboration brings the AIM5 Foundation and Washburn University together in an effort to provide an opportunity for high-potential student leaders in Topeka to equip themselves through higher education for a life of service and leadership in their community.

**Project Goals:**

* Provide the opportunity for higher education to students who may not be afforded such and opportunity due to financial constraints
* Positively influence the student culture at Washburn University through the presence and involvement of the AIM5 student scholars
* Produce degree-holding leaders who can make an ongoing impact in their community
* Offer a debt-free college experience to selected participants

**Selection Process**

* The purpose of the selection process is to identify scholarship recipients that are mutually agreeable to both Washburn University and AIM5 Foundation
* Applicants must first apply to and be accepted by Washburn University
* Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of representatives from the following organizations: AIM5, Boys and Girls Club, The Bridge, Doxazo, Young Life, Washburn University and Washburn University Foundation. Groups may be added or removed as appropriate.
* Potential recipients will be nominated by a written letter of recommendation by a community leader
* Applicants will complete scholarship application
* Applicants will participate in an interview with the selection committee
* Ultimately, Washburn University and AIM5 Foundation have the final decision making authority for their respective financial responsibilities in the collaboration

**Scholarship Details**

* Recipients will participate in the Washburn Student Success Program
* Recipients must maintain minimum GPA of 2.5
* If a recipient falls below a 2.5 GPA, the student will be placed on probation where the student will be required to raise his or her GPA
* Washburn will utilize its existing student success program to mentor recipients and monitor their progress
* If the student fails to raise their GPA, the student may be dismissed from the program upon the recommendation of the Washburn student success program and the selection committee
* Scholars must maintain at least a traditional 12credit hour class load per semester
* As part of the program, recipients will be matched with a mentor from one of the nominating organizations to provide guidance, advice, encouragement and support for the student as they work towards their degree
* Recipient must maintain involvement in one of the partnering organizations or gain approval of a different organization from a mentor
* Recipients must make every effort to support the AIM5 Student Success Scholarship program when called upon by Washburn University and AIM5 Foundation

**Financial Responsibilities**

* Recipient students will be supported from two sources: Washburn University’s Student Success Fund, and the AIM5 Foundation
* Washburn University will scholarship the cost of tuition and fees
* AIM5 will scholarship the cost of housing and books
* Washburn University will assist scholars in acquiring the maximum financial aid available to them