

First Reading: 03/03/20  
Second Reading:

Bill 7-20-S: Funding for the Addressing Educational Disparities Scholarship.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$1000.00 from Senate Discretionary for the creation of a scholarship to help students with financial need from counties with low college graduation rates and/or low percentages of residents with bachelor's degrees or higher.

WHEREAS: Many Kentucky counties have low rates of college graduation and residents with postsecondary degrees. These educational disparities correspond to lower income rates and increased unemployment and poverty rates for residents in these counties, and

WHEREAS: The mission of Western Kentucky University is to prepare students of all backgrounds to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen-leaders of a global society. The Student Government Association can play a role in fulfilling this mission and making a college degree more attainable for these students, and

WHEREAS: The Director and Committee of Academic and Student Affairs can create an application that identifies students with financial need and that are from counties with such educational disparities. There are many data sources that identify counties based on college graduation rates and percentage of residents with bachelor's degrees or higher, such as the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, and

WHEREAS: This scholarship will be awarded in the Spring 2020 semester, and it can be awarded to a number of students for a monetary amount deemed necessary by the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs. This scholarship can serve as a pilot for future years, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$1000.00 from Senate Discretionary for the creation of a scholarship to help students with financial need from counties with low college graduation rates and/or low percentages of residents with bachelor's degrees or higher.

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SPONSOR: Committee for Academic and Student Affairs