

“I am so excited and grateful to be a Pensacola Pledge Scholar. Not only is this going to help me financially, but it is also giving me the opportunity to meet new people from my school and community. This scholarship has truly brought me one step closer to achieving my dreams.”



Layla Navidi
Hometown: Pensacola, Florida
Major: Finance major
Aspirations: Attend graduate school after I graduate from UWF.



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A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

*FOR STUDENTS LIVING WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS OF PENSACOLA WISHING TO
ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
AND PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE*



PENSACOLA PLEDGE SCHOLARS



The University of West Florida is honored to have Quinton (“Quint”) Dean Studer and Mary Patricia Perdue Studer (“Rishy”) as the sponsors of the Pensacola Pledge scholarship program. Thanks to their generosity, students from the City of Pensacola will have more opportunity to pursue higher education and more incentive to achieve while in high school.

QUINT & RISHY STUDER

Raised in working class families, Quint and Rishy Studer have both made community-based philanthropy, job creation and educational attainment the focus of their giving and investing. By their corporate work to improve health care for patients in Pensacola and around the world; their investment in Pensacola’s downtown historic district, waterfront and the Double-A Pensacola Blue Wahoos minor league baseball team; and their philanthropic work to publicly and privately assist families in need, the Studers are an integral part of Pensacola’s growth and development. Through gifts like the Pensacola Pledge, the Studers are helping to improve the lives of others by creating opportunities for students to find their passion, serve their community and pursue higher education.

After a career in hospital administration, Quint joined Rishy in building the Studer Group, an internationally respected healthcare consulting company that works with hospitals and healthcare providers to improve the quality of health care for patients. The Studer Group is the only healthcare consulting firm to win the Malcolm Baldrige Award for Quality, the most prestigious honor awarded by the United States Department of Commerce. From 2000 to 2011, Quint served as CEO of the Gulf Breeze-based Studer Group, and now serves as its founder. He has written five books, including *Hardwiring Excellence*, the most read book on healthcare leadership ever published. Quint is also a respected healthcare industry thought leader and sought-after speaker.

Rishy Studer also worked at the Studer Group and only recently left the firm to spend more time on her passion of community redevelopment in the Pensacola area. Rishy has been a driving force in the revitalization of historic Pensacola’s urban areas. These projects range from the redevelopment and success of the Five Sisters Cafe — now a cornerstone of the historic Belmont-DeVilliers neighborhood, to the improvement and revitalization of a 35,000-square-foot office building in the heart of downtown Pensacola. Rishy’s newest projects include rebuilding a turn-of-the-century property for use as a boutique olive oil and pasta store, as well as leading the Pensacola Business Challenge — a combination business incubator and mentorship incentive contest to help new entrepreneurs start a business.

Together, Quint and Rishy led the effort to reclaim 30 acres of environmentally damaged land on beautiful Pensacola Bay in downtown Pensacola. In partnership with the City of Pensacola, this waterfront park will be a signature project for the community, providing an outdoor amphitheater, public access to the water, mixed-use development and a multipurpose sports stadium. In addition to the brick-and-mortar contributions of the Studers to this park, Quint and Rishy also purchased and moved a Cincinnati Reds Double-A baseball team, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, to play in the stadium, creating dozens of jobs and providing an outstanding community attraction for the Pensacola area. The Studers’ proudest accomplishment, and the blessing for which they are most grateful, is their family of five children and six grandchildren.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in applying for the Pensacola Pledge Scholars program must meet the following requirements:

- Resident within the city limits of Pensacola (Will be address verified)
- Graduate from an Escambia County public high school the same year as college entrance
- First Time in College designated student
- Apply for admission by April 1 to the University of West Florida (UWF) or Pensacola State College and be admitted for the fall semester
- Submit a Pensacola Pledge Scholars application, two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on “what being a citizen of Pensacola means to me” by May 1 to the appropriate institution*

**Late admission and scholarship applications will be considered pending availability of funds for a later round of screening.*

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Maintain full time status (12 hours) at UWF or Pensacola State College
- Maintain a combined college 3.0 GPA or higher
- Complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service per academic year in the Escambia County School District Mentoring Program

The Pensacola Pledge Scholars program is available to accepted students for up to eight undergraduate semesters (four years) and is transferable from Pensacola State College to UWF.

This scholarship program will award eligible recipients attending UWF \$2,000 per academic year and those attending Pensacola State College \$1,200 per academic year.

APPLYING IS EASY!

1. Apply for admission to UWF or to Pensacola State College by April 1.

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2. Obtain two letters of recommendation to submit with your scholarship application. Letters can be provided by teachers, employers or community leaders. These letters should reflect your character, accomplishments, values and dedication to scholarly activities.

3. Write a 500-word essay on “what being a citizen of Pensacola means to me.” This essay is a great opportunity for the selection committee to get to know you, your values and how our city has impacted your life.



4. Complete the Pensacola Pledge Scholars application to the right. Please be sure to confirm that you live within the city limits of Pensacola.

5. Submit your recommendation letters, essay and scholarship application by May 1 to the school where you applied:

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The Pensacola Pledge Scholars Committee at UWF, chaired by the Director of Admissions, will make the selection of the candidates. The Vice President of University Advancement for UWF shall appoint the committee comprised of a cross section of representatives from campus. Pensacola State College will follow the same guidelines in establishing a selection committee. The scholars will be announced beginning on June 1. Distributions may vary from year to year based on the quality and quantity of the applicants.

PENSACOLA PLEDGE SCHOLARS APPLICATION

Please indicate the school to which you have applied:

___ University of West Florida ___ Pensacola State College

**You must apply for admission to one of the two institutions listed above no later than April 1. Late admission and scholarship applications will be considered pending availability of funds for a later round of screening.*

Please Print

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Please check here to confirm you live within the city limits of Pensacola.

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of your High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the terms of this scholarship and the information I have provided above concerning residency and enrollment in the Escambia County School District is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student (student must sign): _____

Parent / Guardian: _____
(If student is under 18 years of age parent/guardian must also sign)

Address: _____
(If different than above)

City / State / Zip: _____

In addition to your application, remember to include your two letters of recommendation and 500-word essay on “what being a citizen of Pensacola means to me.” Your scholarship application should be submitted by May 1 for priority consideration to the school to which you applied:

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