



We would like to extend to you the opportunity to join the 10th Cohort of the MKE Scholars Program. Please continue reading the agreement below for an understanding of the program benefits and expectations. You will have the option to either accept or decline involvement after reading.

***** There are ONLY 50 spots available for the 2025 MKE Scholars Program, Cohort 10*****

As a member of the MKE Scholars Program, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) is pleased to provide you with the following special benefits:

- A renewable \$1000 scholarship toward UWM tuition and fees for up to four years, covering fall & spring semesters ONLY (**\$4000 value**)
- Progress towards the completion of Cultures and Communities Certificate, a distinguishing accomplishment to complement your undergraduate degree:
 - <https://uwm.edu/cultures-communities/>
- Added support through success coaching, academic advising, and a summer peer mentor for advanced development opportunities within the UWM community
- Social and educational programs to build a strong peer community
- Early access and notification to some on and off campus scholarships, internships, and service opportunities

To receive these benefits and maintain membership in the program, you must agree to:

- As an admitted, bachelor's degree seeking undergraduate student attend UW-Milwaukee – Main Campus.
- Complete/submit the MKE Scholars **Program Application no later than May 15th, 2025.**
- Complete/submit MKE Scholars **Program Confirmation no later than June 10th, 2025 (Available starting May 16th, 2025).**
- Complete/submit required enrollment "To-Do" list items outlined in the Admissions Portal and PAWS.
- Attend a New Student Orientation (NSO) session that does not conflict with your selected MKE Scholars Program Summer Experience week.
- Actively participate in a week-long 2025 MKE Scholars Program Summer Experience (**June option or August option**) and attend the Fall 2025 MKE Scholars Program Kickoff (**late August 2025**).

Email MKE Scholars Program Questions/Inquiries mkescholars-program@uwm.edu | 414.229.5385

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- Connect with your success coach at least two times during Summer 2025 outside of the week-long summer experience (**these meetings can be virtual**).
- Meet bi-monthly with your assigned MKE Scholars Program Success Coach during the academic year.
- Maintain regular engagement with your Academic Advisor and Peer Mentor during the academic year.
- Participate in offered MKE Scholars events throughout the summer and academic year.
- Successfully complete cohort courses towards the completion of the Cultures & Communities certificate program throughout your academic career at UWM, starting **Fall 2024**.
- Complete & Submit a FERPA form permitting UWM to share information about your enrollment and progress with your college readiness program staff and external funding program partners.
- Represent the University as a student leader and serve as an ambassador for the MKE Scholars Program.

Application Submission Requirements:

Things to know before submitting the electronic application:

1. There are video and short answer responses (see details below) required for submission.
2. Short video submission will require a device with video and sound/microphone capabilities. We strongly recommend using a device other than a cell phone as you may have trouble accessing and completing the form.
3. The video response is required. The short answer questions are optional but strongly recommended.
4. If you experience trouble uploading the video response, please submit your video via email to mkescholars-program@uwm.edu. Please make sure the following is included in the subject line **(Your Name)- 2025 MKE Scholars Program Application Video**.

Response Details:

1. Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Share with us three reasons/influences as to how you've arrived at wanting to pursue college. What is important to you during this time? How might you see those things remaining important or playing a part in who you are in the next five to ten years (think 2029 to 2034). Please submit a video response to the questions above.

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- a. *Be sure to introduce yourself. Be honest and open. The video response should be no longer than 3 minutes in length.*
2. **(Optional written short answer)** What is your definition of success?
3. **(Optional written short answer)** How do you see the MKE Scholars Program being a good fit for your college journey at UWM?

2025 MKE Scholars Summer Experience Information

- Participation:
 - Week-long enrichment program offered at **no cost** to students. You will choose one of the week-long options. You need to be available for the full week selected. **(Capacity: 25 per week slot)**
 - **June:** June 23rd-26th, 2025, **OR**
 - **August:** August 11th-14th, 2025
- Eligible Participants:

Admitted UW-Milwaukee students that have participated in one of fifteen eligible pre-college programs and schools; SMART START, First Year Forward, Fostering Success. (Check MKE Scholars Program webpage for list of programs)

This does not include students admitted through the College of General Studies (CGS) First Year Bridge Program or College of General Studies Pre-Engineering Program.
- Facilitation:
 - In-person ONLY (Summer)
 - Monday through Thursday
- 9:30am-3/3:30pm (**accounts for in-person workshops, lunch, co-curricular programming, and service/leadership development**)
- Online Experience:
 - A not for credit Canvas course that includes, videos, presentations, and discussions
 - Students will review content, complete modules, and participate in discussions
 - Individual service or involvement experience
 - Students are not required, but highly encouraged to meet with their MKE Scholars Peer mentor and Coach two times over the summer
 - This can be in-person or virtually and should be scheduled outside of their scheduled in-person experience

Participation in the 2025 Summer Experience is required to receive academic year benefits.

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This is a non-binding agreement. If you decide that you wish not to participate as a scholar and receive financial and programmatic support, please do not hesitate to notify our staff at any time prior to the start of your chosen 2025 Summer Experience week.

Step 1: Submit the Program Application starting **December 1st, 2024, but no later than Tuesday, May 15th, 2025.**

Step 2: Complete the Program Confirmation starting **May 1st, 2025, but no later than Friday June 13th, 2025.**

Step 3: Program Acceptance Letters will be sent no later than **Friday June 20th, 2025.**

Those not included in the first 50 will be placed on a waiting list, communication will occur accordingly as seats become available.

SUBMIT THE PROGRAM APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY.

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