

GET YOUR EDGE



There are no fees for being a part of The Wesleyan Edge and the benefits can be invaluable!

Sign-up to start advancing on your future!

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The WESLEYAN EDGE

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER!

The Wesleyan *EDGE*
Gain the *EDGE* with Kentucky Wesleyan!



The Wesleyan *EDGE* (the *EDGE*) is a four-year *scholarship program* designed to amplify the success of Kentucky Wesleyan graduates by preparing them to be Career Ready. Career Readiness, as defined by National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), provides “a foundation from which to demonstrate requisite core competencies that broadly prepare the college educated for success in the workplace and lifelong career management.”

The *EDGE*, administered by the Office of Career Engagement, provides a four-year roadmap to success by offering a combination of interest and skill assessment, relevant education/training and real-world experiences. These activities, interwoven with career counseling, serve to build on the knowledge gained from academic content to help provide a seamless entry into a career or graduate school upon graduation. The *EDGE* begins the moment a student sets foot on campus and continues beyond graduation as students transition into alumni.

What are the benefits and requirements of participating in The Wesleyan *EDGE*?

Students who complete the requirements each year *earn a \$1,000 scholarship* for the following year. In addition, students finish the *EDGE* with new skills, experience, valuable contacts, job search and/or graduate school application tools, and *confidence!*



Freshmen Year Requirements: *Exploring*

- Explore and create an *EDGE* Plan of Action
- Get involved in college sponsored activities
- Do some self-reflection and exploration to learn more about career options
- Get to know more about how the Office of Career Engagement can help students reach their goals
- Upon completion of the first year of the program, students earn a **\$1000 credit** on tuition for sophomore year

Sophomore Year Requirements: *Setting Direction*

- Review your *EDGE* Plan of Action, revise as needed and Set your Direction
- Be active in college sponsored activities
- Learn what it takes to be Career Ready with self-assessment and reflection on the competencies that employers think most important
- Prepare job application documents, attend a job fair, and take advantage of more opportunities available with the Office of Career Engagement
- Upon completion of the second year of the program, students earn a **\$1000 credit** on tuition for junior year

Junior Year Requirements: *Preparation*

- Review your *EDGE* Plan of Action, revise as needed and Prepare for senior year
- Stay involved in college sponsored activities, taking leadership roles when possible

- Continue learning about Career Readiness with more self-assessment and reflection regarding the competencies
- Participate in Leadership Wesleyan, a comprehensive program that engages students with alumni and other professionals for personal and professional development
- Ramp up career preparation with an internship, job and graduate school fairs, mock interviews, networking
- Upon completion of the third year of the program, students earn a \$1000 credit on their tuition for senior year

Senior Year Requirements: *Next steps*

- Review your *EDGE* Plan of Action, revise as needed and Take the Next steps
- Finish strong with college sponsored activities, taking leadership roles when possible
- Review your *EDGE* Plan of Action, revise as needed and Take the Next steps
- Ramp up career preparation with an internship, job and graduate school fairs, mock interviews, networking
- Students who have completed all four years of The Wesleyan *EDGE* will be awarded a certificate of completion at the Honors Convocation and a Wesleyan *EDGE* zipper pull for commencement.
- The real reward will be the knowledge, skills, experiences and contacts students have gained, experiences that can be shared on the students' resumes and in interviews