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**Experience, please have them email Catherine Wolff at cwolff@wcufoundation.org**

The WCU candidate must be a full time registered student, a U.S. citizen and in the upper quartile of their class. If your student is interested in applying for this once in a lifetime opportunity, they can email the faculty advisor to receive an application.

Describe your interest in this opportunity and what makes you a strong candidate. The deadline to submit an application is May 1, 2020. The program will take place from August 19 to September 28, 2020 and includes round-trip airfare to Scotland. The WCU student will live in a private residence hall and attend classes at the University of Edinburgh.

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**Preparing Off-Campus Homes for Breaks**

As the semester winds down, encourage your student to take the time to prepare their home for breaks. Here are some tips to help:

1. **Unplug appliances:** Consider unplugging your television, toaster, computer, and other appliances to save energy and prevent damage.
2. **Inform property owner:** Let your landlord or property owner know that the apartment will be vacant during breaks.
3. **Watch your home:** Ask a friend or neighbor to watch over your home while you are away, including checking mail.
4. **Secure personal belongings:** Store valuable items in a safe place and consider having a lock installed on your front door.

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**Am I in Crisis?**

“Crisis” and “high risk” are not the same. A crisis means there is an immediate danger to your or someone else’s safety. A high risk is a situation that has the potential to escalate into a crisis. Here are some signs that you might be in a high risk situation:

- Feeling overwhelmed
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty sleeping
- Suicidal thoughts
- Alcohol or drug use
- Other behaviors that may be harmful to yourself or others

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**Winter is coming and so are the requests for winter financial aid. Here is some guidance on how to manage paying for winter courses:**

1. **Check financial aid eligibility:** Financial Aid office is taking ongoing appointment requests for Fall 2019 aid purposes.
   - Horton won our $250 Book Scholarship Raffle. If you still need assistance filing your FAFSA, the WCU Financial Aid Office is pleased to report that over 60% of our students are learning and growing while at WCU. It is a privilege to be a part of that process.

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**As always, we are proud of the WCU Ram Fam, and we love you no matter what.**

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, we want to extend our gratitude to the Ram Fam for your support!

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**Office of Parent and Family Relations**

As always, please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. We love you no matter what.