

# 2023 Career Makeover Competition Rules and Regulations

#### **Prizes**

The grand prize winner will receive the following beginning in fall 2023 (unless otherwise authorized):

- A full scholarship to attend John Wood Community College.
- The amount will be limited to tuition and fees for the winner's pre-selected degree/program.
- Other costs, such as room, board, and supplies, will be the winner's responsibility.
- A waiver to cover cost of required, assigned books obtained through the John Wood Community College Bookstore

## Limitations

- The following programs are EXCLUDED from the Career Makeover:
  - Nursing (ADN)
  - o Paramedicine
  - Surgical technology and CNA both have selective admissions programs which have a limited number of seats. Admission to these programs is not guaranteed.
- The program must be finished in 150% of the recommended degree/certificate completion time. (Changes or deviations from declared program are subject to approval.)
- The maximum scholarship award covers 68 credit hours.
- Prizes are not transferrable or redeemable for cash.

## Requirements

- The winner must execute the contest prize acceptance documents.
- Applicants that become semi-finalists are required to complete the JWCC admissions process. A high school
  diploma or GED is required as well as any prior college credit transcripts. Admission must be completed to be
  eligible to be a finalist (Top 10).
- The winner must be continuously enrolled and attend on a full-time basis (unless otherwise approved).
- The winner must maintain good academic standing, as stated in the John Wood Community College academic catalog.
- The winner must agree to photos/stories/testimonials for John Wood Community College and WGEM.
- This will include periodic updates during and after the completion of the program at John Wood Community College.

## **Runner-Ups**

- Two runners-up will be chosen.
- Each will receive a one-time, \$500 scholarship to go towards their degree at John Wood Community College; the scholarships cannot be applied to selective admission programs.
- The scholarships are subject to the same requirements as the grand prize, except for full-time enrollment. The selection process is final.



## **Eligibility**

The Career Makeover Contest (the Contest) is open to legal residents of the fifty (50) Unites States and the District of Columbia who are at least twenty-four (24) years of age as of January 1, 2022.

Employees of John Wood Community College (the College) and their immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, children, regardless of natural-born, in-law, or step relation) are not eligible. Students currently enrolled or enrolled within the last three (3) years at the College, part-time or full-time, are also not applicable.

Applicants must have the availability and means to travel to the College, or an off-site location, for scheduled interviews and announcements during the contest. (If an interview must be rescheduled due to circumstances of the College [i.e. closing for weather], the College will attempt to accommodate the participants in rescheduling.) If for any reason a mutually agreed upon time and date cannot be met, the participant will be disqualified.

Career Makeover applicants are required to file the FAFSA. Financial aid will be applied prior to the Career Makeover scholarship. Financial aid eligibility is not required and does not affect award of Career Makeover. Applicants will need to submit all transcripts to JWCC including all high school or GED and any college credit. (Applicants will not be able to complete admissions if transcripts are unable to be released or are being held due to an outstanding loan for payment to a higher learning institution.)

Applicants are not eligible if they have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

## **Sponsors**

The Contest is sponsored by John Wood Community College, located at 1301 S 48th Street, Quincy, Ill. 62305, and WGEM, located at 513 Hampshire, Quincy, Ill. 62301.

## **Agreement to Official Rules**

Participation in the Contest constitutes applicants fully and unconditionally agree to, and accept, these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsors, which are final and binding. Winning a prize is contingent upon compliance with these Official Rules and fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.

## **Application Period**

The Application Period begins on December 26, 2022 at 12:00 a.m. and ends on January 30, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CST. Entries submitted before or after the Application Period will not be accepted for consideration. Paper submissions will be accepted via mail and hand-delivery but must be received by January 30. Application and additional information are available at <a href="http://jwcc.edu/makoever">http://jwcc.edu/makoever</a>.

## **How to Enter**

Go to jwcc.edu/makeover and fill-out the online form or download paper application.

All boxes should be checked on the application as they are requirements for applicants.

Submit online form or mail or deliver paper application to the College or WGEM during the Application Period.

One (1) entry per person will be accepted during the Application Period, regardless of method of entry. Once submitted, all entries become property of the Sponsors.



## The Career Makeover Process:

## **Application**

- Application Period is December 26, 2022 to January 30, 2023.
- Semi-finalists will be chosen based on information provided in the application.
- Semi-Finalists will be chosen from the pool of applicants once the Application Period ends.

#### **Semi-Finalists**

- Applicants will be notified by January 31, 2023, of their status.
- The semi-finalist round will occur February 7, 2023 and/or February 8, 2023. During this round, applicants will
  meet with admissions, complete Career Cruising, have their photo taken, and be provided the option for
  assistance in filing financial aid.
- The semi-finalists will then be narrowed down to ten (10) finalists.
- In order to qualify to be a finalist, semi-finalists must complete the following by February 9, 2023:
  - Complete and submit application for admission to John Wood Community College: www.jwcc.edu/apply.
  - Submit transcripts to John Wood Community College (high school, GED, and any college-level coursework completed).
  - Apply for financial aid at fafsa.gov. (The form should be completed using 2018 tax forms.). If you need assistance, please call 217.641.4333 or stop by the College's Financial Aid Office.

## **Finalists**

- The qualifying top ten finalists will be interview by a panel, selected by the sponsors, February 14, 2023 and/or February 15, 2023.
- The top three finalists will be notified and will be invited to dinner with the President of the College and the Director of Advancement on February 22, 2023 or February 23, 2023. Date and time TBD.

#### Winner

- The winner will be announced the same week as the dinner.
- Additional Information
  - The selection process is final.
  - By submitting your application, you agree to allow the sponsors to contact potential references, whether or not you have provided them.
  - By submitting your application, you are hereby agreeing to allow JWCC & WGEM to release any photos
    of you have taken during the competition.