**WSG Legislative Seminar ~ Sharing Your Story Worksheet** (revised 2/2021)

**Guidelines for Sharing Your Story**

Legislators are “people persons.” They really do want to know about you. They enjoy talking to their constituents and learning about them. Legislators also like to know how the laws they’ve enacted and the programs they’ve created affect the citizens of Wisconsin. The questions on this worksheet are designed to highlight your journey and focus on the how these laws and programs, may have impacted you.

This worksheet is a guideline; you don’t have to memorize your answers. It’s meant to help you organize your thoughts. Not all questions may be pertinent to your journey. Share what you are comfortable sharing.

**Part #1**. Self-explanatory.

**Part #2.** This question is meant for you to share something personal and reveal the diversity of backgrounds of Wisconsin’s tech college students. You each have a background and story to share whether you are a traditional or non-traditional student. What activities are you involved in at school or your community?

**Part # 3.** Why did you decide to attend your college and enroll in your program? Some examples: **Reputation** (following advice or example from a high school counselor/family member/friend); **Financial** (tuition is lower, good value); **Location** (close to where I live and work); **Family** (wanted a career where I could support my family); **Professiona**l **Reputation** (they had the program to help me achieve my career goals as a \_\_\_.) **Flexibility** (schedule allowed me to continue to work and or attend part-time); **Support services** (tutoring/veterans, etc. assistance they offered would helped me to succeed);

**Part # 4** Review the positions of WSG and determine what type of personal information you would like to or are comfortable sharing. Only share what you are comfortable sharing. For Financial Aid, share the types of funding you receive. Would an increase in or more access to state grants have helped you? Have you received transfer credit or plan to in the future? How would having the opportunity to attend your technical college and get an Associate of Arts degree made a transfer easier? What is the impact of the cost of textbooks on your educational costs and how could OER assist with reducing your costs.

**Part #5** You may not yet know what comes next after you finish your program. That’s fine; dream big! Share those dreams and what’s next. It could even be starting your own business. If you are planning to continue your education, share your educational goals.

1. **My name is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

technical college located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(city). I’m enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

associate degree (or technical diploma) program, studying to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **About Me** (as appropriate)

I’m a parent / a single parent / a veteran / a dislocated worker / first in my family to attend college / work x hours a week while in school to support myself or my family or pay for my education / am paying for 100% of my education / am returning to school after X years / etc.

**And/or**

While in college, I’m involved in …. and passionate about ….

1. **My Path**

I chose to attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ technical college because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **WSG Positions**

Financial aid programs are important to me because I’ve received assistance from:

**State aid**: \_\_\_\_\_ WI Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Grant from my college \_\_\_\_\_ WI GI Bill Benefits

\_\_\_\_\_ WI Technical Excellence Scholarship

**Federal aid**: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Pell Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

 \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Loan \_\_\_\_\_ Federal GI bill benefits

 **Private aid**:

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_\_ Promise Program (at my college)

**Transfer Credit** I have received or plan on doing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Impact of Textbook costs**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Future Plans**

After I graduate, my intention is to work for … / as a … at …

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**And/or** (as appropriate)

I plan to continue my education and obtain my bachelor’s degree (or next diploma/certificate in your educational sequence) in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4- year institution or other) after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. graduation, next year, working for a few years, etc.).