

Alison and Robert Shetlar Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Drs. Alison Morrison-Shetlar and Robert Shetlar, this scholarship provides support for undergraduate students who have demonstrated financial need and high academic achievement. Alison Morrison-Shetlar is serving as the Western Carolina University Provost and Robert Shetlar is a member of the Western Carolina University faculty.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.5 GPA
 - Undergraduate students
 - Financial need
 - Good academic standing
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet the criteria for the scholarship.

Beverly D. Hairfield, Jr. Scholarship

Established by the Table Rock Chapter of Trout Unlimited, along with family and friends, this scholarship is in honor of Beverly Hairfield, Jr. who graduated from Western Carolina University in 1974. Hairfield worked on environmental issues impacting the quality and purity of western North Carolina waters and preservation of mountain trout. Bev's efforts are recognized through the establishment of this fund that will provide educational opportunities to students from Avery, Burke, Caldwell and McDowell Counties.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Graduates of a high school in Avery, Burke, Caldwell, or McDowell County (NC)
- Academic qualifications
- Overall achievement
- Recipient must be enrolled fulltime (12 hours)
- Good academic standing
- Financial Need

Bitha Jackson Grimes Scholarship Fund

Bitha Jackson Grimes, a 1950 Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University) graduate, established this fund in memory of her son Dr. Alan Jackson Grimes. He and his family were killed in an automobile accident in 1994. Grimes was a practicing internist in Knoxville, Tennessee at the time of his death. This scholarship provides support to a WCU junior or senior who has committed to the pre-med program. Candidates will be recommended by the pre-professional program advisor for selection by the University Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Pre-med program
- WCU juniors and seniors
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Preference will be given to candidates who graduated from a high school in one of the 11 western North Carolina counties (including Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and all counties west of these)
- Well rounded
- Personal and professional integrity
- Financial need

Bobby S. and Ann B. Robinson Scholarship

Established through the generosity of the I.L. Long Construction Company in Winston-Salem, this scholarship was endowed in honor of Bobby and Ann Robinson, 1957 graduates of Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University). The scholarship provides support for incoming freshmen from McDowell County High School, Bobby's alma mater, or Swain County High School, Ann's alma mater, in alternating years.

Eligibility Requirements

- Entering freshmen
- Graduates of McDowell County High School or Swain County High School (alternating years)
- Academic achievement
- Integrity
- Financial need

Brank and Juanita Farmer Proffitt Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mrs. Juanita Proffitt to honor her husband, Dr. Brank Proffitt. Dr. Proffitt, a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University), returned to the college in 1957 to serve as Director of the Campus Laboratory

School and Associate Professor of Education. Mrs. Proffitt first earned her high school diploma from the Demonstration School on campus of WCTC and then graduated from the college. Preference will be given to students from Madison County (NC).

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to students from Madison County (NC)
 - Academic achievement
 - Minimum 1100 on SAT
 - High moral standards
 - Leadership ability
 - Financial need
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- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet the criteria

C.D. Spangler Jr Scholarship

This endowed scholarship program's purpose is to provide financial support for deserving young minority students from North Carolina. Clemmie Dixon Spangler, Jr., a 1954 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was active in educational development at a local and state level throughout his career. During the 1970's and 80's, he was a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Chair of the North Carolina Board of Education, Co-chair of the Governor's Commission on Education for Economic Growth and President of the University of North Carolina system.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- North Carolina residents
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Social and civic contributions
- Financial need

Catamounts Paying it Forward Scholarship

This scholarship has been established under the leadership of the WCU Student Government Association. During the Leadership Summit in 2015, Chancellor Belcher engaged Hank Henderson, SGA President 2015-2016, in conversation related to student philanthropy. From that conversation, this scholarship was established. Henderson provided the initial gift for the

scholarship and an plan has been developed to encourage students to give to the fund in support of their university.

Eligibility Requirements

- 2.75 GPA
- Must have earned 30 credit hours
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need
- Must be taking at least one course on the Cullowhee campus

Charles O. Frazier Scholarship

Endowed by Charles and Katherine Frazier, this fund honors Charles O. Frazier, a graduate and longtime supporter of Western Carolina University. Frazier served as an educator and administrator in Macon County for many years. This scholarship provides support to an incoming freshman each year. Candidates are recommended by Franklin High School for selection by the University Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
- Preference given to graduates of Franklin High School (NC)
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Good standing
- Preference given to students with financial need

Craig A. and Denise W. Dubow Scholarship

Established in 2005 by Craig and Denise Dubow, this scholarship provides support to one highly deserving student from Jackson, Macon, or Transylvania County year throughout the student's four-year career at Western Carolina University. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Permanent residents of Jackson, Macon, or Transylvania County
- Undergraduate students
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial Need

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as recipient continues to meet the criteria

Cullowhee High School Alumni Scholarship

Established in 1995, this fund was established by alumni of Cullowhee High School to assist former students or relatives of former students, faculty, and staff of Cullowhee High in attending Western Carolina University. Candidates will be recommended by the Cullowhee High School Alumni Scholarship Committee for selection by the University Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Former students or relative of former student, faculty or staff of Cullowhee High School
- Highly motivated to succeed
- Financial need

Cullowhee School District Scholarship

Established by Jesse Flake, this fund provides support for graduates of Smoky Mountain High School who have a connection to the Cullowhee school district. Potential recipients will be graduates of the elementary school serving the Cullowhee school district, or have permanent residence in the Cullowhee school district, or be a direct descendant of a graduate of Cullowhee High School. Candidates will be recommended by Smoky Mountain High School for selection by the University Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility Requirements

- New Freshmen
 - Smoky Mountain High School (NC) graduates
 - Graduates of the elementary school serving the Cullowhee school district, OR residents of the Cullowhee school district, OR a direct descendants (child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.) of a graduate of Cullowhee High School
 - Academic achievement
 - Participation in various school activities
 - Overall social and civic contributions
 - Financial need
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to meet eligibility criteria.

Curtis L. and Brenda C. Wellmon Family Scholarship

This scholarship, established by the Wellmon Family, provides support to students who graduated from a Burke County (NC) high school. Mr. Wellmon, who graduated from Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University) in 1958, grew up in Burke County. Preference will be given to graduates of East Burke High School.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduates of a Burke County (NC) High School
- Preference given to graduates of East Burke High School
- Preference given to new freshmen
- Overall achievement
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Deborah J. Bardo Employee Scholarship

Endowed by former Chancellor John Bardo and his wife Deborah, this fund provides support for entering Western Carolina University freshmen who are children and grandchildren of current WCU employees. Preference will be given to children of SPA employees. The scholarship should be used to help students defray the upfront costs associated with beginning college.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
- Children and grandchildren of current WCU employees
- Preference given to children and grandchildren of SPA employees
- Academic merit
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Dillard and Hattie Hooper Scholarship

Established through a bequest from the estate of Louise Hooper, this scholarship is awarded to students who are native to Jackson County, NC, and who have financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Native residents of Jackson County (NC)
- Academic achievement
- Community involvement

- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours UG, 9 hours GR)
- Financial need

Donna Winbon Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by WCU alumna, Donna Winbon, to provide scholarship support to undergraduate students who have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to students with 3.0 GPA
- Undergraduate students
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Good academic standing
- Preference given to students with financial need

-This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as recipient continues to meet all eligibility criteria.

Ed and Donna Broadwell-Hometrust Bank Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Ed and Donna Broadwell and HomeTrust Bank, this scholarship provides support for students who graduated from public high schools in western North Carolina. The scholarship is a celebration of Ed's 48 year career with HomeTrust Bank. Ed has also served as both a member and Chair of WCU's Board of Trustees.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Graduates of public high schools in western North Carolina
- Preference given to students from Buncombe, Haywood, and Henderson counties
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

-This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as recipients continue to meet eligibility requirements.

Ed and Nell Caldwell Scholarship

Paul and Cecelia Caldwell established this fund in honor of Paul's parents, Ed and Nell Caldwell, and their lifelong work and dedication to education. This scholarship will help disadvantaged students from western North Carolina obtain college degrees.

Eligibility Requirements

- 2.5 GPA
- Graduates of a high school in one of the western North Carolina counties
- Significant financial need

F.F. Pollard Scholarship

Julius and Barbara Pollard have established an endowed fund in honor of F.F. Pollard, Julius' father, to provide scholarship support to one academically deserving student each year at Western Carolina University. F.F. attended Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School (now Western Carolina University) in 1921.

Eligibility Requirements

- Academic achievement
- Financial need

Frazier Family Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by the Frazier Family in honor and loving memory of Pattie Hooker Frazier, who raised four children after her husband was killed in Iwo Jima in WWII. Frazier always emphasized education as an important value, as evidenced by her work in Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools for more than 30 years.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA, no sanctions in place at the time of award
- North Carolina residents
- Special consideration given to students who are married
- Financial need

Gail-Patricia Greer Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Gail-Patricia Greer, this scholarship provides support to undergraduate students. Preference in selection shall be given to female students who are returning to college to complete their degree.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate student
 - 3.0 GPA
 - Preference given to female students
 - Preference given to working adults returning to school to complete their degree
 - Good academic standing
- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

H.T and Glen Weaver Hunter Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established through the generosity of Miss Marthlou Hunter, a 1930 graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University). Hunter's father, Hiram T. Hunter, was president of Western Carolina Teachers College from 1920 until his death in 1946. Her mother's family was among the founders of Weaver College, which later combined with Rutherford College and the Brevard Institute to form Brevard College. The Weaver and Hunter families have been deeply involved and supportive of higher education in western North Carolina for many generations. Preference is given to entering freshmen.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to entering freshmen
- Academic achievement
- Social and civic activities
- Quality of character
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Hanley and Katie Gibbs Scholarship

Endowed through the estate of T. Ray Gibbs in honor of Hanley and Katie Gibbs, this fund provides support to students who have demonstrated financial need and have proven themselves worthy.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate student
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

Harvey Walker Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship

Established by the Nu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., this scholarship is in honor of Harvey Walker. An alumnus of WCU, Walker was a leading force in the establishment of Alpha Phi Alpha on Western's campus. He played football, earning numerous accolades, served in the Air Force, and received a community service award from the state organization of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
 - Meet eligibility requirements to be a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.
 - Financial need
- Applicants will be required to submit a two page essay titled "Why I Should Receive This Scholarship."

Haywood County Western Alumni Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of many donors, this scholarship provides support to undergraduate students from Haywood County, NC, who graduated from a Haywood County high school. Recipients will alternate between graduates of Tuscola and Pisgah High Schools. Selection is based on academic achievement, social and civic contributions, and financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
 - Permanent residence in Haywood County (NC) for at least 3 years
 - Graduates of a Haywood County (NC) high school
 - 3.25 GPA
 - Participation in school activities
 - Social and civic contributions
 - Financial need
- This scholarship is renewable for sophomore year if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA. Junior and senior year renewals are possible, but only if sufficient funding is available

Henry Galloway Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by family and friends of Henry Galloway who retired after 42 years of service to North Carolina public schools. He was also a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University). Potential recipients will be undergraduate education majors who graduated from high school in western North Carolina.

Eligibility Requirements

- Education majors
- Undergraduate students
- Graduates of a western North Carolina high school (Burke County and west)
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Academic achievement
- Overall achievement
- Financial need

Homer Ray Davis Scholarship

Established by the estate of Sue Morgan Davis, this scholarship was created to honor her son Homer Ray Davis. Through this fund, scholarship assistance is provided on a need basis to students from Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
 - Residents of Jackson, Macon, or Swain County (NC)
 - Financial Need
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- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient demonstrates financial need through submission of the FAFSA and all required documents and remains in good academic standing.

Inez and William Smith Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Ron Smith and Ty Smith, this scholarship provides support for students who are majoring in education or who are residents of Jackson County.

Eligibility Requirements

Recipient must meet two of the three criteria:

- Preference given to education majors
- Preference given to residents of Jackson County
- Preference given to students with financial need

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, this scholarship provides support to students from Jackson County, NC, who have proven themselves to be academically deserving and have demonstrated financial need. Preference given to new students each year.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to students who graduated from a Jackson County (NC) high school
- Preference given to students who are closely affiliated with the Jackson County Chamber
- Academic achievement
- Social and civic involvement
- Undergraduate students
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Jackson County Western Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by alumni and friends of Western Carolina University to provide financial support for deserving undergraduate Jackson County, NC, students. Potential recipients will have permanent residence in Jackson County and will have graduated from a Jackson County high school.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
 - Permanent residence in Jackson County (NC) for three years
 - Graduates of a Jackson County (NC) high school
 - 3.0 GPA
 - Participation in school activities
 - Social and civic contributions
 - Financial need
- This scholarship is renewable for sophomore year if the student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA. Junior and senior year renewals are possible, but only if sufficient funding is available.

Jake A. Rusher Scholarship

Endowed by the estate of Jake Rusher, this scholarship provides financial support for needy and deserving students to attend Western Carolina University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Academic achievement
 - Financial need
 - Good academic standing
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

Joe and Judith Clark Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Joe and Judith Clark, this scholarship provides financial support to students with financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- UG students
 - Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
 - Good academic standing
 - Financial need
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet eligibility criteria.

John S. and Frances D. Hudson Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of John Hudson, this scholarship is in honor and memory of John S. and Frances Hudson who instilled the importance of education and service to community in their children. It provides support to new freshmen who have been heavily involved in volunteer activities and service.

Eligibility Requirements

- Freshmen
 - Preference given to students who are heavily involved in volunteer activities and service to their community
 - Financial need
- Applicants will be required to submit a brief essay describing why volunteering in the community is important to him/her.

John W. Ashe Scholarship

This fund was established by a bequest from the estate of Beulah Ashe Ensley in honor and memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ashe. Awards are for students from Jackson or Haywood County (NC).

Eligibility Requirements

- Residents of Jackson or Haywood County
- Financial Need

Katherine Causey Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Ralph Eberly, Clark Eberly, and Deirdre Eberly Lashgari in honor and memory of their mother, Katherine Causey, to provide financial support for female students who are majoring in biology or English. Recipients must have graduated from high school in Alamance, Guilford, or Randolph County (NC). Preference is given to new freshmen.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to new freshmen
- Biology or English majors
- Female students
- Residents of rural Alamance, Guilford, or Randolph County
- Graduates of a high school in Alamance, Guilford, or Randolph County (NC)
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

Kinney Family Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Bryant Kinney, this scholarship provides support to students who excel in the classroom and in their communities. Mr. Kinney is a member of the WCU Board of Trustees.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given 3.5 or above GPA
- Undergraduate students
- Major in middle grades science education, secondary science education, emergency medical care, or political science
- Resident of North Carolina or Georgia
- Financial need
- Preference given to students involved in volunteer activities and service to their community

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient meets the eligibility requirements.

Kyle R. and Sarah H. Carter Scholarship for Study Abroad

Established by Kyle and Sarah Carter, this scholarship provides support for students who are participating in international travel in conjunction with their WCU coursework. The donors believe that international travel helps individuals understand that citizens of the world have common goals, aspirations, and values that can be learned through first-hand experiences in other cultures. Dr. Carter served as the Provost at Western Carolina University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Study abroad enrollment for at least one full semester
- Financial need

L. Milton Hauser Scholarship

Established by the family of L. Milton Hauser, this scholarship provides support for students who are majoring in elementary or middle grades education. Hauser graduated from Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School (now Western Carolina University) in 1926 and went on to serve for 50 years as a public elementary school teacher and principal. He was very instrumental in creating educational environments in which all students could be successful. Hauser also served on WCU's Alumni Association Board of Directors for many years.

Eligibility Requirements

- Elementary or middle grades education majors
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Academic achievements
- Overall qualifications
- Financial need

Leone Hyde Ray Scholarship

The family of Leone Hyde Ray established this endowed fund to provide scholarship support for education students attending Western Carolina University. This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating high school senior from Graham County, NC. Ray was the first female in her family to attend college and paid her own way through Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University) and graduated in 1941. She taught elementary school for 40 years, first in North Carolina and then Tennessee.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduates of a Graham County (NC) high school
- Education majors
- Academic qualifications
- Overall achievements
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Lester C. Henderson Scholarship

Established in 1995, the Lester Henderson Scholarship provides scholarship assistance to students who graduate from high school in Macon, Clay or Cherokee County in North Carolina and attend Western Carolina University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduates of high school in Macon, Clay or Cherokee County (NC)
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Undergraduate students
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

Lewis J. Smith Scholarship

This endowed scholarship honors Lewis J. Smith, a founder of the Cullowhee School, which opened in 1889 (now Western Carolina University) and is awarded to students majoring in history or education. Smith, a teacher before and after the Civil War, served in the North Carolina Senate from 1888-1890 and was the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Cullowhee School.

Eligibility Requirements

- Major in history or a teacher education program
- Campus involvement through membership in a WCU club or activity or civic activity or contribution
- Preference given to students with financial need

Linda Jones Hudson Gilbert Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Dan and Linda Gilbert, this scholarship assists students from Western North Carolina in obtaining a degree in education. Preference will be given to first generation college students, specifically those who have been active in campus or community religious organizations.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
 - Education majors
 - Preference given to students from western North Carolina
 - Preference given to first generation college students
 - Preference given to students who have been active in campus or community religious organizations
 - Financial need
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- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as recipients continue to meet eligibility requirements

Linda Rader Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed through the generosity of Linda Rader, a 1958 graduate of Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University). Ms. Rader was a leader among teachers and served as President of the North Carolina Association of Educators. She retired from the Gaston County (NC) School System.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference shall be given to undergraduate students
 - Academic achievement
 - Recipients shall be enrolled fulltime (12 hours)
 - Good academic standing
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- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as recipient remains in good academic standing

Lola and Samuel Cable Scholarship

Endowed by Helen Cable in memory of her parents, Lola and Samuel Cable, this scholarship provides support for students who have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
 - NC residents
 - Graduates of a North Carolina high school
 - Financial need
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- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years for students who continue to meet the criteria.

Louise Mason Caldwell Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in memory of Louise Mason Caldwell to support graduates of Cherokee High School, NC, and Cherokee students from other areas in obtaining a degree from Western Carolina University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduate of Cherokee High School (NC)
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Overall social and civic contributions
- Financial need

Mark L. and Grace T. Battle Scholarship

This scholarship has been endowed through a gift made by Mark and Grace Battle to assist students with at least a 3.0 GPA in earning a degree from Western Carolina University. Preference will be given to students from Jackson County, NC, who are pursuing a degree in business or engineering and who have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Preference given to students from Jackson County, NC
- Preference given to students who are majoring in engineering or business
- Preference given to students with financial need

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years for recipients who continue to meet the criteria

Marshall A. Hyde Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hyde, an alumnus and trustee emeritus of Western Carolina University, in memory of Arnold's brother Marshall. Marshall was killed in action during WWII. The scholarship is for students from Graham County, NC, with preference given to students with an expressed interest in horticulture, forestry, or environmental improvements.

Eligibility Requirements

- Residents of Graham County (NC)
- Preference given to students with an expressed interest in horticulture, forestry, or environmental improvements
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Financial need

Mary Woods Flintom Scholarship

This endowment honors Mary Woods Flintom and was established to support Western Carolina University students. Selection will be based on academic achievement, leadership ability and potential, social and civic contributions, and significant financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
- Academic achievement
- Leadership ability and potential

- Social and civic contributions
 - Financial need
- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as recipient remains in good academic standing

Moss Family Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed through the generosity of Dr. Martha Yates. Potential recipients will be from western North Carolina and have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Residents of western North Carolina
- Preference given to students with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Preference given to students with financial need

Mountaineer/Josephus Daniels Scholarship

This fund was established by the Josephus Daniels Charitable Foundation for students from the primary circulation area of the Enterprise Mountaineer newspaper. Eligibility is based upon academic achievement, leadership ability and potential, as well as social and civic contributions.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Permanent residence within The Mountaineer primary circulation area
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Social and civic contributions
- Leadership potential
- Good academic standing
- Financial need

Nell Leatherwood Scholarship

The Nell Leatherwood endowment provides renewable scholarships for students from Swain County, NC. Candidates shall be recommended by Swain County High School for selection by the University Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
 - Graduates of Swain County High School
 - Residents of Swain County (NC)
 - Academic achievement
 - Financial need
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as recipients demonstrate financial need and remain in good academic standing

Nicholas and Grady Justice Bonarrigo Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Nicholas and Grady Bonarrigo in appreciation for the many benefits they received through their association with the university. It is their sincere hope that the recipients will advance the purposes of the University and render service to the communities from which they come with dignity and honor. The fund provides support to students who graduated from a western North Carolina high school and have financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduate of a high school in Buncombe, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain or Transylvania (NC) Counties
- Academic qualifications
- Overall achievement
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours UG, 9 hours GR)
- Financial need

Robert A. "Art" Byrd Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established through the generosity of the friends and family of Robert A. "Art" Byrd in his memory. Byrd, a McDowell County, NC, native, attended Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University) and was named "Little All American" in football in 1949. He went on to be a teacher, coach, and principal in North Carolina for 32 years. The scholarship provides support for students from McDowell County who have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to students with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Preference given to new freshmen who graduated from McDowell High School
- Undergraduate students

- Participation in school activities
- Overall social and civic contributions to McDowell County
- Preference given to students with demonstrated financial need

Robert Varner Family Scholarship

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Varner have established this scholarship fund to provide support for students from Swain County, NC. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Varner, the family includes their two daughters, Margaret Varner and Roberta Arsuffi, and three grandchildren. The family has operated a successful real estate business in Swain County since 1957. Several members of the family have graduated from WCU and have endowed this scholarship to provide support for promising students from Swain County. Preference shall be given to New Century Scholars.

Eligibility Requirements

- Students who graduated from a Swain County (NC) high school
- Preference shall be given to New Century Scholars
- Academic qualifications and overall achievements
- Recipients must be enrolled fulltime (12 hours)
- Financial Need

Sam Gibson Scholarship

This scholarship, established by Charles Yandell, a close personal friend of Sam Gibson, provides support for education students attending Western Carolina University. Gibson attended Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University) in 1941 before serving three years in the Army during WWII. Afterward, he returned to WCTC and graduated in 1948. Gibson served as an educator in Mecklenburg County, NC, for 34 years. Scholarship recipient selection is based on the combination of financial need, academic qualifications, and overall achievements.

Eligibility Requirements

- Education majors
- Undergraduate students
- Academic achievement
- Overall achievements
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Sandlin-Morris Scholarship

Endowed to commemorate the 60th anniversary of her graduation from Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University), Ned and Kathryn Sandlin Morris established this fund to provide scholarship support for students from Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties in North Carolina. The couple met while attending WCTC, and she went on to teach for 32 years in western North Carolina. He retired from a long career at the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Selection will be based on academic qualifications, overall achievements, and financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduates of a high school in Haywood, Jackson, or Swain County (NC)
- Academic qualifications
- Overall achievement
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours UG, 9 hours GR)
- Financial need

Tara Lackey Technology Scholarship

The family and friends of Tara Lackey established this fund in honor of the western North Carolina native and Western Carolina University student who died in an automobile accident in 2001 at the age of 20. Awards will be made to entering freshmen who are in need of computer/technology resources required by WCU that are not otherwise available through the student's own resources including other scholarship awards. Selection will be based on academic qualifications and community involvement.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
- Academic achievement
- Community involvement
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Financial need

Teresa and Richard "Stick" Williams Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Teresa and Richard Williams, this scholarship provides support for students in the WCU Honors College. Preference is given to students from the eight western counties of North Carolina. Teresa Williams served as Chair of the WCU Board of Trustees.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
 - Member of the WCU Honors College
 - Preference given to students from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties
 - Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
 - Good academic standing
 - Preference given to students with financial need
- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet Honors College requirements.

Thomas W. Bird Scholarship

Established by a bequest from the estate of Thomas W. Bird in 1972, this fund provides support to Western Carolina University students. Award selection is based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Academic achievement
- Financial need

Timothy and Emily Campbell Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of Jackson Paper, the Campbell Scholarship provides financial support for residents of Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties. Preference is given to students with a declared major in the College of Business or Kimmel School.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to students with a 3.0 GPA
- Preference given to students with a declared major within the College of Business or an engineering related program in the Kimmel School
- Undergraduate students
- Resident of Haywood, Jackson, Macon or Swain County
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours)
- Good academic standing
- Preference given to dependents of Jackson Paper Manufacturing employees
- Financial need

Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Scholarship

Endowed through the generosity of the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise, this scholarship provides support to students who have at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to children of employees at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort or Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Resort.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Children of employees at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort or Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Resort
- Preference given to students with financial need

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient continues to meet eligibility criteria.

UNC Campus Scholarship

The UNC Campus Scholarship exists to enhance diversity on the Western Carolina University campus. The WCU community recognizes the educational benefits of diversity and accepts the definition of diversity as including people who are different from the campus majority. Factors that contribute to diversity in the student population include: geographic location, ethnic identity, family educational attainment, disability, age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic class, and maturity.

Eligibility Requirements

- Resident of North Carolina
- Good academic standing
- Preference given to students with financial need

Ulysses H. Ferguson Family Scholarship

This endowment, established by the Ulysses H. Ferguson family, honors the memory of Edna Ferguson Rogers. Rogers was a dedicated educator who taught for 43 years in Haywood County Schools in North Carolina. She was heavily involved in local civic, church, and professional organizations. This fund supports undergraduate students from Haywood County, NC, who have demonstrated financial need. Selection is based on academic achievement and social and civic contributions. Priority will be given to students with the greatest financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Residents of Haywood County (NC)
- Graduates of a Haywood County (NC) high school
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Social and civic contributions to Haywood County
- Financial need (first priority in consideration with preference given to students with the greatest need)

WCU Alumni Association Scholarship

Introduced in 2001, under the association's then president-elect Laura Leatherwood, the WCU Alumni Association scholarship provides support for children or grandchildren of alumni.

Eligibility Requirements

- Preference given to rising sophomore, junior or senior
- Preference given to residents of North Carolina
- Preference given to children or grandchildren of a Western Carolina University graduate
- Fulltime enrollment
- Preference given to well-rounded individuals
- Preference given to students with financial need

WCU Board of Visitors Scholarship

Endowed by members of the WCU Board of Visitors in 2016, this scholarship provides financial support to students who have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Fulltime enrollment (12 hours UG, 9 hours GR)
- Financial need

-This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the student remains in good academic standing.

WCU Trustees Merit Scholarship

The WCU Board of Trustees endowed this scholarship in 2011 in order to assist meritorious students in obtaining their degree from Western Carolina University. Potential recipients will be enrolled fulltime and have maintained at least a 3.4 GPA.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.4 GPA
- Freshmen
- Resident credit degree program
- Recipient must be enrolled fulltime (12 hours)
- Preference given to students with financial need

- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as recipient maintains a 3.4 GPA and remains in good academic standing

Wayland H. Cato Jr. Scholarship

Established through the generosity of Wayland Cato Jr., this scholarship provides financial support to students who have demonstrated a commitment to a strong work ethic through meaningful work experience in the public or private sector, as well as volunteerism throughout the community. Potential recipients will also have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students
- Preference given to students who show evidence of a strong work ethic through meaningful work experience or commitment to volunteerism through community service without compensation
- Financial need

- This scholarship may be renewed to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing

Willie Lou and Jessie Burton Shields Scholarship

Emma Jean Shields Bradley, Dorothy Shields Griffin and Howard Shields endowed this fund in honor of their parents to provide scholarship support for incoming freshmen from Cherokee County, NC. Mrs. Willie Lou Shields graduated from Western Carolina and was a long-time educator in the state. Recipients must have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- New freshmen
 - Residents of Cherokee County (NC)
 - Good academic standing
 - Financial need
- This scholarship is renewable to a maximum of four years as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing

Winston A. Felts Scholarship

Established by Annie Felts in memory of Winston Felts, this scholarship provides support to students from Mitchell County, NC, and are majoring in teacher education (excluding physical education) or music. Potential recipients will have graduated from a Mitchell County high school and have permanent residence in Mitchell County.

Eligibility Requirements

- Residents of Mitchell County (NC)
- Graduates of a Mitchell County (NC) high school
- Undergraduate students
- Music or teacher education (excluding P.E.) majors
- Second preference given to students majoring in nutrition
- Academic achievement
- Participation in school activities
- Overall social and civic contributions
- Financial need