

As a state university, Western Carolina University receives taxpayer support and is able to provide residents access to a university education for remarkably reasonable tuition.

We encourage you to investigate scholarship opportunities that may be available to you. We have put together this resource to get you started, but you should also check other sources. Also, you should check independently for current dates and requirements for any scholarship for which you might apply.

Deadlines vary: check them NOW so you can plan ahead.



## Scholarships Based On Ethnicity

Louise Mason Caldwell Scholarship Fund. This endowed scholarship program provides financial support for Cherokee Indians to attend Western Carolina University. Contact the director of the WCU Cherokee Center.

The Helga Nielsen Scholarship Fund. This fund was established through the generosity of Helga Nielsen to provide scholarship assistance for Cherokee Indian students. Contact the director of the Western Carolina University Cherokee Center.

C.D. Spangler Jr. Scholarship for Minority Students. This endowed scholarship program's purpose is to provide financial support for deserving young minority students. Awards are based upon high academic achievement, successful participation in various school activities, overall social and civic contributions, and financial need. Contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Kendall W. King Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide financial support for worthy and deserving international students. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the award. Contact the dean of Research and Graduate Studies.

OCA Scholarships for persons having origin from Asia and/or Pacific Islands (1) The OCA-UPS Gold Mountain Scholarship program focuses on APAs who are the first in their family to attend college in the United States. It provides 12 scholars an award of \$2000 each. (2) the OCA-Verizon Scholarship program for financially disadvantaged APA high school seniors, funding 25 scholars at \$2000 each. (3) OCA-AXA Achievement<sup>sm</sup> Scholarship program the achievements of APA students are awarded.  
[http://www.ocanatl.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=](http://www.ocanatl.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=)

Native American Engineering and Science Scholarships  
<http://www.aises.org/highered/scholarships/>

Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program In demonstration of our commitment to the academic success of minority students and to the cultivation and recruitment of qualified minority employees in technical fields, scholarships are available in the amount \$1,000 - \$10,000 (depending on tuition balance, academic excellence and classification)  
[http://www.xerox.com/go/xrx//template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcntry=USA&pXlang=en\\_US&ed\\_name=Careers\\_Technical\\_Scholarship](http://www.xerox.com/go/xrx//template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcntry=USA&pXlang=en_US&ed_name=Careers_Technical_Scholarship)

Gates Millennium Scholars Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
<http://www.gmsp.org> Provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Islander Americans, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education, in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education, or library science. The

goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need to reach their fullest potential.

Ron Brown Scholar Program CAP Charitable Foundation Seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Each year, a minimum of ten students will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000. The recipients may use the renewable merit-based scholarships to attend the college or university of their choice. Ron Brown Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective  
<http://www.ronbrown.org>

The Jackie Robinson Scholarship Program Through its Education and Leadership Development Program, The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,200 annually to underserved high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice.  
<http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php>

Eli Lilly & Co. Corporate Scholarship Program Merit-based scholarships (\$2,500 and \$5,000) for returning African-American college students pursuing technical degrees in engineering, science and technology Must be ASBE member (American Society of Black Engineers) ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION THROUGH [NSBE ONLINE](http://www.nsbe.org/programs/schol_elililly.php) REQUIRED  
[http://www.nsbe.org/programs/schol\\_elililly.php](http://www.nsbe.org/programs/schol_elililly.php)

National Society of Black Engineers Scholarships <http://national.nsbe.org/Default.aspx?tabid=84>

North Carolina Society of Hispanic People \$500-\$2,500 for tuition, fees, room, board. Renewable for up to four years. Preference to full-time students. Must have graduated from an NC high school within the past two years, GPA of 2.5/4.0 or 3.5/5.0, accepted into a 2- or 4-year college or university. Preference to foreign-born applicants or children of foreign-born parents. Application packets are available year-round. They can be obtained by emailing or calling the NC Society of Hispanic People at: [mailbox@theNCHSP.org](mailto:mailbox@theNCHSP.org) or (919) 654-4516. Applications are available online at [www.TheNCSHP.org/NCHCF](http://www.TheNCSHP.org/NCHCF).

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Scholarships  
[http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/wcm/resources/file/eb1d624fb0600f6/2007-08\\_AHETEMS\\_Scholarship\\_Application.pdf](http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/wcm/resources/file/eb1d624fb0600f6/2007-08_AHETEMS_Scholarship_Application.pdf)

Hispanic College Fund Scholarships <http://www.hispanicfund.org/scholarships.php>

Latin American Education Foundation Scholarships <http://www.laef.org/scholarships.html>

League of United Latin American Citizens. Two scholarship avenues for undergraduates pursuing engineering majors. [http://www.lnesc.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={3AEDB506-F425-4E58-B9F6-44867E2FD943}](http://www.lnesc.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={3AEDB506-F425-4E58-B9F6-44867E2FD943})