

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.



US Government Sponsored Scholarships

Department of Homeland Security Scholarship and Fellowship Program

<http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/> This education program is intended to ensure a diverse and highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Areas of study that are eligible include: physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, and engineering.

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Earnest F. Hollings Scholarship

<http://www.orau.gov/noaa/HollingsScholarship/> Eligible Sophomores with 3.0 GPA studying oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics, or teacher education that support NOAA's programs and mission are encouraged to apply.

DoD SMART Scholarship for Service Scholarships The Department of Defense (DoD) offers scholarships to undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for training and education in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) fields and offers them career opportunities to continue their research in civil service roles following graduation. <http://www.asee.org/smart/>

Federal Pell Grant Program This program awards grants directly to students with payment made through the institutions. Federal Pell Grants are the "foundation" of student aid to which aid from other sources may be added. Student's financial need is determined by using a formula that takes into consideration family financial circumstances and the cost of education. The formula produces an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number that is used by the institution to determine the amount of the Federal Pell Grant. Eligible students must enroll in an approved postsecondary institution, working toward a first baccalaureate degree. Amounts vary and are awarded on the basis of need, enrollment status, length of enrollment, and cost of education at the school the student attends. Student applies by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may learn more about this program and other federal programs of assistance by visiting the federal government website at http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG) For undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. The amount of financial need is determined by the educational institution the student attends. Recipient must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Priority is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants. An award may not be less than \$100, and the maximum award is usually \$4,000 per year. If reasonable study abroad costs exceed the cost of attendance at the home institution, the amount of the grant may exceed the \$4,000 maximum by \$400. Student applies by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FSEOG will be included as part of the student's total financial aid

package developed through the school the student attends. Annual application is required.
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html