

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.



North Carolina Scholarships

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Approximately 160 awards annually in NC. Value of award for 2004-05 was \$1,500 renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study, subject to funding by US Congress. Recipient must be a senior in an NC high school or have a GED certificate and be accepted for enrollment in an approved postsecondary institution. Merit-based. Applications available in December through high school principals and counselors. Must be nominated by the school applicant is attending. Deadline is early February; awards announced in May. www.dpi.state.nc.us/scholarships.

State Employees' Credit Union Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarship – \$2,500/year for up to 4 years of study at a qualifying campus. One scholarship will be available at each of the state's public high schools and charter high schools for a student who will enroll at one of the state's 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina. Preference will be given to public sector employees and their families. Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and may be deserving of financial assistance. Recipients of the scholarships will be selected at the local high school level. Application details and other information will be available through local school systems.

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 or (919) 654-4516. Applications are available online at www.TheNCSHP.org/NCHCF.

State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship Program. \$1000 for 4-year schools; nonrenewable but may reapply. Applicants must be SEANC members, spouses or children. Applications are available after December 1. Apply between January 1 and April 15. Merit-based:
<http://www.seanc.org/site/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&filename=scholarshipprogram.html> Need-based:
<http://www.cfnc.org/Gateway?command=SearchBasedPrograms-e=no&type=7&vocType=10>

Crib to College Scholarship sponsored by Crumley and Associates law firm in NC. Five \$1000 scholarships plus laptop computer. Must have GPA of 3.0 or better, be a graduating senior at an NC high school and enroll at an accredited 4 year college or university or an accredited two-year technical school or community college. Deadline is mid-March. The online application is available only at www.crumleyandassociates.com/crib-to-college.php. Contact: Stephen Keane at smkeaney@cruleyandassociates.com or 336-333-0044 for more information.

North Carolina 4-H Development Fund Scholarships Awards range from \$500 to \$2,500. Some are renewable. For NC residents enrolling as an undergraduate in a four-year accredited NC college or university or a transferable community college in the state. Criteria: outstanding record of 4-H Club participation and achievement; excellent high school academic record; aptitude for college work through SAT scores. Some awards have need-based, geographical, or degree program restrictions. Applications are available in the fall through each county cooperative extension office in North Carolina or by calling the 4-H Youth Development Department at (919) 515-2801.

University of North Carolina Need-Based Grants Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at one of the 16 constituent institutions of The UNC. Eligibility is based on a calculation of need, using income data from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Consideration for the grant is automatic once the FAFSA is filed; no formal deadline has been established. Applicants should meet priority deadlines established by their institution.

Jagannathan Scholarship Program for students whose parents are employees of TIEPET, Universal Fibers and related companies. The maximum award for 2006-07 is \$3,500, renewable for up to three years. The program is need/achievement/leadership based and is administered by the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority. The award is available to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll as college freshmen in a full-time degree program at one of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. . Applicant may get forms from and must be nominated by one of the following: TIEPET, Universal Fibers, and related companies; the financial aid office of one of the constituent institutions of The UNC; or by his/her high school counselor. Applicant must take the SAT and file College Scholarship Service's PROFILE. Deadlines are in February; see application sources for exact deadlines.

NC Foster Youth and Former Foster Youth Up to \$5000 per year for tuition, books or qualified living expenses for up to 4 years. Must have aged out of the system at age 18 or were adopted from foster care after 16th birthday; must be under 21, accepted or enrolled in an accredited program; must not have personal assets greater than \$10,000, US citizen or qualified non-citizen, and eligible for the NC LINKS program. See www.statevoucher.org

Golden LEAF Scholarship \$3,000/year renewable; total of 500 new/renewed awards per year. Must be a high school senior or community college transfer student enrolled at any NC public university. Must be a permanent resident of a rural county that is economically distressed (Tier I, II or III) and/or tobacco dependent ([Click here](#) for a list of qualifying counties; Note: this requirement does not apply to current recipients of the Golden LEAF Scholarship at public universities applying for grant renewal.) Priority for scholarships will be given to students from families adversely affected by the decline of the tobacco industry. The selection criteria for applicants will not include the value of real property owned by farm families. Recipients of other scholarships amounting to 75% or more of the total costs to attend a public university will be given low priority for a Golden LEAF Scholarship. [Apply Now](#) [Click here](#) to complete the required Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). [Click here](#) for Golden LEAF Scholarship information for North Carolina community college students.