

# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN

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WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Each year, Western Carolina University awards nearly \$1 million in merit-based scholarship funds to recognize outstanding achievement. If you have distinguished yourself academically in high school, read further to learn more about the scholarship opportunities at Western.

### FRESHMAN INCENTIVE AWARDS

*Western uses the application for admission and supporting documentation to automatically consider admitted students for this series of awards. Enclosed is a Scholarship Supplemental Form. This form is not mandatory for this series of awards, but can assist with other scholarship considerations. Awards are based upon scholastic achievement; financial need is not considered, but students who receive financial aid may be able to package their aid with these awards. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information regarding need-based assistance (<http://finaid.wcu.edu> or 828-227-7290). Typically, merit award recipients have attempted a strong curriculum, have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50, and have scored competitively on the SAT or ACT. The stronger a student's academic record, the higher the level of the merit-based award. Awards are renewable unless noted otherwise. Awards in this series include:*

#### WESTERN MERITORIOUS AWARDS

National Merit Finalists and Semifinalists are eligible for this award. Finalists receive the equivalent of an in-state full ride (in-state tuition, fees, room, and board) and a Computer Scholarship. Semifinalists receive the equivalent of in-state tuition and fees, and a Computer Scholarship. Students must submit documentation of their status from National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

#### VALEDICTORIAN AWARDS

High school Valedictorians may compete for these awards that are equivalent in value to in-state tuition and fees (does not cover room and board). In addition, recipients receive a Computer Scholarship.

#### SALUTATORIAN AWARDS

A Computer Scholarship is packaged with any other Freshman Series Award for which a Salutatorian may qualify.

#### CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

These awards cover the cost of in-state tuition and fees (a projected four-year value in excess of \$13,000).

#### PATRONS OF QUALITY AWARDS

\$3,000 annually (\$12,000 total package)

#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

\$2,500 annually (\$10,000 total package)

#### DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARDS

\$2,000 annually (\$8,000 total package)

#### FOUNDERS AWARDS

\$1,500 annually (\$6,000 total package)

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR AWARDS

\$1,000 annually (\$4,000 total package)

#### EXCELLENCE AWARDS

\$500 annually (\$2,000 total package)

#### HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLAR AWARDS

\$1,000, one-time awards that may be packaged with other awards and are designed to defray transition expenses for incoming first-year students.

#### COMPUTER SCHOLARSHIPS

This one-time award is made as part of a scholarship package to National Merit Finalists and Semifinalists, Valedictorians, and Salutatorians. Other outstanding students who do not qualify for one of the awards mentioned above may qualify for a Computer Scholarship.

Go to [POWERYOURMIND.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://POWERYOURMIND.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS)



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## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN

*Some scholarships may require additional steps beyond submitting the application for admission. These scholarship opportunities include:*

### NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

North Carolina residents who desire to pursue a teaching career can contact the Teaching Fellows office at Western Carolina University for more information at 828-227-7056 or [www.ceap.wcu.edu/FellowsWeb/](http://www.ceap.wcu.edu/FellowsWeb/). Western adds a supplemental scholarship to the \$6,500 per year Teaching Fellows Award. See your high school counselor for an application and for fall application deadline information.

### NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NC TIP)

Nonresidents of North Carolina who desire to pursue a teaching career can compete for NC TIP scholarships that cover the cost of nonresident tuition (a four-year value of more than \$36,000) in exchange for teaching in North Carolina upon graduation. Contact the Office of Admissions or go to [www.poweryourmind.com/nctip](http://www.poweryourmind.com/nctip) for an NC TIP application and more details.

### NORTH CAROLINA PROSPECTIVE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS-LOANS

North Carolina residents who plan to pursue a teaching career may compete for this \$2,500 per year program. Applications may be obtained online beginning in mid-November and are due February 28 at the Center for Recruitment and Retention, Division of Human Resource Management, Public Schools of NC, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2825. Recipients will be announced in May. To learn more about this program, visit <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/scholarships>.

### NURSE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

North Carolina residents who plan to pursue a nursing degree may apply for this program. The North Carolina Nurse Scholars Commission selects 100 high school seniors for four-year scholarships at \$5,000 per year. Contact your high school counselor or go to [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) for more details.

## TALENT AWARDS:

*Students who possess particular talents in the fine and performing arts or other academic areas may be eligible for talent grants and awards. Some of these opportunities may require audition, portfolio review, or a separate scholarship application process. Interested students should check with academic departments of interest (some information may be available at the department's Web site) regarding possible scholarship opportunities for new students.*

## ATHLETIC AWARDS:

*Each athletic team within the Department of Athletics coordinates athletic scholarship opportunities. Interested students should go to [catamountsports.com](http://catamountsports.com) and submit the online prospective student-athlete form for the appropriate sport or mail detailed information regarding their abilities and achievements to the appropriate athletic team. Students should also consult their coaches and/or school counselors regarding the NCAA Clearinghouse process.*

## SUPPLEMENTAL AWARDS:

Western Carolina University offers a number of merit-based scholarships made possible through the generosity of alumni, organizations, or university supporters and friends. These awards require that recipients meet specific criteria in addition to academic standing. For example, some awards require recipients to be from a specific county or choose a certain major. Submitting the enclosed form is optional; however, doing so may make the scholarship committee aware of your eligibility for some of these scholarship opportunities.

Some of these awards may include a need-based component; therefore, new students interested in scholarship possibilities should complete and submit the FAFSA prior to the March 15 deadline for maximum consideration of award opportunities. The Western Carolina University catalog (available online as well) contains information about many of these awards. Examples of regional scholarships that are open to entering freshmen include:

### BURKE COUNTY

Curtis L. and Brenda C. Wellmon Scholarship  
(East Burke High School)

### CLAY COUNTY

J.W. and Patricia Palmer Scholarships

### CATAWBA COUNTY

Catawba County Christian Business  
and Professional Scholarship

### GRAHAM COUNTY

Leone Hyde Ray Scholarship  
Marshall Hyde Scholarship  
Wallace Hyde Scholarship

### HAYWOOD COUNTY

Haywood County Western Alumni Scholarships  
Horatio A. and Adah G. Helder Scholarships  
Mandy Buchanan and Daniel Ledford Music Scholarship  
Ulysses H. Ferguson Family Scholarship

### HOKE COUNTY

Dr. A.P. and Frances Dickson Scholarship

### JACKSON COUNTY

Cullowhee High School Alumni Scholarship  
Cullowhee School District Award  
Dillard Hooper Scholarship  
Ed and Bertha Henson Reed Scholarship  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
Jackson County Western Alumni Scholarships

### MACON COUNTY

Charles O. Frazier Scholarship (Franklin High School)  
Dr. Fred R. and Bernice H. Cain Scholarship

### MADISON COUNTY

Brank and Juanita Farmer Proffitt Scholarship

### MITCHELL COUNTY

Winston A. Felts Scholarship

### MCDOWELL COUNTY

Robert A. "Art" Byrd Scholarship Fund  
Clyde M. Norton Scholarship  
Bobby S. and Anne B. Robinson Scholarship

### SURRY COUNTY

Jonathan Graham Pruett Scholarship  
Paul A. Reid and Paul A. Reid Surry County Scholarships

### SWAIN COUNTY

Bobby S. and Anne B. Robinson Scholarship  
Lola Harwood Scholarship  
Nell M. Leatherwood Scholarship  
John Donovan Hales/Jessie Lindsay Scholarship  
Varner Scholarship

### MULTIPLE COUNTIES

Beverly D. Hairfield, Jr. Scholarship  
(Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell)  
C.M. and M.D. Suther Scholarship (North Carolina)  
Capps Family Memorial Scholarship Fund  
(Western North Carolina)  
Henry Galloway Scholarship  
(Western North Carolina to Burke County)  
Homer Ray Davis Scholarship (Jackson, Macon, Swain)  
H.T. and Glen Weaver Hunter Memorial Scholarship  
(freshmen)  
James Lee Love Scholarship (North Carolina)  
Katherine Causey Award (Women in English or Biology)  
(Alamance, Guilford, Randolph)  
Lester C. Henderson Scholarship  
(Cherokee, Clay, Macon)  
Macon Bank Scholarship Fund (Macon Bank service area)  
Mountaineer/Josephus Daniels Scholarship (circulation  
area of The Mountaineer newspaper)  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ashe Scholarship  
(Haywood and Jackson)  
Nicholas and Grady Justice Bonarrigo Scholarship  
(Buncombe, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson,  
Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain, Transylvania)  
Sandlin-Morris Scholarship (Haywood, Jackson, Swain)

### SOUTH CAROLINA

John Sam and Zonell McPhail Lay Scholarship

The priority consideration date for freshmen is February 1 and for transfer students is April 1.

1. You must have made application for and gained admission in order to be considered for merit- and/or need-based awards. Go to **poweryourmind.com** for an online application and instructions.
2. You must complete the financial aid application process (FAFSA) in order to be considered for any need-based assistance, including scholarships that may include a need-based component. Go to **finaid.wcu.edu** for more information and an online FAFSA application.
3. If you are a North Carolina resident, be sure to check with your school counselor or go to **www.cfnc.org** to learn about scholarship opportunities through the state that may be applicable for use at Western Carolina University, including the Teaching Fellows, Nurse Scholars, and Prospective Teacher Loan Programs.
4. If you are a nonresident student with career interests in teaching, go to **poweryourmind.com/nctip** for information about the North Carolina Teacher Incentive Program, a special scholarship/loan opportunity.

Visit the Student Affairs Web site at **www.wcu.edu/studentd/** (click on scholarships and awards) for information about a few more scholarship opportunities (including scholarships for students who may be hearing or visually impaired).

## WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Please print or type: *Freshmen and Transfer Students*

|   |   |                            |                 |
|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Applicant: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer  | Social Security Number*(providing this information is voluntary. It is used for record-keeping purposes. The federal financial aid process does require submission of student's SSN.)<br><div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>                     -                      <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>                     -                      <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> </div> |                            |                 |
| <b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>  |   |                            |                 |
| Name: <i>(first, middle, last)</i>  |   |                            |                 |
| Telephone: (    )   | Cell Phone: (    )  | Work Phone: (    )         |                 |
| Current Address:  |   |                            |                 |
| City:   |   | State:                     | ZIP Code:       |
| E-mail Address:   |   |                            |                 |
| <b>HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>  |   |                            |                 |
| GPA:                      Weighted  | Unweighted  |                            |                 |
| Class Rank and/or Percentile (i.e., 1/100; top 10% in a class of 250):<br><i>(Note: Please include approximate number of students in your senior class.)</i>  |   |                            |                 |
| Highest SAT Critical Reading (Verbal) Subscore:   |   | Highest SAT Math Subscore: |                 |
| Highest ACT Composite Score:  | Date or Anticipated Date of Graduation (Month/Year):  |                            |                 |
| List Any AP/IB courses completed or taking:   |   |                            |                 |
| <b>COLLEGE INFORMATION</b>  |   |                            |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |                            |                 |
| College Attended  | Hours Earned  | GPA                        | Degree Received |
|   |   |                            |                 |
|   |   |                            |                 |
| Will you earn or have you earned an AA or AS degree prior to enrollment at Western? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |   |                            |                 |
| Are you an active member of Phi Theta Kappa? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If so, send copy of documentation verifying membership.)   |   |                            |                 |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA DATA</b>  |   |                            |                 |
| Academic Awards Received:   |   |                            |                 |
| Community Service Activities:   |   |                            |                 |
| Extra-curricular Involvement:   |   |                            |                 |
| Current Employment:   |   |                            |                 |
| Do you plan to continue employment upon enrollment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> No   |   |                            |                 |
| Did you participate in <input type="checkbox"/> GEAR UP <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Search <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound <input type="checkbox"/> New Century Scholars (please check any/all that apply)        |   |                            |                 |
| City, State of Birth:   |   |                            |                 |
| Have you received any recognition through National Merit Scholarship Corporation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If so, specify current designation (i.e., Commended, Semifinalist, Finalist). |   |                            |                 |
| Have you or has any member of your family received the Purple Heart? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If so, specify name of individual, when received and relationship to you.                  |   |                            |                 |
| Name:   | Date Received:  | Relationship to you:       |                 |
| Do you plan to apply or have you applied for financial aid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |   |                            |                 |
| Is your father or mother a WCU alumnus or alumna? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If so, specify his or her full name at the time of WCU enrollment and graduation year.                      |   |                            |                 |
| Name:   |   | Graduation Year:           |                 |