

September 2025 Scholarship List

ECU Honors College Scholarships

- All students accepted into the Honors College at East Carolina University receive one of the following 4-year scholarships:
 - Brinkley-Lane Scholars - receive the full cost of tuition, fees, room/board, plus a \$5,000 study abroad stipend to attend ECU
 - Honors College Fellows - receive \$3,750 per year to attend ECU (totaling \$15,000 over 4 years)
- Other benefits of the Honors College include preferred housing, high-impact experiences, and priority registration.
- To be considered for the ECU Honors College, students must first apply for admission to ECU by October 15 and meet ONE of the following minimum criteria:
 - Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.7
 - Minimum weighted GPA of 4.0
 - Minimum SAT score of 1330
 - Minimum ACT score of 29
- Eligible students will be invited to complete the Honors College application by December 2; for more information, visit <https://honors.ecu.edu/>.
- ECU is offering a FREE application week from September 22 - 26 to encourage students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements to apply for admission prior to October 15. Students must use ECU Navigator or CFNC to submit their application for free (not Common App).

Gates Scholarship

- Highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding high school seniors from low-income households to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at a US accredited college or university (public or private).
- Selected scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance to earn a bachelor's degree (not already covered by other financial aid as determined by the FAFSA).
- Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent legal resident of the USA and have a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3.
- An ideal candidate should have an outstanding academic record in high school and demonstrated leadership ability as shown through participation in community service and extracurricular activities.
- The Phase 1 application can be found online at <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>; deadline: September 15!
- Semifinalists will be invited to complete a Phase 2 application in November with essays, a transcript, and a recommendation. Regional finalists will participate in a final interview in late January/early February before final selections are made in April.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

- Achievement-based scholarship program that recognizes a student's capacity to lead and serve as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their school and community.
- 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive a \$20,000 scholarship!
- Current seniors may apply online at <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>; deadline is September 30.

Thomas Wolfe Scholarship @ UNC-Chapel Hill

- Provides full undergraduate funding at UNC-Chapel Hill for 4 years, including tuition, room and board, textbooks, a new laptop, and a \$5,000 annual summer stipend to support the recipient's creative work.
- Students who write poetry, fiction, plays, creative nonfiction (personal essays, memoir, travel and nature essays, literary journalism, and lyric essays) are eligible. Students may choose to **major** in any discipline, but the Wolfe Scholar must agree to **minor** in Creative Writing.
- The application process requires the submission of a portfolio containing between forty (40) and fifty (50) pages of original creative writing composed in English. This work may be in any genre, and it may also be a combination of genres (for example: a short story, a short memoir, and three poems). In addition to completing the application, candidates must submit a five-hundred-word personal essay entitled "Why I Write."
- The online application must be submitted no later than November 15 and is available by clicking here: [Thomas Wolfe Scholarship Application](#).
- Please note: Thomas Wolfe Scholarship applicants must apply to the *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* by the University's October 15th, 2025 EARLY admission deadline and must meet all academic requirements for EARLY admission to UNC-Chapel Hill.

Park Scholarship @ NCSU

- Provides a four-year FULL scholarship to NC State University
- The Park Scholarship is awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in the following areas:
 - Scholarship - Park Scholars are intellectually curious students who seek learning experiences beyond the classroom.
 - Leadership - Park Scholars listen well, lead by example, take risks, and champion original ideas.
 - Service - Park Scholars dedicate themselves to making a positive difference in their communities.
 - Character - Park Scholars demonstrate the highest levels of integrity, honesty, and conscientiousness.
- Interested students must apply for [undergraduate admission](#) to NCSU and complete the [Park Scholarships application](#) no later than November 1st.
- See Mrs. Coates if you need support with this application process.

Goodnight Scholars Program at NCSU

- \$24,000 scholarship (per year) to attend NC State University for students majoring in a STEM field and who have a household adjusted gross income of \$120,000 or less.
- To be considered for this scholarship, students must first apply for admission to NC State University by the November 1st deadline; then, in mid-December, invitations to apply for the Goodnight Scholars Program will be distributed by NCSU.
- Questions on the scholarship application will focus on the student's academic achievement, extracurricular/community involvement, and understanding the role that STEM fields will play in addressing key societal and global issues.
- Final scholarship applications will be due in mid-January.
- For more information, visit <https://goodnight.ncsu.edu/>

Wilson College of Textiles Scholarship Program @ NCSU

- Provides scholarships ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$22,000 per year for students planning to study a textile-related major at NC State University.
- Many of these scholarships also come with enrichment funds that scholars can apply to study abroad and career exploration activities, as well as leadership development programming.
- To be eligible for any incoming first-year Textiles scholarship, you must:

- Apply for fall, first-year admission into any baccalaureate program at NC State by the Early Action deadline (Nov. 1).
- Submit an endorsement (if not otherwise granted access to the application).
- Fill out NC State's general scholarship application.
- Complete the Textiles first-year scholarship application by Jan. 4. Filling out this application will enter you into consideration for all Textiles scholarships.
- Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:
 - Academic achievement in high school,
 - Proven and potential leadership qualities,
 - Extracurricular activities, and
 - Unique life experiences
- For more information, visit <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/scholarships/application-information/>.

Elks Lodge Most Valuable Student Scholarship

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.
- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree.
- Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Applicants will be prompted to create an account with International Scholarship & Tuition Services. A link to set up your account to start the application can be found by visiting <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>; deadline: November 12.

NC Elks Nursing Scholarship

- \$1,000 scholarship for NC seniors who plan to pursue a degree in nursing at a college or university in NC after high school.
- It is recommended that the applicant be in the top 25% of his/her senior class and actively be involved in nursing-related extracurricular activities.
- Applications must be submitted online at <https://ncelks.org/programs/nursing-scholarship/>; deadline: December 9.

Emmet & Mary Robinson Scholarship

- This is a WONDERFUL local scholarship for seniors attending a Wayne County public school who plan to major in one of the following fields: medicine, nursing, agriculture, or the ministry of the Presbyterian or Episcopal churches.
- Multiple scholarships will be awarded and recipients may reapply each year they are in college.
- The value of this scholarship varies each year, depending on the market value of the trust fund. Typically, the amount ranges from \$2,500 - \$4,000.
- The application process begins online at www.csascholars.org/erobinson; the following supplemental materials must be mailed to the scholarship agency (and received) no later than March 5.
 - High school transcript
 - Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form (found in the online application) printed and signed by the applicant.
 - Personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to you. Include your college/career plans.
 - Page 1 of the 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary.

- A complete W-8 or W-9 IRS form...whichever is applicable.
- Let Mrs.Coates know if you are working on this scholarship, so she can assist with mailing the required supplemental documents.

Bison Benefit Scholarship @ WCC

- The Bison Benefit scholarship provides four semesters of free tuition (not covered by financial aid) benefiting Career and College Promise (CCP) students who attend Wayne Community College upon graduating from high school.
- ELIGIBILITY
 - Graduate from high school – public, private, charter, or homeschool with a GPA of 2.8+
 - Complete 12 CCP credits at WCC while enrolled in high school (2026 and after graduates)
 - Enroll as a full-time student the following fall semester after high school graduation
- Applicants must first submit the FAFSA to ensure they are not eligible for federal or state aid before WCC can award the Bison Benefit Scholarship.
- The application window is in March of each year; stay tuned for more details!

Tracey Davis Memorial Scholarship

- Designed to support female college-bound students who demonstrate leadership, resilience, and a passion for community service.
- Award Amount: \$500 (2 Winners)
- Eligibility: female seniors planning to attend Wayne Community College with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Deadline: April 25, 2026
- Apply online: <https://bold.org/scholarships/tracey-davis-memorial-scholarship/>

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- The FAFSA is used by colleges/universities across the United States to determine eligibility for federal and state aid for students going to college.
- Current seniors need to complete the 2026-27 FAFSA since they will be entering college in the 2026-27 school year. This newest version of the FAFSA will open October 1st for completion at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- It is highly recommended that all seniors complete the FAFSA to be considered for federal and state aid to help pay for college. This includes the Pell Grant, the NC Education Lottery Scholarship, the Next NC Scholarship, other need-based grants, work-study programs, and loans!
- Seniors will need their parents' help to complete the FAFSA because it is based on household income; some questions will be about the student's finances and some will be about the parents' finances.
- Each senior and ONE parent needs to apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) Identification so that the student's FAFSA can be signed electronically by both the student and the parent. If you have not yet obtained your FSA ID, visit <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Next NC Scholarship

- The *Next NC Scholarship* is a financial aid program that helps most North Carolinians from households making \$80,000 or less pursue higher education by fully covering tuition and fees at any community college or more than half, if not all, of tuition and fees to attend any public university in the state.
- Students attending a community college will receive at least **\$3,000**. That's more than the cost of full-time tuition, which means qualifying North Carolinians can choose from any of the [58 community colleges](#) across the state and have all of their tuition and fees 100% covered.
- Those attending a public university in North Carolina will get a minimum of **\$5,000**. That pays for more than half, if not all, of tuition and fees at any of the [16 public universities](#) in the state.
- Applying is simple. Just submit the FAFSA form by the priority deadline for the college you plan to attend. If you're eligible, you'll receive the *Next NC Scholarship*. There are no additional forms to fill out.
 - Deadline for UNC System is June 1
 - Deadline for NC Community College System is August 15
- To receive the *Next NC Scholarship*, you must be:
 - A North Carolina resident who is eligible for in-state tuition
 - A high school graduate (high school equivalency completers are eligible)
 - From a household with an annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$80,000 or less
 - Enrolled in an eligible undergraduate curriculum program for the 2026-27 academic year
 - Taking at least 6 credit hours per semester (part-time students will receive a partial award)
 - Meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards of the school you plan to attend

StudentScholarships.org - This website creates a monthly scholarship newsletter to which students/families can subscribe. The opportunities they advertise are generally open to students from all over the country. If you would like to subscribe to their monthly newsletter, click here: <https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters>

Scholarships.com - This website provides an ongoing list of scholarships in the order of upcoming deadlines. In addition, students can create an account for this database to match their profile with specific scholarship criteria. Click here to learn more: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/school-year/high-school-senior>

GoingMerry.com – This platform helps students understand college costs and then pay for them, via scholarships and financial aid. They help scholarship providers manage and accept applications online and find the worthiest recipients. Students can streamline their scholarship search through the matching features of their profile and apply for bundled scholarships with one application. Click here to learn more: <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

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