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We will be getting started shortly.

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Scholarships 101

WGU New Student Scholarships
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New Student Scholarships

• Four types of scholarships
  • General WGU
  • Program Specific
  • Partner
  • State Specific
    • WA, TX, IN, MO, TN

• Routinely Changing

• Can apply from 60 before to 60 days after start date
WGU Scholarship Website

WGU Scholarships

A scholarship can make your degree even more affordable.

Request Info

LOOKING FOR MORE ABOUT TUITION & FEES?

TUITION AND FEES

FINANCIAL AID

- Applying for Financial Aid
- More about Financial Aid
- Your Financial Obligations

SCHOLARSHIPS

Great news! Through the generosity of numerous corporations and foundations, plus special federal government appropriations, WGU maintains a robust program of scholarships made available to qualified students.

Scholarships are one of the many ways in which WGU removes obstacles from your path to achieving your education goals and improving your career opportunities. It’s part of our investment in the future of our students.

Current Scholarship Offerings (for new students)

The following scholarships are available for new WGU students, depending upon specific eligibility requirements for the particular scholarship. Students are eligible to apply for these scholarships during the enrollment process and up to 60 days after starting a degree program.

In addition to the scholarships on this page there are a limited number of scholarships, not described on this page, available only to current students.
How to Apply

Click on the Yellow Bar at the bottom of the specific scholarship page

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2015

APPLY NOW FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

or

WGU Scholarship Application Website:
https://wgu.academicworks.com
Completing the Scholarship Application

What will I need?:

- An hour of uninterrupted time
- Solid idea of which scholarships you want to apply for
- Student portal username/password
- AGI & # in household for most recent tax year
- Updated resume (optional, but helpful)
- Potential reference name and email address for LOR (optional)
- Employment and/or military verification (if applicable)

*HINT: Look at the main scholarship website first to determine which scholarships are applicable to you and their requirements

A WGU Scholarships Representative can assist you with any questions
Completing the Scholarship Application

**Step 1:** Sign in using student portal username/password

**Step 2:** Complete & submit the General Application

**Step 3:** Visit the “Opportunities” tab to apply for specific scholarships

**Step 4:** Wait for an email from the Scholarship team
After Applying

1. Import application within 1-2 business days

2. Send email reminder to apply for specific scholarships. Must be done within five business days

3. Once admission decision is requested, students are provisionally reviewed to determine if they will be given an interview

4. After the interview, student will be contacted via email with review committees decision in approximately two weeks
Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Quality of Application
- Transcripts in & evaluated
  - Past GPA
  - Number of Transferable CUs
- AGI & Number in Household
- Related Experience
- Any extra documentation (proof of employment, LOR, etc.)
After Being Awarded

• Start your program within 60 days of being awarded

• Agree to the Scholarship Terms & Conditions in the Financial Aid tab of the Student Portal

• Scholarship money will post to your account on the 15th of their first month

• Must meet OTP EVERY TERM in order for scholarship to renew
FAQs

How many students will be awarded?
Check the website!

How may WGU scholarships am I allowed to have?
One

How long does it take to hear back if I am awarded?
3-4 weeks, if allowed to progress through entire process

When will my scholarship post?
15th of your first month.

Does the scholarship come directly to me the student?
No. Scholarship funds are credited towards the cost of tuition fees and other expenses first.
External Scholarships

- Not managed by WGU
- Work with the bursar to apply it (third party payment)
- All questions go to scholarship provider directly
Applying for External Scholarships

• Narrow your search by:
  – Looking in your own community first (chamber of commerce, nonprofits, etc.)
  – Find a distinguishing factor about yourself

• DO NOT give your social security number out

• NEVER PAY to apply for a scholarship

• Use search tools like fastweb.com or zinch.com
  – Be careful! Only apply through reputable organizations
Scholarship Office Hours

8:30 am MDT – 5:00 pm MDT
1-877-435-7948, ext. 3125
or visit: www.wgu.edu/scholarships
Questions?

Call 1-866-225-5948 or visit http://www.wgu.edu/finaidwebinar to learn more.