UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Search and apply (https://wcupa.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=859) for institutional scholarships by visiting our application website.

A. von Humboldt Foreign Language Scholarship
This fund was established in honor of the German naturalist Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859), preeminent scholar of his time, who explored much of Latin America collecting and cataloging the flora of the New World and is considered the founder of plant geography. Will support a third or fourth-year student majoring in Foreign Language with a GPA of 3.0+ who intends to pursue graduate study or is enrolled in a study abroad program.

Agnes Montemuro Interboro HS
Will support Interboro High School graduates who matriculate to West Chester University

Alan Fallick Cello Scholarship
Will support a School of Music Cello Major.

Alan France Memorial Writing Scholarship
Will be awarded to the author of the best essay exploring relationships among language, thought, and culture.

Alfred Roberts Scholarship
This fund was established in honor of Dr. Alfred D. Roberts, professor of foreign languages at West Chester University from 1959 through 1988. He founded the Department of Foreign Languages and the Junior Year Abroad program at West Chester, and served as the president of the Faculty Senate. Will support an outstanding student in the study of foreign language.

Ali Naggar Excellence in Managerial Accounting
Will support a student who has obtained at least Junior standing, is majoring in Accounting, has a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and has obtained a B+ or greater in Accounting 303. This scholarship is non-renewable.

Alice Conway Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to one student annually. It supports a non-traditional student with dependents under the age of 18 years. Student must demonstrate financial need.

Alta M. Ketner ’42 Scholarship
Will support a deserving student in the School of Music

Alumni - Mary Anderson Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) meritorious academic achievement; (2) demonstrated financial need; (3) involvement with campus activities; (4) completion of at least 32 credits at the time of application.

Alumni - Michael R. Horrocks ’85 Scholarship
This Alumni Association scholarship has been named in memory of the former Golden Ram quarterback who died in the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York. The criteria for selection are: meritorious academic achievement, demonstrated financial need, involvement with campus activities, at least 32 completed credits at the time of application.

Ann Johns Memorial Scholarship
Will support a non-traditional female student with financial need who is returning to complete a degree.

Anna Kisthardt Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year student or transfer student who, preferably graduated from Hazleton High School with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and who has demonstrated financial need. A graduate from any of Luzerne County high school will be eligible when a Hazleton High School graduate does not qualify.

Anne Schaub Memorial Scholarship
Will support a second semester Women’s Health and Physical Education major with demonstrated financial need, a GPA of 3.0, leadership potential, participation in department and professional activities, and membership in major clubs.

Anne E. Sell Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Will support fourth-year Nursing students with demonstrated scholastic ability and financial need.

Arthur E. Jones Scholarship
Talent in the choral conducting area is the consideration for this annual award to a music student in remembrance of Dr. Arthur E. Jones, former chair of choral music. To be eligible, a student must be a junior who has completed a course in choral conducting. A 2.0 overall GPA and a 2.5 music GPA are required. The Department of Applied Music selects the recipient.

Baker Family LGBTQA Scholarships
Given to a student who has served as an LGBTQA Ally, has advocated for the LGBTQA community, or has contributed to research or teaching about the importance of LGBTQA Allies. This student must be an active member of his or her student community and an exemplary role model for equality among their peers.

*Barbara Jo Heck Brown ’49 Elementary Education Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support an incoming freshman majoring in Elementary Education with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and evidence of school, religious, and community activities.

Barbara Leighton Karas ’65 Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship to be awarded to an undergraduate student enrolled in the Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification program in the Dept. of Kinesiology. Must be at least a junior, have a GPA of 3.0 and a record of service and excellent performance in several areas at the University.

Barabara J. Lappano ’67, M’73 Dance Scholarship
This scholarship supports a full-time dance minor student. Contact the Department of Theatre and Dance for more information.

Bayard Rustin LBGT Book Scholarship
Given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to diversity, civility, and the inclusion/advocacy of LGBTQA concerns in their curricular and/or co-curricular lives.

Beale Family Endowed Music Scholarship
Will entice or retain select undergraduate music students where skills or instruments would otherwise be missing.

Benda Scholarship
Will support a deserving student majoring in education with highest GPA.

Benjamin Faber Scholarship
Will support a student majoring in Mathematics or Physics.
Benzing Family Scholarship
Will support an outstanding fourth-year student majoring in Finance, who has outstanding academic performance.

Bessie Grubb Graphic Arts Scholarship
Will support a third-year Graphic Design or Photography major with a GPA of 3.0+.

Blanche Peterson Scholarship
Will benefit a piano or organ student with financial need. Preference will be given to students from Woodstown High School in New Jersey or other New Jersey student.

*Board of Governors Scholarship
Merit-based renewable scholarship available to incoming freshmen who are residents of Pennsylvania, by invitation only. A limited number of awards are also available to current students by application.

*Bonnie Claire Bruno Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support an incoming freshman with a major in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics. Candidates must be a female Pennsylvania resident, with demonstrated financial need.

Bonnie Evans Feinberg Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year student with financial need from a multiple-sibling family, who has a high school GPA of at least 3.0.

Brad Taylor Scholarship
Will be awarded to an undergraduate student majoring in Athletic Training, who has a GPA of at least 3.0, exhibits clinical competence, demonstrates an interest in teaching and team leadership, and makes a contribution to the Athletic Training Club, Sports Medicine Department and/or College of Health Sciences.

Braidotti-Lombardi Award Scholarship
This award is to be given to a graduating senior with preference for the best student in Italian or Spanish; or the most outstanding student in a foreign language. The goal of the award is to encourage the student to travel after graduation.

Brandywine Health Foundation Scholarship Fund
Funds will be used for various Nursing Scholarships handled by the Brandywine Health Foundation.

Carlos R. Ziegler Scholarship in Childhood Studies
Will support a third-year Early and Middle Grades Education major with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has demonstrated leadership and shows potential as a teacher. Application also requires a letter of recommendation from a professor.

*Carmello Gangemi Scholarship
By invitation only. Recipient must demonstrate strong academic performance, community involvement and financial need.

Carol A. Branca Scholarship
Will support a third-year student with a GPA of 3.5+ majoring in Communication Studies.

Carole Redding Murray Scholarship
Will support an incoming student with financial need majoring in Education. Preference is given to students from Little Flower High School in Philadelphia, regardless of major.

Carolyn Keefe Scholarship
The Carolyn Keefe Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Carolyn Keefe, professor emerita of communications studies, former longtime professor of speech communication, and a director of forensics at WCU. Will support a student with demonstrated financial need, 32 completed credits, meritorious academic achievement and involvement in campus activities.

Cassandra Kahn Memorial Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate nursing major who has successfully completed NSG/NSL 212, is continuing on to NSG/NSL 311 and has a minimum GPA of 3.0+.

Cavalcade of Bands Scholarship
To support Incoming freshmen who are members of the WCU Marching Band and who were senior students of a high school band that is a member of the Cavalcade of Bands Association. Required to participate in Marching Band in the fall.

College of Business and Public Management Dean's Scholarships
Will support a CBPM who is participating in any CBPM or WCU sponsored International opportunity. Applicants participating in CBPM sponsored international activities will receive preference.

Celia C. Esplugas Hispanic or Minority Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth year Hispanic student majoring in any language, with at least a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA and 3.25 GPA in major or minor. In the absence of a qualified Hispanic student, the scholarship will be awarded to a deserving minority student of any ethnic group majoring in a foreign language. If no major meets the stipulated GPA requirements, the scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a foreign language minor and who meets the requirements.

Charles and Margherita Gangemi Scholarship - Keyboard
Will support an incoming student in the School of Music majoring in piano, theory and/or composition.

Charlotte E. King Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established by N. Ruth Reed in memory of Dr. Charlotte E. King, former University professor and first chair of the Elementary Education Department. Will support a student majoring in Early and Middle Grades Education.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth-year, non-traditional (age 25 and above) woman with demonstrated financial need. A current FAFSA must be on file.

Cherry Memorial Merit Scholarship
Will support commuting, second-year Education majors with a minimum GPA of 3.0

Chester County Chapter Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) a Chester County (PA) High school graduate entering his/her first semester at West Chester University; (2) financial need; (3) GPA of 3.0 or greater; (4) good character; (5) leadership qualities.

Chester County Chapter WCUAA Scholarship in Memory of Johanna K. Havlick '27
The criteria for selection are: (1) the student must have documented financial need; (2) must have completed at least 2 semesters at West Chester University; (3) must be an education major; (4) must have a GPA of at least 3.0.
Chester County Latino Luncheon Scholarship
Awarded by the Latino Luncheon committee to an incoming Latino student who resides in Chester County and graduated from a Chester County High School with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and demonstrated financial need.

Chief Robert and Vera Valyo Scholarship
Established in 1992 to honor former Chief of Police of Willistown Township, Chief Robert M. Valyo. The scholarship will be awarded to a criminal justice major in his or her junior or senior year.

Clara Bruno Elementary Education Scholarship
Will support an incoming student majoring in Elementary Education with financial need who is a Pennsylvania resident.

Clarence Schock Foundation Scholarship
Awarded to first-time entering freshmen whose legal residences are within the following areas and provided the students are or will be graduates of a secondary school in the same areas: Adams, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, or York Counties in Pennsylvania. A first-year student whose legal residence is outside the counties listed above may be considered for a Schock Foundation Scholarship provided the student is or will be a graduate of one of the following secondary schools: Shippensburg, Boyertown, Spring-Ford, or Williams Valley in Pennsylvania. In choosing recipients and alternates the selection committee will consider: results attained in college entrance tests; success attained in high school courses; difficulty of high school courses completed; personal qualifications rated by high school officials; quality of extra curricular activities; and leadership traits. Applicants must include a statement explaining financial need as a part of the application process.

Class of 1920 Memorial Scholarship
This fund was established by the Class of 1920 through a gift on the occasion of the class’s 65th reunion. The criteria for selection are: (1) the student must have completed one academic year of study at WCU or be a freshman who graduated within the top percentile of his or her high school class; (2) demonstrated financial need; (3) demonstrated leadership qualities and; (4) academic achievement.

Class of 1927 - Tigani Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate Reading minor with at least nine credits completed or one semester remaining and an overall GPA of 3.0+ and a GPA of 3.5+ in Reading.

Class of 1937 Scholarship
This scholarship fund was established by the Class of 1937 as a golden anniversary gift to West Chester University on the 50th reunion of the class. Will support an incoming, first-year student based on scholarship, leadership, character, and with demonstrated financial need.

Class of 1938 Scholarship
This fund was established by the Class of 1938 as a Golden Anniversary Gift to the University at the 50th reunion of the class. The criteria for selection are: (1) Student must have successfully completed two semesters; (2) demonstrated financial need; (3) evidence of leadership qualities.

Class of 1942 Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) Student must have successfully completed two semesters with a 3.0 GPA and be an education major; (2) community volunteer involvement; (3) documented financial need.

Class of 1943 Math Scholarship
This scholarship was initiated by two Class of 1943 members to improve the teaching of math on the middle school and secondary levels. Will support an undergraduate student majoring in Mathematics who intends to teach math upon graduation.

*Class of 1943 Teacher Education Scholarship
The Class of 1943 of West Chester State Teachers College established this scholarship on the occasion of its 60th reunion held May 3, 2003. By invitation only. Will support an incoming freshman with high academic performance who is majoring in Education.

Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship for Music Education
Will support a third or fourth year Music Education student.

Class of 1948 Scholarship
The Class of 1948 initiated this scholarship as a gift in celebration of its 50th reunion. The criteria for selection are: (1) junior class standing who has a 3.0 GPA and be an education major; (2) campus activities (3) documented financial need.

Class of 1951 Scholarship
The Class of ’51 established this scholarship as a gift in celebration of its 50th reunion in May 2001. The criteria for selection are (1) documented financial need; (2) U.S. citizenship (3) a resident of Pennsylvania; (4) a full-time student at WCU; (5) majoring in education; (6) participation in extra-curricular or community activities or employment; and (7) a GPA greater than 3.0.

Class of 1954 Endowed Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) completion of two full semesters at West Chester University and be an undergraduate education major; (2) a minimum 3.0 GPA and (3) documented financial need.

Class of 1957 Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year undergraduate student with exemplary achievement in mathematics, science, or English.

Class of 1959 Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student with demonstrated financial need.

Class of 1963 Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student with demonstrated financial need who has a HS GPA of 3.0 or greater

*Class of ’67 Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support an incoming first-year student.

Class of 2006 Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) Student must have successfully completed two semesters with a 3.0 GPA; (2) campus and community involvement

Clifford DeBaptiste Scholarship
Named in honor of Clifford DeBaptiste, former mayor of the Borough of West Chester, community leader, and local businessman. Will support a student with high academic achievement majoring in bicultural and bilingual Social Work and has a demonstrated commitment to community and at-risk diverse populations.

*Clifford H. Harding Scholarship - Arts & Sciences
By invitation only. This scholarship was established by a bequest from Dr. Clifford H. Harding, former professor of history and chair of the Department of Political Science. Will support an incoming, first-year student majoring in: a program of study in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of the Sciences and Mathematics, including secondary education.
*Clifford H. Harding Scholarship - Business & Public Management
By invitation only. This scholarship was established by a bequest from Dr. Clifford H. Harding, former professor of history and chair of the Department of Political Science. Restricted to students majoring in a program of study within the College of Business and Public Management.

Clyde Galbraith Excellence in Financial Accounting
Will support a student, who has obtained at least Junior standing, is majoring in Accounting, has a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and has obtained a B+ or greater in Accounting 301 or 302. This scholarship will be non-renewable.

Col. Edward E. Beda ’37 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) documented financial need; (2) full-time; (3) matriculating, second-year or more student.

College of Education and Social Work Dean’s Scholarship
This scholarship supports a deserving undergraduate education major with outstanding scholarship and potential to be a teacher.

Colonial Business Study Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student in the College of Business and Public Management, with financial need. Preference given to Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School graduate; if not, any Montgomery County student enrolled in the School of Business and Public Management.

Computer Science Scholarship
Will support a student majoring in Computer Science with high academic achievement.

*Connelly Foundation Scholarship
By invitation only. The Connelly Foundation, established in 1955 by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Connelly (deceased), provided the funds for this endowed scholarship. Recipient must be an outstanding graduate of a Catholic high school in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery counties.

Connie Murray Scholarship - Piano
The Main Line Music Teachers established this award in memory of Connie Murray, one of their members, who championed the cause of private music teachers. Will support an undergraduate or graduate Piano Pedagogy major preparing to teach piano.

Creative Financial Group Entrepreneurial Scholarship
This program is designed to help entrepreneurial-minded individuals looking to pursue careers in the financial services industry. It was established by Gary Daniels, co-founder of the Creative Financial Group and an alumnus of West Chester University. Two $5,000 scholarships will be awarded to help defray the costs of education. The program offers not only a financial reward, but also a great opportunity for any student looking for an introduction to a preeminent firm within the financial services industry.
 Applicants must be: 1) studying a discipline within the School of Business; 2) an undergraduate student entering his/her junior or senior year or a graduate student within the last two semesters of his/her program; and 3) in good academic standing.

David Konitzer Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship honors the memory of David S. Konitzer, a West Chester University senior who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Will support a second, third or fourth-year Kinesiology major with a GPA of 2.5+ with demonstrated financial need who enjoys working with children and shows athletic ability.

Deb Dreisbach Scholarship
Will support a female student, who has obtained at least Sophomore standing, is majoring in Criminal Justice, and who has a minimum 3.5 GPA. Financial need will not be a factor.

Debra Ford Marketing Scholarship
Inter-Media Marketing and American Telecast Corporation established this scholarship in memory of Debra Pollard Ford ’76, an educator who later served as the director of training and development at Inter-Media Marketing. Marketing Juniors and Seniors in good standing within the College of Business and Public Management and who meet the minimum eligibility requirements for a summer internship as of January: officially matriculated into the Marketing Major, completed MKT-325 with a “C” or better, 2.50 Cumulative GPA.

Department of Kinesiology (H&PE)
Will support a third or fourth-year student from the College of Health Sciences with a GPA of 3.0+, demonstrated financial need and evidence of community involvement and citizenship.

Donald Rittenhouse Scholarship
Will support a student in the School of Music.

Doris Rosencranz Marshall Education Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate Secondary Education student with high academic achievement who is seeking certification as a Secondary Education English teacher.

Dorothy Canniff Scholarship
Will support a full-time student with demonstrated financial need.

Dorothy M. Cheri Memorial Scholarship
Must be a second or third year woman student. A minimum GPA of 2.8 is required. Open to all majors. Student must be in good standing with the University and students must demonstrate service on WCU’s campus and/or in her community.

Dorothy Given Miller ’19 and Frank William Miller ’20 Scholarship
This scholarship was established by Dorothy Given Miller ’19 and Frank William Miller ’20. The criteria for selection are: (1) student must have completed one full year at West Chester University; (2) demonstrated academic achievement; (3) leadership; (4) strength of character; (5) demonstrated financial need.

Douglas M. Weiss Athletic Training Scholarship
Will support a third-year student majoring in the Athletic Training education program. Preference will be given to those assigned to clinical assignment at Swarthmore College.

Dr. A. Shamseddine Scholarship
In memory of Dr. Ahmad H. Shamseddine, associate professor of economics, who died in 1971. Will support a Senior majoring in Economics.

Dr. & Mrs. Albert Filano Scholarship
Dr. Filano served the University for more than 35 years as a mathematics professor, department chair, division director, academic vice president, interim president, and advisor to the Newman Center.
The scholarship fund was established as part of the naming of Filano Hall, dedicated on August 19, 2000, the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. Albert E. and Mary Rita Filano. Will support an incoming, first-year student majoring in Mathematics.

**Dr. Charles Mayo Scholarship**

This award is made annually in memory of Dr. Charles Mayo, a political scientist, who was president of West Chester University from 1974 until 1982. Will support an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in Political Science with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25+ and graduate GPA of 3.5. Undergraduates must have completed 30 credits, including at least 9 credits in political science. Graduates must have completed at least 12 credits of graduate work.

**Dr. & Mrs. Charles S. Swope Memorial Scholarship**

A Memorial Scholarship Trust Foundation established by Charles E. Swope and Richard M. Swope in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Swope. Dr. Swope served as president of West Chester University for a quarter of a century. Will support both graduate (9 credits completed and a WCU Alum) and undergraduate students must have at least 45 credits earned at WCU prior to the application. Minimum GPA is 3.5. Application and letters of reference required. Applicant must be U.S. citizen and have permanent residence in the U.S.

**Dr. R. E. Drayer Undergraduate Partial Scholarship**

Department of History awards, based on merit, up to 5 $2,000 scholarships to returning junior or senior history majors.

**Edith Harmon Parker ’33 - Black Alumni Caucus Endowed Scholarship**

The criteria for selection are: (1) student must be majoring in a discipline related to human relations, communications and psychology; (2) good academic standing; (3) preference given to African Americans.

**Edward Jr. and Vivianne Mae Martz ’Hilbush Endowed Scholarship**

Will support an incoming student from Shamokin High School with demonstrated financial need.

**Edward Stuart Science Education Scholarship**

Will support a third or fourth-year Secondary Education Science Education major who exhibits excellent potential and performance and is committed to excellence in education.

**Elizabeth Cooper Walls Gibson ’41 Scholarship**

As the first African-American woman to be appointed principal in the Coatesville Area School District, Elizabeth Gibson’s last project was to find ways to increase the presence of African-American teachers and administrators in the Octorara Area School District. This scholarship will support an incoming, first-year, African American student from any Chester County high school. Student must have demonstrated financial need and plan to pursue a degree in Education. This scholarship may be renewed.

**Elizabeth S. Tyson Memorial Scholarship**

Award given to an outstanding student in the department of Communicative Disorders, who is enrolled in the Pre-Graduate Certification Program (PGCP).

**Elva Boyer Chamberlain Scholarship**

Will support an undergraduate student majoring in Education with demonstrated financial need. The current FAFSA must be on file with the Financial Aid Office.

**English Department Faculty Scholarship**

This scholarship supports an incoming full-time student majoring in English. A 5-page writing sample is required (critical writing on any topic; no poetry or fiction).

**Eric Dellecker Scholarship**

Will support a Pre-Med student who exemplifies the best characteristics of a physician.

**Evelyn Haldeman Scholarship**

By invitation only. Preference given to candidates with demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, and good citizenship.

**Everett Shaefker Scholarship**

Established by R. Elizabeth Wyers Shaefker ’44 in memory of her husband, this scholarship will support a second-year Music major with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a 2.5 GPA in music courses.

**Farilla Elizabeth McKinnon Book Award**

Will support a second-year Early and Middle Grades Education major with a minimum GPA of 3.0. A preference will be given to students of African American descent who are residents of New Jersey.

**Frank Beardsley ’38 New Jersey Chapter Scholarship**

The criteria for selection are: (1) Only residents of the state of New Jersey are eligible; (2) completion of at least two semesters at West Chester University; (3) at least a 3.0 GPA.

**Frank Cheesman Vocal/Coral Scholarship**

Will support a vocal-choral student.

**Freshman String Scholarship**

Will support a student in the School of Music majoring in String on the basis of performance and potential.

**Friar’s Society Alumni Scholarship**

Will support an undergraduate student member of the Friar’s Society.

**Fritz K. Krueger Voice Scholarship**

Will support an incoming, first-year student from the School of Music with vocal promise and high academic performance.

**Garnet Valley School District Scholarship**

Will support a Garnet Valley High School graduating student majoring in Education with demonstrated financial need and community involvement.

**George and Susan Boyer Scholarship - Organ**

Will support an incoming student in the School of Music majoring in Organ.

**Geraldine Ruth Daley Anderson ’34 Endowed Scholarship**

The criteria for selection are: (1) an undergraduate studying health sciences; (2) completion of 32 credit hours at West Chester University or a freshman who has graduated in the top 20 percent of his or her high school class (high school transcript required); (3) documented financial need; (4) demonstrated leadership qualities; (5) academic achievement will be considered; (6) athletic accomplishment may also be considered; (7) preference will be given to a student majoring in health sciences living in Luzerne, Lackawanna or Wyoming counties in PA.
Gerry Plescia Foundation Scholarship
The Gerry Plescia scholarship will support a business major entering into their final spring semester here at WCU who has a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Gloria Casarez Leadership Scholarship
To provide funding to support the education, life and development of students at WCU who are leaders or have shown leadership in the Latino/Latina Community through involvement with the LASSO student club, or its progeny.

Helen Williams Hodgson '19 & Benjamin Williams Hodgson Scholarship
Suzanne Hodgson Gottling started this scholarship in memory of her mother and in honor of her brother; both children followed Helen Williams Hodgson into the teaching profession. This scholarship will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Education with demonstrated financial need.

Helen Tapper Ivins Scholarship
The Helen Tapper Ivins ’35 Endowed Scholarship was established by Mrs. Ivins' sister, Marie Tapper Lewis ’32, and her son, C. Stephen Lewis, in memory of Helen Tapper Ivins, a member of the West Chester University History/Social Studies Department who also served on one of the school’s first scholarship committees. Will support a second, third or fourth-year undergraduate student preparing to teach History/Social Studies, who has demonstrated financial need and is from a multiple-sibling family.

Helen Keaton Vickers ’33 Memorial Scholarship
Will support an Elementary Education student. Preference given to Bensalem High School graduates.

Herbert T. Lee ’59 Alumni Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) The student earned at least 30 credits at a previous institution(s); (2) accepted no later than May 1; (3) full-time and documented financial need; (4) at least a 3.0 GPA; (5) must submit official transcript(s) from all previous institutions attended.

Hillary H. Parry Scholarship
Will support a third-year School of Music voice major from any music degree program. Awarded through competition to a person who has not passed his or her 25th birthday.

Honorable Roy Reinard Political Science Scholarship
Must be a second year, second semester student of need, majoring in Political Science with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

The J. Peter Adler Award
Will support an incoming first-year student with outstanding academic and creative potential. Applicants will present either an audition or a portfolio, which is reviewed by the Department of Theatre Arts faculty.

Jack Hawthorne Endowment for Art
Made possible by Jack Hawthorne, this scholarship will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Art.

Jacobs Music Company Steinway Award
Awarded to a senior Piano major chosen by the Piano faculty.

James McErlane Scholarship
Will support students with evidence of high academic performance, demonstrated financial need and purpose of studying abroad. The scholarship was established in honor of James E. McErlane, Esq. by his friends in the Chester County community.

James Wells Marching Band Scholarship
Named in honor of Dr. James R. Wells, professor of music education and the director of the WCU Marching Band, this scholarship will support students interested in participating in the WCU Marching Band.

Jana Nestlerode Practicum Scholarship
Applicant should have a 3.25 GPA or better; financial need; have a C or better in (or current enrollment in) CRJ 300 and CRJ 387, the prerequisites for CRJ 490. Award will be made upon confirming C or better grade in courses mentioned above by end of May in the year in which this award is made, and enrolled in CRJ 490 in Summer I and Summer II.

Jane E. Sheppard Vocal/Choral Scholarship
This award was established in honor of Jane E. Sheppard upon her retirement in May 1987 after 34 years of service in the Department of Vocal and Choral Music. Will support an outstanding, fourth-year Voice major from the School of Music with eight semesters in credit choral organization which must include four semesters of membership in the Chamber Choir, who has a overall GPA of 2.5+ and a music GPA of 3.0+. 

Jane Swan Scholarship
Will support a full-time, third or fourth-year, non-traditional, female student who is enrolled in a degree program, completing an interrupted education and is 24 years or older.

Janet L. Wallace Education Scholarship
Will support an Early and Middle Grades Education major or a Counselor Education major, with preference given to students from Lancaster County.

Janice Weir Etshied '50 Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students
The criteria for selection are: (1) The student must have completed at least 30 credits; (2) must be accepted or currently enrolled at WCU; (3) must submit official transcript(s) from previous institutions; (4) preference will be given to students age 25 and older.

Jeff Cameron Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth-year student with GPA of 2.5+ and facing physical adversity.

Jesse Silvano Scholarship
The Jesse V. Silvano Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Jesse V. Silvano and will support a junior or senior student with preference given to students majoring in Criminal Justice with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who is goal-oriented, committed to completing degree and an active member of the University community.

John Gontar 1932 Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth-year student majoring in Secondary Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference given to graduate of Morrisville H.S., Morrisville, PA.

John Gutschler Music Education Scholarship
This award, presented for the first time in 1988, is based on music student teaching excellence, academic excellence, and financial need. The award was established by the family of John Gutschler, a former music faculty member. Recipient must possess enthusiasm for teaching music, musical ability, academic proficiency, and financial need.
John Holingjak and Kathleen Wheeler Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate Education major with demonstrated financial need and/or who is most deserving. The current FAFSA must be on file with the Financial Aid Office.

John F. Hopkins Literary Scholarship
Will Support a graduating student who has prepared a portfolio of short stories which exhibit imagination, artistic merit, high literary quality, growth in content and commitment within the portfolio.

John T. Coates Horn Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 1987 as a memorial to John T. Coates by his wife and daughters. Will support a talented incoming first-year student from the School of Music majoring in French Horn.

John and Louise Shea Prize in International Relations
The recipient shall be an outstanding end of first semester senior undergraduate in international relations in the Political Science Department. Criteria shall include course work, participation in activities such as the EU simulation and other activities. If no suitable candidate is identified, the award may be skipped for that year.

Joy Van Dever Scholarship
Established by the friends of Joy Vandever upon her retirement from the West Chester University faculty, this scholarship will support a Music major who finishes among the top 50 percent in the Parry Junior year voice competition. Recipient must have completed all required first and second-year theory, aurals and music history courses and have the highest GPA in these courses.

Justin Corby Scholarship
Will support a student with demonstrated financial need. Strong community involvement and volunteer service is required.

Karl Helicher Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) meritorious academic achievement; (2) demonstrated financial need; (3) campus activities; (4) completion of a least 32 credits at WCU.

Keefe Forensic Scholarship
Will support a second, third, or fourth-year participate on the WCU Forensics Team with a GPA of 3.0 and is a member of the Pi Kappa Delta.

*Kendall Paris Davis Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support an incoming full-time female freshman who is a resident of Delaware and has deep academic desire.

Latino American Student Organization (LASO) Scholarship
Will support incoming, first-year Hispanic students.

Laury S. Brokenshire Scholarship
Awarded to an outstanding male third year student.

Leah Gallagher Riddle Scholarship
This scholarship was established as a memorial to alumna Leah Gallagher Riddle ’41 by her family and friends. Will support a fourth-year student majoring in Early and Middle Grades Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who shows the greatest promise of classroom teaching.

Lenore Alt Excellence in Leadership Award
Will support a third-year, female Music major with a GPA of 3.25+ and must have completed all theory and history of music 200 level required music courses.

*Leonard Hockensmith Memorial Scholarship
This fund was established in memory of Leonard Hockensmith ’91, a history major and Phi Kappa Sigma brother, who was active in his fraternity and campus organizations, which included being a cartoonist for the Quad. Will support a relative of an alum or a Phi Kappa Sigma brother at WCU who is active in extra-curricular activities, has a GPA of 2.6+ and is in good standing.

Leonard Laubach Scholarship
Leonard Laubach ’40 established this scholarship for music students. Will support an outstanding instrumental student in the School of Music.

Lloyd Wilkinson Scholarship
The Lloyd Wilkinson Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student who has received formal admission into the Teacher Education program (FATE) within the Department of Kinesiology. There will be special consideration for veterans and/or those with an adapted Physical Education minor.

Lois Williams Scholarship Fund
This scholarship was established by Lois Williams, the former choral conductor and vocal professor who retired in 1991 after 36 years of service to the University. Will support a third semester Concert Choir student enrolled in the School of Music with a GPA of 3.0+.

M. M. Power Scholarship
The scholarship will be awarded to a female student enrolled in a degree program in the sciences or business with demonstrated financial need. Renewable up to 4 years if GPA of 2.5+ is maintained.

*Mabel Kring Schaffer Scholarship
By invitation only. This award was established in memory of Mabel Kring Schaffer through the estate of her daughter, Nancy E. Schaffer, class of 1949. Preference given to candidates with demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, and good citizenship.

Madelyn Gutwirth Scholarship
Will support scholarships for students in the Women’s Studies program.

Margaret Gontar 1932 Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth-year student majoring in Secondary Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference given to graduate of Bristol H.S.

Marion Peters Irvin ’23 Scholarship
This scholarship was established by family members to assist an upperclass education major, committed to teaching, who has financial need.

Mark Wiener Scholarship
Will support a Secondary or Elementary Mathematics Education major with demonstrated financial need and strong academic performance.

Marketing Research Association Scholarship
Will support a fourth-year Marketing major who has demonstrated an interest in marketing research, maintained an average GPA of 3.0+, and has financial need.
*Martha Ford McIlvain '52 Scholarship
By invitation only. Established by Martha Ford '52 and Donald McIlvain, this scholarship provides annual assistance to entering freshmen of high academic promise, and is renewable through graduation provided a minimum 3.0 GPA and full-time status are maintained.

Martin N. Nguyen Scholarship
Will support a student in the School of Music who demonstrates leadership.

Mary Kreider Scholarship
The scholarship is in memory of alumna Mary E. Kreider, to be awarded to a WCU student of any standing.

Mary Anne McGinty-Hague '61 Scholarship
Preference given to an incoming freshman commuter student majoring in Special Education or if no candidates in this category, any commuter student majoring in Elementary Education. Open to incoming Freshmen; once every four years, if they stay within the curriculum and maintain a 3.0 average. First recipient to receive award fall 2014, fall 2015, fall 2016, & fall 2017; next new recipient should be awarded Fall 2018.

Mary B. Starr Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
Must be a junior or senior undergraduate nursing major, with at least 60 credits successfully completed. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and an interest in pursuing obstetrics and maternal nursing.

Mary Louise Turner Hopkins '43 Award
This award was established by John Feelye Hopkins '43 in memory of his wife Mary Louise Turner Hopkins and has been permanently endowed through his recent bequest. Will support a fourth-year student majoring in Special Education.

Matinee MCP Vocal Composition Scholarship
Will support the winner of the WCU Matinee Musical Club Vocal Competition.

Mazie Hall Scholarship
This scholarship was established in honor of Mazie B. Hall '24 who worked all of her adult life to establish better relations among individuals. Will support an incoming student with demonstrated financial need.

McCarthy Family Scholarship
Will support a student with a dual major in Special Education. Application requires an essay explaining how the student plans on using their degree to serve non-verbal special needs students.

Megan Lynn Swan Scholarship
Will support undergraduate or graduate Health Science majors, including incoming freshmen, who have demonstrated financial need.

Mewha Scholarship
Established by Dr. Pricilla Alden Mewha in memory of Dr. Alan P. Mewha and his instructors Miss Harriet Elliot and Miss Leone Broadhead, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding upper class geography major. Applicants must have completed 60+ credits, and have attended West Chester University for at least two, full-time, academic year semesters.

Michael Morochko Piano Scholarship
Will support an outstanding third-year student from the School of Music with a concentration in Piano.

Miles Hannagan and Charlotte Hannagan Memorial Scholarships
For undergraduate (sophomore, junior and seniors) nursing and chemistry and biology majors. Open to Eagles Scouts, Venturing Silver or Summit Award holders or Sea Scout Quarters. GPA for core classes will be considered.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship
Will support a non-traditional student majoring in Special Education who intends to become a certified teacher of those with mental and physical disabilities.

Miriam Gottlieb Memorial Scholarship
This award has been made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Miriam Gottlieb, who was a member of the University's Department of Keyboard Music faculty from 1946 until her retirement in 1975. Will support an incoming, first-year School of Music student majoring in Piano.

Music Education Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate Music Education major with outstanding academic achievement. Preference given to Instrumental, Choral and Conducting students.

Nancy Knauer Elementary Education Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Elementary Education with demonstrated financial need.

Nancy McIntyre Memorial Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Elementary Education with demonstrated financial need.

Nancy E. and John F. Murphy '43 Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year nursing student with demonstrated financial need.

Nelson Stratton Memorial Scholarship
Will support a third-year student majoring in Kinesiology with a GPA of 3.0+.

Norine E. and John F. Murphy '43 Scholarship
Will support an undergraduate student in Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who is currently working to pay for some of his/her education and whose ultimate goal is to pursue teaching.

Pat Croce Sports Medicine Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Sports Medicine.

Paul E. Carson Band Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year student from the School of Music majoring in band instruments.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Scholarship
An annual award in memory of S. Powell Middleton is presented by the Rho Sigma chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia men’s music fraternity. Will support an outstanding male School of Music major.

*Presidental Scholarship
By invitation only for incoming freshman who meet the merit scholarship criteria. Preference given to students with outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership, community/ volunteer involvement, and extra and co-curricular participation. Must maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher for renewal.
Przywara Minority Scholarship
Will support a minority student entering WCU with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students who have been adopted or are in Foster Care at the time of application.

R. Walter Supplee Scholarship
Will support a third year Early and Middle Grades Education major with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

*Ralph DeRubbo Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support a student with high academic performance and financial need.

Randilyn Williams Annual Scholarship
Will support a full-time, second year, female student majoring in Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrated financial need who is a resident of New Jersey. The current FAFSA must be on file with the Financial Aid Office.

Relis Brown Memorial Scholarship
Will support an outstanding fourth-year student majoring in Biology with evidence of extracurricular activities.

Robert S. Anderson Class of 1923 Scholarship
Will support an incoming student with satisfactory academic standards and financial need.

Robert M. Bedford Piano Scholarship
The Robert M. Bedford Piano Scholarship is awarded annually to up to two entering undergraduate or graduate students in their first year of enrollment at West Chester University. Students majoring in piano performance or piano are eligible to apply. This scholarship is renewable by re-application for the duration of a student’s enrollment at WCU provided that the student remains in good standing as a piano performance or piano major.

Up to two candidates will be selected by a Scholarship Committee upon review of a performance audition tape. For candidates meeting the application requirements, the basis for selection will be the faculty assessment of the student’s potential to become an effective, positive and lifelong member of the profession.

Robert M. Brown Physics Scholarship
Will support a second, third or fourth-year undergraduate student majoring in Physics whose GPA is at least 3.0.

Robert L. Carl Keyboard Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year student from the School of Music majoring in Keyboard.

Robert E. Drayer Undergraduate Book Scholarship
History Department awards up to eight $250 scholarships based on academic merit to returning sophomore, junior, or senior history majors.

Robert ’48 & Sylvia Zolden Simons ’47 Scholarship
Will support a student with demonstrated financial need.

Russell L. Sturzebecker Scholarships
In collaboration with the Sturzebecker Foundation, West Chester University offers the Russell L. Sturzebecker Scholarships to students attending West Chester University and majoring in College of Health Sciences degree programs.

1. The Russell L. Sturzebecker Scholarship program is intended for high achieving undergraduate and graduate students seeking a degree in one of the academic programs within the College of Health Sciences of West Chester University.

2. Prior to the semester of application undergraduate students must have completed at least 45 credit hours at WCU. Prior to the semester of application graduate students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at WCU, and must have been accepted as degree candidates. MPA students in sports/athletic administration and health services administration are eligible to apply.

3. Students who are seeking a second degree will be eligible as graduate students. Only those students without a previous degree will be considered as undergraduate students. Those students in non-degree programs are not eligible for this scholarship.

4. Students majoring in any College of Health Science degree program with an overall minimum 3.25 grade point average and who have met the minimum credit hour requirement in #2 above are eligible to apply.

5. Eligible students may reapply for a new scholarship each year while registered in a College of Health Sciences degree program.

Ruth Zoll Scholarship
This fund was established through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ruth Waldman Zoll ’28. Will support an incoming, first-year student from Berks County with demonstrated financial need.

S. Powell Middleton Scholarship
Will support a School of Music major with talent and achievement on an orchestral instrument plus one $500 award competition for freshmen. The award honors the former conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra who died in 1970.

Samuel R. Cosby Jr. Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student majoring in Music with a concentration in Vocal Performance who is from William Penn High School or Bodine Magnet School in Philadelphia.

Samuel Martin Endowed Scholarship
Will support an Education major with demonstrated financial need with a proven ability for classroom teaching.

Sandra A. Atkins Memorial Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year music student at West Chester University who is a graduate of Overbrook High School.

Sensenig Scholarship
Will support a third-year Math Education major in good standing.

Shirley Umlauf White Award
Consists of two awards – one for the student with the highest grade for a fall or spring semester in Botany, and one for the student with the highest grade for a fall or spring semester in Zoology.

Staley Foreign Language Scholarship
Established in memory of Dr. Ethel M. Staley, who taught French at West Chester from 1930 to 1952, this scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding undergraduate or graduate French major.

Teacher with a Mission Scholarship
Will provide financial support to an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate Education student pursuing a career in teaching in an urban setting or in the field of environmental education with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Theodora Pandel Piano Scholarship
Will support an incoming, first-year School of Music student majoring in Piano.
Theology & Natural Science Scholarship
Award given to a student who has made a notable contribution that examines the connection between science and religion.

Thomas Brady Memorial Scholarship
Will support a third or fourth year student interested in pursuing a law degree with a GPA of 3.0+, demonstrated financial need and evidence of extracurricular activities.

Thomas and Margery Hickman WWII Memorial Scholarship
Will support an incoming first-year student who is a descendant of a veteran of WWII who attended West Chester State Teacher’s College.

*Vera A. Kenny and Clarence McKelvie Education Scholarship
By invitation only. Will support an incoming first year student majoring in Education.

Veterans Academic Excellence Scholarship
This award recognizes a student veteran’s academic contribution to one’s discipline on campus and off. It recognizes exemplary performance in performing research, serving as an intern and/or outstanding classroom performance. Candidates must be a full-time enrolled Student Veteran, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and demonstrate active participation in SVG and other WCU campus organizations.

Veterans Distinguished Service Scholarship
This award recognizes active leadership in engaging with campus and community organizations and acknowledges initiative and effort in rendering successful ongoing commitment to service. Candidates must be a full-time enrolled Student Veteran, be active in academic, community and philanthropic services and demonstrate active participation in SVG and other WCU campus organizations.

Veterans Service Scholarship
Must be a full-time enrolled Student Veteran with demonstrated financial need.

Vincent and Marie Skahan Scholarship
Preference given to a graduating senior from West Catholic High School, Philadelphia with an overall B average; if no eligible West Catholic High School applicant, selection will be made from graduating senior of any Philadelphia Catholic High School; renewable if recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA.

Viola B. Shay Scholarship
Viola B. Shay was the beloved aunt of Mr. Tom Gordon, who established this scholarship. Ms. Shay was a soprano who was active in the Matinee Music Club of Philadelphia for many years. This scholarship will support an incoming vocal major.

Virginia Alcorn Schall Memorial Scholarship
Recipient must be a graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem, PA. Open to either Incoming freshmen or existing WCU students. High School GPA 3.0 or higher, current WCU Students 3.0 cumulative GPA.

W. W. Smith Scholarship
The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust was established in 1977 under the will of William Wikoff Smith, an important supporter of educational opportunity in the Delaware Valley. Established through his will, the W. W. Smith Charitable Trust has carried on Smith’s work. Will support a full-time, first year freshman or transfer undergraduate student with demonstrated financial need based on the FAFSA. Must be a resident of Chester, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania OR a resident of the city of Camden, New Jersey. Application is by invitation in early summer.

WCU Student Assistance Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) Undergraduate student must have completed at least 30 credits at WCU; (2) demonstrated financial need.

WCU Veterans Scholarship
This scholarship support WCU Student Veterans who are eligible to receive education benefits under the Post 9-11 GI Bill at a percentage level of 50% or lower, or using Chapters 1606 or 1607 under the Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve or Chapter 30 under MGIB for Active Duty. Must be a full-time enrolled Student Veteran with demonstrated financial need. Dependents and spouses of military service members are not eligible.

West Chester Off-Campus Housing Scholarship
Recipients must reside in West Chester Off-Campus Housing property (specifically, an O’Connell property) and be a current student in good standing with WCU and West Chester Off-Campus Housing. The student must have a minimum of 15 credits completed, a minimum GPA of 3.0 and at least one remaining semester of coursework after the end of the fall semester. Applicants should provide information on all community service performed during the current calendar year as a part of the application process. Four $1,000 scholarships will be awarded for community service and academic achievement and one $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who has documented proof of future, current (including ROTC) or past military service.

West Chester University Alumni Association General Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) meritiorious academic achievement; (2) demonstrated financial need; (3) campus activities; (4) completion of at least 32 credits at WCU at the time of application.

William R. Johnston Memorial Scholarship
Will support a History major, with preference given to an Upper Moreland High School graduate with a 3.0 GPA. Renewable (if renewed for current recipient, this scholarship will not be available for a new recipient).

Winifield W. Menhennett Memorial Endowed Scholarship
The criteria for selection are: (1) Student must be from Delaware County; (2) demonstrated financial need.

Winifred P. Ressner Scholarship
Will support upper class students majoring in Kinesiology with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Women in Leadership and Service (WILS)
This scholarship is designed for WCU female undergraduate students who demonstrate distinguished leadership abilities on campus or in the community. Students must have completed 30 or more undergraduate credits at WCU as of the start of the spring 2017 semester. They must have one or more remaining semester(s) on campus after spring 2017 and must be in good standing with the University with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

* Students accepted to the University prior to January 15 who have demonstrated outstanding achievement will be invited to apply for these merit scholarships. Candidate selection is based on academic performance, involvement, and accomplishment, and is determined by the University Scholarship Committee.