

Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy Scholarship Bulletin – September 2018

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- **Cap and Gown Order Event and Financial Aid Night:** Save the date for Thursday, September 20th! At 5:30 pm, Herff Jones representatives will present on graduation products and take orders. At 6:30 pm, Mr. Morgan Middleton from the NC State Financial Aid office will present on the FAFSA application process.
- **Wake County College Fair:** CACRAO will host a college fair on Sunday, September 16th at the NC State McKimmon Center from 2:00 – 4:30. Over 100 colleges will be represented, and you can attend free sessions on the college application and financial aid processes. Students are invited and encouraged to preregister for the fair at www.gotocollegefairs.com.
- **WYWLA Counseling Website:** Please visit our updated counseling website at www.wywlacounselor.weebly.com for grade level resources, SAT and ACT prep information, our school profile and transcript request instructions.
- **Senior Conferences:** Mrs. di Carlo will continue to meet with seniors for their conferences for the next two weeks. If your senior has not had her conference, and you would like to attend, please send an email to kdicarlo@wcpss.net.
- **October 27th ACT Regular Registration Deadline is September 28th!** You can register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Make sure to sign up for the ACT PLUS Writing if your colleges require the writing sections!
- **October 6th SAT Registration Deadline is September 7th:** You can still register for the October SAT at www.sat.collegeboard.org.
- **NC College Application Deadlines and Open House Information:** Visit https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf for complete information on application deadlines and open house dates for all NC colleges.
- Other excellent sources of scholarship and college information include www.fastweb.com; www.cfnc.org; www.collegeboard.org; www.scholarshipplus.com/wake; www.scholarships.com; www.finaid.org; www.studentaid.ed.gov; www.studentscholarships.org and the financial aid/scholarship web pages of the individual universities in which you are interested.

New Scholarship Opportunities

A+ Higher Learning Scholarship Search: A+ Higher Learning maintains a list of scholarships that is regularly updated at http://aplushigherscores.com/listofscholarships/?mc_cid=78c44e203b&mc_eid=2d003189bf. It includes scholarship opportunities at NC colleges and universities and through NC community agencies.

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship: This is a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for students who write an essay on the dangers of texting and driving. Applications are due September 30th. You can access applications at <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship/>.

East Carolina Scholars Award: This is one of the most prestigious scholarships that ECU offers. ECU Scholars receive a full four-year scholarship and stipend to study abroad. Students wishing to be

considered for this award must first be accepted to the ECU Honors College. To be considered, students must submit their undergraduate applications by November 15th, have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.0 and/or unweighted GPA of 3.5 and minimum math/verbal SAT of 1200 (old SAT), 1270 (new SAT) or minimum ACT composite of 27. The deadline for submitting your Honors College application is December 1st. More information on the scholarship and application process can be found at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/ecscholars/prospective_application-process.cfm.

Elon University Watson and Odyssey Scholarships: This is a \$30,000-\$48,000 need-based scholarship opportunity. Students will also be eligible for up to \$4,000 in grants for global study, internships, service, research or leadership. Applications are available at <https://www.elon.edu/e/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/odyssey-scholars-program.html> and are due January 18th.

Horatio Alger Scholarship: This scholarship is valued at \$25,000, to seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree (transfer from a two year college to a four year institution is acceptable). Applicants must demonstrate financial need, have extra-curricular and community service involvement, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Application deadline is Oct. 25. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>.

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship: A minimum of 400 scholarships are given ranging in value from \$1000 - \$10,000. Applicants must demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and initiative through examples such as starting his/her own business and/or participating in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, FFA, NFTE. Students can apply at <https://usascholarships.com/category/scholarships/high-school-students/>.

NC A&T State University Cheatham-White Scholarship: This scholarship is available to high school seniors seeking admission to NC A&T State University. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 4.0 and a minimum SAT score of 1280 or minimum ACT score of 28. Applicants must show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. WYWLA can nominate 2 seniors to be applicants for this scholarship. Students may also self-nominate for this award. If you are interested in being nominated, please submit a resume to Mrs. di Carlo by October 31st. You must submit your application for admissions to A&T by December 10th. You can view more information at <http://www.ncat.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid/scholarships/cheatham-white-scholarship.html> and <https://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white/index.html>.

NC Community Foundation Scholarships: The NC Community Foundation offers a number of different scholarship and grant application opportunities. Details, deadlines and applications can be found at <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/grants-scholarships>.

NC State General H. Hugh Shelton Scholarship: This is a \$5,000 scholarship opportunity for students who demonstrate exemplary leadership and service and who will attend NC State. The first round of finalists are selected based on undergraduate admissions applications. Students must submit their applications for undergraduate admissions by the October 15th deadline and also complete the Pack Assist application at <https://ncsu.academicworks.com/> by October 15th. More information can be

found at <http://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/leadership-scholarships/about-shelton-national-leadership-scholarship/> .

NC State Park Scholarship: The NC State Park Scholarship covers full tuition, room and board, and summer opportunities for recipients. It is one of the prominent scholarships that NC State offers to students. NC State Park Scholars embody the ideals of outstanding scholarship, service and leadership. WYWLA can nominate two students for consideration for this scholarship. Interested students should complete the preliminary application found in the announcements section of Mrs. di Carlo's website (www.wywlacounselor.weebly.com). These applications are due to her by Friday, September 14th. Based on applications and transcript reviews, the WYWLA Scholarship Committee will select our two nominees. If students are not selected for the scholarship, they can also self-nominate. Details on how to self-nominate will be shared after we select our nominees. You can find more information at <http://park.ncsu.edu/> .

Omega Psi Phi Essay Contest: This is a \$1,000-\$5,000 scholarship opportunity. Students must write an essay on social justice and diversity. Applications are due October 20th. If you would like a copy of the application, please email Mrs. di Carlo at kdicarlo@wcpss.net , and I will forward you a copy.

Quest Bridge Scholarship: This national college match program offers students from low income families to be eligible for full four year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. Applicants must have a demonstrated financial need and must be a top performer in their graduating class. Application deadline is Sept. 27, 2018. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match>

Robertson Scholars: The Robertson Scholarship covers tuition for attendance at both UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University; students split their time between the two institutions. In addition to tuition, the Robertson Scholarship covers summer and extracurricular opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a Robertson Scholar, follow the directions and complete the application that can be found at www.robertsonscholars.org by November 15th.

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program: This scholarship is offered to high school seniors who are planning to major in Computer Science or Computer/Electrical Engineering. This scholarship is awarded up to the amount of \$30,000 per year, and applicants must be a US citizen with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 and SAT score of 1200 or ACT score of 25. To apply and for more information, visit: <https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html>

UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead Cain Scholarship: The Morehead Cain scholarship is the oldest merit scholarship awarded at a public university in the country, and it is one of the most prestigious scholarships available. This scholarship covers tuition, books room and board and summer opportunities for four years at UNC-Chapel Hill. Morehead Cain scholars are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, moral force of character and physical vigor. WYWLA can nominate two students for consideration for this scholarship. Applications are available at www.wywlacounselor.weebly.com . These applications are due to Mrs. di Carlo by Friday, September 14th. Based on applications and transcript review, the WYWLA Scholarship Committee will select our two nominees. If students are not selected for the scholarship, they can also self-nominate. Details on

how to self-nominate will be shared after we select our nominees. You can find more information at www.moreheadcain.org.

UNC-Chapel Hill Thomas Wolfe Scholarship: This is a scholarship for full undergraduate support at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship seeks to identify and reward students with exceptionally focused literary ability and promise. Artistic merit is the chief criterion for selection. More information and applications can be found at <https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-and-awards/the-thomas-wolfe-scholarship/>. **Applications are due Nov. 15th, and interested applicants must also apply early decision (Oct. 15th) to UNC-Chapel Hill.**

UNC-Charlotte Levine Scholars Program: This is a four-year scholarship to UNC-C that includes full tuition, room and board, and a new laptop computer. The program includes four summers of experiences, including an international experience, which will develop leadership skills and social awareness. The full scholarship is valued at \$90,000. Successful applicants typically have an average 3.8 unweighted GPA, score 1900-2400 on the three combined sections of the SAT or 29-36 composite ACT. Interested students must be nominated by their counselor. You can read more about the scholarship at <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu/>. **If you are interested in being nominated for this scholarship, please see Mrs. di Carlo by October 1st.**

UNC-Greensboro Merit Scholarships: UNC-G scholars are selected primarily on the basis of exceptional academic achievement and potential. Special awards are offered in the areas of Business, Education and the Arts & Sciences. Applications are available at <https://fia.uncg.edu/uncg-grants-and-scholarships/>.

UNC-Wilmington Honors Scholars Program: This program includes honors sections of basic studies courses and a series of honors seminars designed to enrich and challenge the students. Competitive merit scholarships are available to the best students in the program. Following application and acceptance to UNCW, high ability students are invited to apply to the Honors Scholars Program based on their high school grades, SAT scores, and class rank. In addition, any interested applicant may apply to the Honors Program by downloading the application at <http://www.uncw.edu/honors>

Repeat Scholarship Opportunities

AES Engineering Character Essay Scholarship: This is a \$500 scholarship opportunity. Applicants are not required to take drafting or engineering courses to compete for this scholarship. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. Applications are due October 6th.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: The foundation awards scholarships valued between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to well-rounded students who have dedicated time in their community and have a strong academic profile. **The applicant must apply online at <http://www.coca-colascholars.org>.** The deadline is October 31st.

Davidson Belk Scholarship: This is a \$58,000 scholarship to Davidson College, and it is considered to be one of the most generous undergraduate scholarships awarded in the nation. The Belk Scholarship

Program provides academically powerful and dynamic student leaders an active framework in which to develop as scholars, leaders and individuals. This year, Davidson will select up to 8 students for this scholarship. More information on the scholarship and application process can be found at www.davidson.edu/belk . WYWLA can nominate one student for consideration for this scholarship; if you are interested in being nominated, please submit a resume to Mrs. di Carlo by November 1st.

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship: Any high school senior who is a US citizen is eligible to apply for this scholarship. Students will be assessed on academics, community service, honors and awards, leadership and extracurricular activities, and an essay. Scholarships will range in value from \$4000 - \$60,000. Applications must be submitted to the Elks Lodge nearest your home and are available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Gates Millennium Scholars Program: GMS was established by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Applicants must have an unweighted 3.3 GPA, be a citizen, legal permanent resident or nationals of the United States, meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and demonstrate leadership abilities. The 2019 application will open on August 1st. Visit <http://www.gmsp.org/> for more information and application materials.

North Carolina Hispanic College Fund: This is a \$500 - \$2500 scholarship opportunity for students who are of a Hispanic/Latino background with at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA. Preference will be given to foreign-born applicants or the native born children of foreign-born parents. More information and applications can be found at <http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/> . The application window opens September 17th and closes January 15th.

NC State University College of Education Scholarships: NC State offers a number of scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$5000 for students who have been admitted to their College of Education. More information and applications can be found at <http://ced.ncsu.edu/admissions/scholarships> . The application window for 2018-19 will open in August.

QuestBridge Scholarships: Four-year scholarships to seniors who have achieved excellent academic results in the face of economic challenges. Applications are available online at www.questbridge.org.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program: This program designates ten African American students as Ron Brown Scholars. Each student will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000, to use at an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Selected students excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Early deadline for submission is November 1; final deadline is January 9. Applications may be obtained at www.ronbrown.org.

Shelton National Leadership Scholarship: This is a \$20,000 scholarship opportunity for students who plan to attend NC State University and exhibit exceptional leadership, service and academic excellence. Annual enrichment funds of up to \$2,000 are also made available to each recipient. Applications are due October 15th. Read more about this scholarship opportunity and access the application at

<https://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/leadership-scholarships/about-shelton-national-leadership-scholarship/> .

***Reminder:** As you receive scholarship awards, please bring documentation to Mrs. di Carlo so that we can recognize and celebrate you at the end of the school year!

The financial aid/scholarship websites for a number of North and South Carolina universities are listed below. These websites provide valuable information on university specific merit and need-based scholarships and each university's financial aid process:

- Appalachian State University: <http://www.admissions.appstate.edu/scholarships/index.html>
- Campbell University: <http://www.campbell.edu/student-services/financial-aid/endowed-scholarships/>
- Clemson University: <http://www.clemson.edu/financial-aid/>
- Duke University: <http://dukefinancialaid.duke.edu/>
- East Carolina University: <http://www.ecu.edu/financial/>
- Elon University: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/financialaid/>
- High Point University: <http://www.highpoint.edu/financialplanning/>
- Meredith College: http://www.meredith.edu/financial_assistance
- North Carolina A&T University: <http://www.ncat.edu/~finaid/>
- North Carolina Central University:
<http://www.nccu.edu/admissionsandaid/scholarshipandaid/index.cfm>
- North Carolina State University: http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/financial_aid/
- Saint Augustine's University: http://admissions.st-aug.edu/component/com_sobipro/Itemid,220/sid,54/
- UNC-Asheville: <http://www.unca.edu/financialaid/>
- UNC-Chapel Hill: <http://studentaid.unc.edu/>
- UNC-Charlotte: <http://finaid.uncc.edu/>
- UNC-Greensboro: <http://fia.uncg.edu/>
- UNC-Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/finaid/>
- University of South Carolina: <http://www.sc.edu/financialaid/>
- Western Carolina University: <http://www.wcu.edu/current-students/financial-aid-office/>