

WGU NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



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- Examples of Offerings
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WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

- Monetary award that DOES NOT have to be paid back
- Our investment in the future of our students



SCHOLARSHIPS VS. GRANTS

Grants

- Money you DO NOT pay back
- Awarded by Federal or State Government
- Must fill out the FAFSA
- Needs Based
- Handled by Financial Aid Office

Scholarships

- Money you DO NOT pay back
- Awarded by WGU or private institutions
- Application independent from FAFSA
- Holistic approach to awarding

NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

- Four types of scholarships
 - General WGU
 - Program Specific
 - Partner
 - State Specific
- Routinely Changing
- Can apply from 60 days before to 60 days after start date



EXAMPLES OF OFFERINGS

National Scholarships

- Education that Works for You
 - \$500/4, \$2,000
- Excellence in Health Informatics
 - \$500/4, \$2,000
- Healthcare Partners Fund
 - \$625/4, \$2,500
- Finish to Go Further with WGU Texas
 - \$500/4, \$2,000
- Many more listed on website



WGU SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE



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DEGREES & PROGRAMS

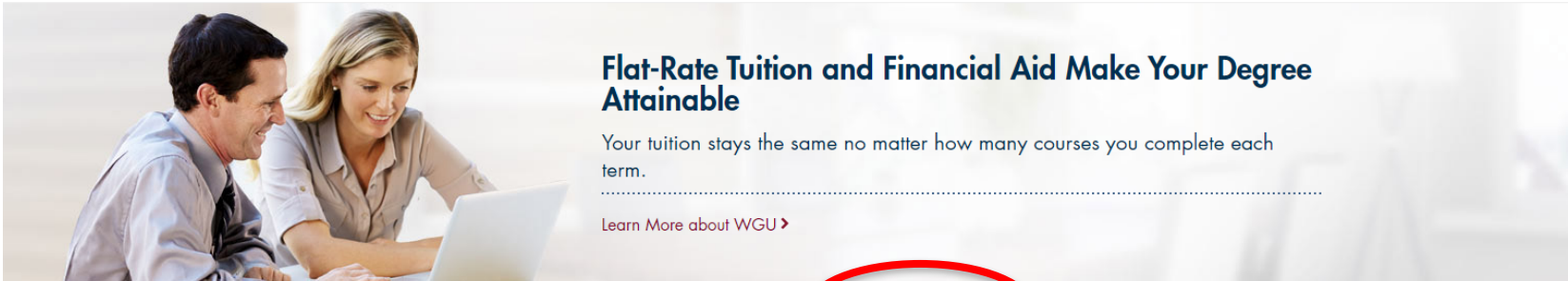
ADMISSIONS

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

ABOUT WGU

THE WGU EXPERIENCE

Tuition & Financial Aid ▾



Flat-Rate Tuition and Financial Aid Make Your Degree Attainable

Your tuition stays the same no matter how many courses you complete each term.

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TUITION AND FEES

FINANCIAL AID

- [Applying for Financial Aid](#)
- [More about Financial Aid](#)
- [Your Financial Obligations](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

VA AND MILITARY

- [Tuition Assistance](#)
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- [Part-Time Tuition](#)

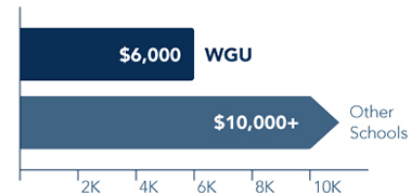
WGU is a Great Value

WGU is committed to keeping tuition low—in fact, we're about half the cost of other online universities. Our priority is to help you graduate with less debt—or none at all.

WGU charges tuition at a flat rate every term. The more courses you complete each term, the more affordable your degree program becomes.

[See Tuition Details >](#)

Tuition Per Year



Call 1-877-435-7948, ext. 3125 or visit <http://www.wgu.edu/scholarships> to learn more.

WGU SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 REVIEW WGU SCHOLARSHIPS
- 2 APPLY FOR ADMISSION
- 3 COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP FORM
- 4 APPLY FOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

RECOGNIZING OUR DONORS

We'd like to thank our donors who make these scholarships possible. Learn more about our scholarship donors.

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.

Available Scholarships 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.

(To learn more about or to apply for a specific scholarship, click on the specific scholarship name below.)

WGU GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	VALUED UP TO
Breakthrough in HR Scholarship For HR professionals who wish to advance their careers and earn a bachelor's or master's in an HR-centered degree program.	\$2,000
Excellence in Business Scholarship For business professionals with substantial college experience who want to further their education with a bachelor's degree in business.	\$3,000
WGU Alumni Master's Scholarship For WGU alums who are interested in pursuing a master's degree.	\$2,000

WGU Back-to-School Scholarship



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WGU BACK-TO-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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SUMMARY

Going back to school is no longer about pencil boxes or backpacks. For busy working adults who have started but not finished college, it's about building a plan for success with a strategy that fits your life. If you think WGU might be the strategy that works for you, take advantage of this opportunity to apply for the WGU Back-to-School Scholarship, designed for students with at least 20 college credits under their belt who want to finish what they started. Apply by **December 31, 2016**: We will award 100 scholarships, each worth up to \$2,000 (\$500 per term, up to four terms), to new and newly enrolling WGU students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must:

- Complete an essay on "My Motivation for Going Back to School."
- Have completed at least 20 college credits.
- Complete an [application for admission](#). Note: WGU Alumni use [this form for VIP application status](#).
- Complete a [scholarship application](#).
- Submit official transcripts of all prior college work.
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).
- Be officially admitted to WGU.
- Interview with a WGU Scholarship Counselor.

NOTE: This scholarship is designed for new WGU students only, as well as Alumni seeking a second degree. Students are eligible to apply for this scholarship up to 60 days prior to their start date and up to 60 days after starting a degree.



SCHOLARSHIP VALUE
\$2,000 MAXIMUM

This scholarship will be credited to your account at the rate of \$500 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 31, 2016 (CT)

Before you can apply for this scholarship, you must first apply for admission.

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Already applied at WGU?

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS >

COMPLETING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

What will I need?

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

Opportunities

Applicants and Administrators | References and Reviewers

Welcome!

Welcome to the WGU Scholarship Application!

New and Prospective Students:

- Before you can apply for this scholarship, you must first [apply for admission](#)
- Please sign in using your MyWGU username and password
- Complete the General Application
- Once the General Application is complete, check the "Opportunities" page so you can complete any additional supplemental scholarship questions for additional specific opportunities.

Current Students:

- Please sign in using your MyWGU username and password
- Complete the General Application
- Once the General Application is complete, check the "Opportunities" page so you can complete the additional scholarship questions to apply for the Financial Support Fund.

References and Reviewers:

- Please select the References and Reviewers tab
- Sign in using your MyWGU username and password

If you need help with your username or password, please click on [trouble signing in](#).

[MyWGU Secure Access Login](#)

A WGU Scholarship 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

AFTER APPLYING

1. Process application within 1-2 business days
2. Send email reminder to apply for specific scholarships. Must be done within 5 business days.
3. Provisionally reviewed to determine if you are chosen as a finalist.
4. Contacted via email with review committee's decision in approximately 2 weeks.

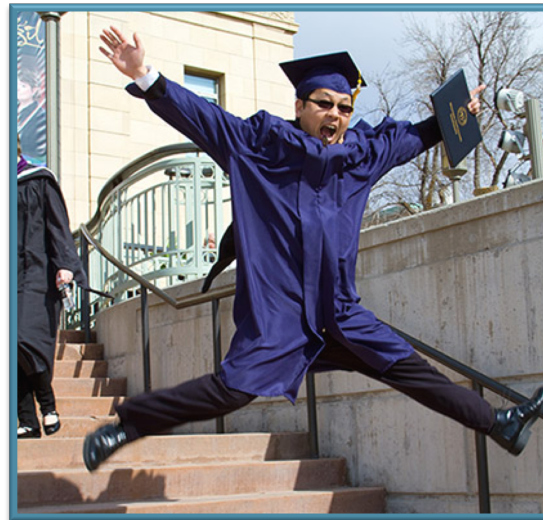
BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Quality of application
- Transcripts in & evaluated
 - Past GPA
 - # of transferable CUs
- Related Experience
- AGI & # in household
- Any extra documentation (proof of employment, letter of recommendation, etc.)
- Interview



AFTER BEING AWARDED

- Agree to the Scholarship Terms & Conditions in the Student Portal within 60 days of being awarded
- Start your program within 60 days of being awarded
- Scholarship money will post to your account on the 15th of your first month
- Must MEET OTP EVERY TERM in order for scholarship funding to renew



FAQs

How many students will be awarded?

On average, 1 in 10 applicants is awarded.

How many WGU scholarships am I allowed to have?

One

How long does it take to hear back if I am awarded?

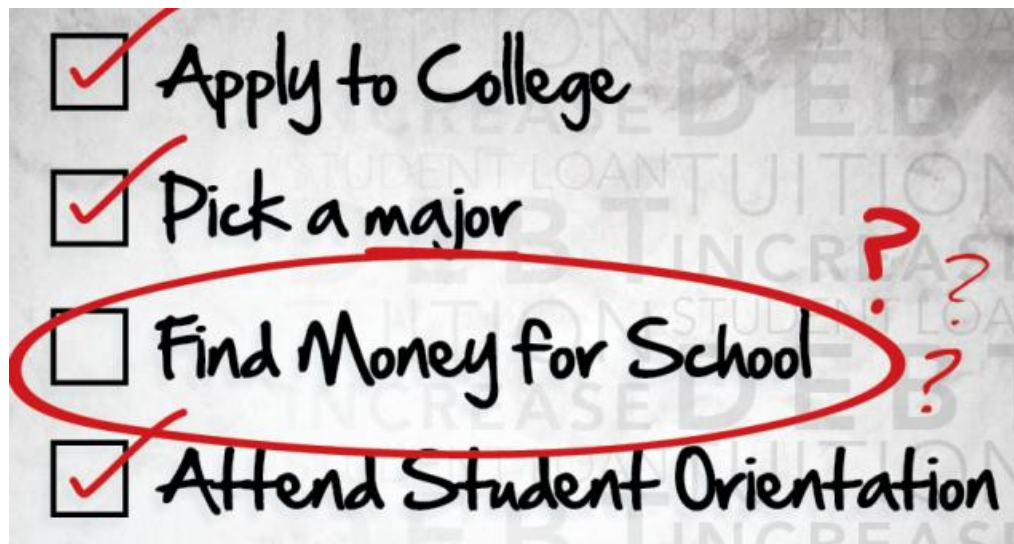
6-8 weeks

Does the scholarship come directly to me, the student?

No

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Not managed by WGU
- Work with Student Accounts to apply it (third party payment)
- All questions go to scholarship provider directly



APPLYING FOR EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Focus your scholarship search
- Scholarships open and close at various times throughout the year.
- Be cautious
- Apply through reputable organizations
 - Do NOT give your social security number out
 - **NEVER PAY** to apply for a scholarship
 - Read privacy policies and terms and conditions

OTHER FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

- Federal Grants (FAFSA)
 - Pell Grant
 - FSEOG
 - TEACH Grant
- Federal Student Loans (FAFSA)
 - Subsidized
 - Unsubsidized
- Financial aid
 - finaid@wgu.edu, extension 3104
 - <http://www.wgu.edu/finaid>
- VA and Military Benefits
 - va@wgu.edu, extension 3127

