

Degree for FREE

Let Us Invest in Your Success



Location of Program

Western Nebraska Community College
Sidney Campus

The Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association can help you!

The Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association's Degree for Free Scholarship is awarded to help cover the cost of tuition and fees after grants and other scholarships. Although most people dream about it, paying for college with scholarships isn't always possible. Instead, the reality is significant debt for many who pursue higher education. A college education can be very expensive. Most students attending college hope to receive some kind of grant or scholarship to help ease the financial burden. This is natural – after all, who doesn't want to complete their education with as little debt as possible? Unfortunately, not everyone receives the funding necessary to complete their education. While loans and other types of repayable tuition assistance are available, keeping your eyes open for any free money opportunities greatly increase your chances of graduating debt-free.



Requirements

Degree for Free scholarship recipients must:

- Be a current high school graduate from Creek Valley, Garden County, Leyton, Potter-Dix, or Sidney High School
- Attend classes at the WNCC Sidney Campus
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Apply for FAFSA at fafsa.gov
- Apply for at least four (4) scholarships
- Take classes applicable to his or her degree
- Sign an agreement
- Be enrolled in consecutive semesters fall to spring (summer enrollment optional)
- Pay for classes dropped after the free drop-add period
- Provide official high school or GED transcripts
- Have been deployed, if a veteran applicant



Our Educational Support = Your Educational Success

For more information, call 308.254.7400

Degree for Free Student Application & Agreement (Sidney Campus Only)

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| Student ID: | | Academic Year: | |
| First Name: | | Last Name: | |
| Address: | | | |
| City: | | State: | Zip: |
| Email Address: | | Phone #: | |
| High School: | | Grad Year: | |

Degree for Free Scholarship:

The Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association's Degree for Free scholarship is awarded to current year high school graduates attending WNCC Sidney Campus and to veterans graduating post 9/11/01 from Creek Valley, Garden County, Leyton, Potter-Dix, or Sidney High School. This scholarship helps cover the remaining balance of tuition and fees after other funding (grants and other scholarships) is applied. The Degree for Free Scholarship remains in effect until the student completes a degree or has taken a maximum of 78 credit hours, whichever occurs first. Recipients must maintain a GPA of a 3.0 to remain eligible.

Requirements:

- Apply for FAFSA
- Apply for at least four (4) scholarships
 - Searching for Scholarships:**
 - Meet with your high school guidance counselor
 - Visit wncc.edu/scholarships and click on General Scholarship Application to apply for WNCC scholarships; click on Outside Scholarships listing to search for other scholarships
 - Contact Education Opportunity Center 308-635-6777 or 888-EOC-1965 for a free scholarship search
- Classes must be applicable to students' degree of study
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Must be enrolled in consecutive semesters fall to spring (summer enrollment optional)
- Classes dropped after the free drop-add period must be paid for by the recipient
- Other scholarships awarded after the Degree for Free scholarship has been awarded may reduce the original amount of Degree for Free scholarship, *i.e. If your Degree for Free scholarship is \$1,000 and then you receive a \$200 scholarship, your Degree for Free scholarship is reduced to \$800*
- Veterans must have been deployed to be eligible and must have met with WNCC veterans representative and applied for all other veterans benefits

Documentation of Scholarships Applied for:

| Scholarship Name: | Application Date: | Status: |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Awarded \$ _____ |
| Notes/Comments: | | |
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| Notes/Comments: | | |

I have read and agree to the requirements of the Degree for Free Scholarship Program provided by the Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association (WNEEA). I agree this application and other documents submitted may be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection by the WNCC Scholarship Committee and/or its representatives. If selected for the Degree for Free Scholarship Program, I authorize the release of my information for award ceremonies, publication, promotion or reporting to the Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association (WNEEA), to WNCC and/or other scholarship representatives.

Signature _____

Date _____

Deadline: **July 1** | Return to: **WNCC Sidney Campus Main Office, 371 College Drive, Sidney, NE**
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