



FINANCIAL GUIDE

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Complete the Scholarship Application at wncc.edu/scholarships

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Financial Aid Guide

To be considered for most types of financial aid at WNCC you must:

- Apply for admission and be accepted into a degree-seeking program (students admitted to non-degree-seeking programs will not be eligible for federal funding).
- Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov as early as October 1 each year for the following fall/spring semesters. The priority deadline for WNCC to receive your FAFSA information is March 1.
***The FAFSA must be completed annually. Be sure to list the WNCC school code, 002560.*
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a valid Social Security number.
- Be making satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of a diploma, certificate, or degree.
- Certify that financial aid funds will be used only for educational purposes.
- Not be in default on a federal student loan.
- Not owe a repayment of a federal grant.
- Be registered with Selective Service, if required.
- Be enrolled at least half-time (six hours) for most programs.

*** Applying for admission and financial aid by the March 1 priority deadline can increase your eligibility for limited funding.*

Types of Federal Financial Aid

Grants — gift aid, generally not paid back unless the student withdraws during the term.

Federal Pell Grant (PELL) — need based; amounts vary from \$593 - \$5,920 for the 2017 – 2018 academic year (amounts determined annually by Congress); available to undergraduates who have not earned a baccalaureate or professional degree.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) — must be Pell eligible; available to undergraduates with high need who have not earned a baccalaureate or professional degree; amounts vary by institution.

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) — must be a resident of Nebraska, with a limited EFC on the FAFSA as determined by the Nebraska Legislature, and have high unmet need; amounts vary by institution.

Employment

Federal Work Study Program (FWS) — need based; money earned while working part-time, usually on campus.

Institutional Employment — institutionally funded, part-time, on-campus jobs.

Loans

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans — loans based on need as established by the school's cost of attendance. The Department of Education pays the interest while you are in school at least half-time (six or more credit hours), during grace period and during a period of deferment (a postponement of loan payments requested by the borrower). The amount of your subsidized loan cannot exceed your calculated financial need.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans — loans that are non-need based and can assist students in meeting educational costs. The student is responsible for the interest payments from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. You have the option to pay the interest as you continue to attend school or let the interest accumulate and add it to the principal amount of your loan. This means that the interest will be capitalized and the total amount you repay will be higher than if you paid the interest all along.

Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) — loans for parents of dependent undergraduate students. With a PLUS Loan, parents may finance up to the full cost of education unless other aid is received.

WNCC Scholarships

To be considered for need-based scholarships, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the WNCC Scholarship Application.

A completed Scholarship Application includes all of the following:

- WNCC General Scholarship Application (complete online at wncc.edu/scholarships)
- Personal statements or essays if required to meet specific scholarship requirements
- ACT or SAT scores submitted to the WNCC Admissions Office (if applicable)
- Copy of your GED Pass Notification (if applicable)

Recipients must:

- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (depending on scholarship criteria) on a 4.0 scale at the time of award and each term thereafter. Renewal will be contingent upon meeting the GPA requirement
- Enroll full-time (12 or more credits) for each semester the scholarship is offered (some scholarships may be available for less than full-time enrollment)
- Seek a degree, certificate, or diploma
- Return the acceptance letter by the deadline stipulated in the award notice
- For renewable scholarships, notify the WNCC Financial Aid Office in writing of your request to renew

Early Admission Scholarship

The Early Admission Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled academically at the high school or GED level. This scholarship is awarded for two consecutive years. A student must maintain a 2.7 cumulative GPA, and complete 70 percent of the credits attempted during first semester to be eligible for the second semester award. The scholarship is divided equally between the two semesters each year.

To be eligible:

- Recipients must be a U.S. citizen
- Complete and submit the WNCC Admission Application online at wncc.edu/admissions/apply
- Must be a graduating high school senior or GED graduate within the past year
- Current high school or GED students who meet the criteria below should submit an unofficial transcript to the WNCC Admissions Director
- Must enroll in 12 or more credits each semester and maintain a 2.7 cumulative GPA

Scholarship	Required GPA	Required GED Score	Award Amount Per Year
Presidential Scholarship	3.70 – 4.00	700 – 800	\$1,000
Dean’s Scholarship	3.40 – 3.69	660 – 699	\$750
Blue & Gold Scholarship	3.20 – 3.39	560 – 659	\$500
Cougar Scholarship	2.70 – 3.19	510 – 559	\$250

Early Admission Scholarship Deadlines:

Fall Start * March 1

Spring Start * November 15

**Please note that these deadlines are prior to graduation and WNCC enrollment.*

WNCC General Scholarships

Arlynn Alkire Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any WNCC student. The dollar amount varies.

Beltner Foundation Scholarship

Fred D. Beltner established a scholarship fund for a student who lives within a 100-mile radius of Scottsbluff. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN, Inc.) Scholarship

A \$750 BRAN Scholarship is awarded each year (\$375 per semester), on behalf of the Rotary Club of Omaha Northwest. Candidates must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be a graduate of a Nebraska high school. This scholarship is renewable.

B.P.O. Does #144 Scholarship

Established by the B.P.O. Does 144 of Box Butte County, the amount of this endowment scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment. First priority is given to a descendent of the B.P.O. Does 144, but can also be awarded to residents of Box Butte County with a 2.0 minimum GPA.

Harlan N. Cooper Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any WNCC student. The dollar amount varies.

Pat Dalton Scholarship

An endowed scholarship in memory of Pat Dalton, long-time resident of Sidney, provides \$150 scholarships each year to assist 10 current students who wish to attend summer courses at the Sidney Campus. Recipients must have successfully completed 15 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Alan Dill Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship to assist graduates from Scotts Bluff County high schools was established in memory of Alan Dill, an alumnus of Scotts Bluff Junior College, who dedicated his life's work to education. The scholarship awards \$1,000 per year to a student attending the Scottsbluff Campus. This scholarship is awarded in coordination with the Oregon Trail Community Foundation.

Kenneth & Elinor Dill Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student who maintains a minimum GPA of 2.5 and is enrolled at least half-time. Preference is given to non-traditional students and students with demonstrated financial need. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Richard A. Douglas Endowment

This scholarship fund was established in honor of long-time WNCC lawyer Richard (Dick) Douglas who put his heart and soul into his work for WNCC and other school districts in the region. The scholarship may be awarded to any student at the discretion of the WNCC Foundation.

EducationQuest Foundation Scholarship

The EducationQuest Foundation established a scholarship for Nebraska residents who face obstacles to higher education and who demonstrate substantial need. At least half-time enrollment and U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required. The scholarship award is \$250 – \$2,500.

Employees Growing Possibilities Scholarship

This scholarship was established by WNCC employees during the WNCC "Grow Our Possibilities" family giving campaign. The funds may be used for a western Nebraska resident in any program of study who demonstrates financial need. The funds are available through payroll deductions and other gifts given by WNCC employees, and are able to assist with tuition for the eligible student. The scholarship is automatically renewable up to four semesters in the amount of \$500.

Fred & Grace Fetters Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for a Scotts Bluff County high school student who maintains a minimum GPA of 2.0 and who makes satisfactory progress toward a degree. The student must maintain a good campus citizenship record. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Chester Fliesbach Memorial Endowment

Chester "Chet" Fliesbach was a successful Scottsbluff businessman, a civic and community leader, and an esteemed philanthropist. He served on the WNCC Foundation for 24 years. The amount of this endowed scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Steven & Marlene Grueber Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a bequest from WNCC alum Lois B. Grueber. Lois was very proud to have attained her LPN certificate at WNCC well after her initial retirement from the railroad and Mitchell Bank. The scholarship will fund \$1,000 per year per student until the funds have exhausted. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need, and attend college on the Scottsbluff Campus. Funds may be used for any eligible financial need, and is renewable if the student re-applies each year.

Todd & Carolyn Holcomb Scholarship

This scholarship was established by current WNCC President Dr. Todd Holcomb and his wife Carolyn. The funds may be awarded to any full-time student meeting a minimum GPA of 2.5, including GED graduates. The scholarship may be used for any education-related expenses and is automatically renewable up to six semesters if the student continues to meet the GPA requirements. The scholarship is open to a student in any program of study.

Byrle R. & Helen L. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Established by F. Don and Coral Richards, the Byrle R. and Helen L. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship awards \$300 to students in the Applied Agriculture Technologies program with preference to students who are not eligible for or do not qualify for federal or state financial aid. The scholarship may be used for any college-related expense.

Russell & Edythe Lovell Memorial Scholarship

A full-tuition scholarship is provided in memory of Russell and Edythe Lovell, long-time friends and supporters of WNCC. Russell Lovell was valedictorian of WNCC's first graduating class and later served as WNCC's legal counsel for more than 25 years. Edythe served on the Foundation Board of Directors. The fund was established for a student who is a Scottsbluff High School graduate with a GPA of at least 3.0. The student should have significant financial need and strive to attain a four-year college degree. The student's academic performance is considered first. Involvement in community and leadership activities is also considered. Participation in debate and/or music are additional considerations.

John McLellan Scholarship

The John McLellan Scholarship is established for \$500 (\$250 per semester) for a WNCC student.

Anne Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any WNCC student. The dollar amount varies.

Nebraska Open Scholarship

Each year Nebraska Public Power District awards funds to community college campuses for scholarships to full-time students with a minimum grade point average of 2.5. The scholarship provides funds to students in the following career fields: accounting, biology/ecology, business administration, engineering, environmental science, information technology, journalism, and political science. Students can also major in vocational fields such as: welding, powerline, or mechanical engineering.

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship

The Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship provides tuition waivers to graduates of community colleges who have maintained a 3.5 GPA and were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Society. Contact the four-year transfer institution for application process or go to scholarships.ptk.org for more information.

Quivey Bay State Foundation

The Quivey Bay State Foundation of Scottsbluff offers a limited number of \$500 annual scholarships (\$250 per semester) each year to students from the western Nebraska area who have demonstrated financial need.

Reaching Your Potential Scholarship

The EducationQuest Foundation provides a scholarship to a Pell Grant-eligible Nebraska resident who faces significant obstacles to higher education. The student must have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency. Students are nominated by a school official. The scholarship amount is \$2,600 per year.

Marie Rennecker Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any WNCC student. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Retired Teacher Scholarship

A scholarship fund has been established for students who have completed a GED at WNCC within the past five years and are enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Rotary Scholarship

The Rotary provides a \$500 scholarship to a current graduate of either Gering or Scottsbluff High School.

Rotary (Non-traditional) Scholarship

The Rotary provides a \$500 scholarship for a student who has been out of school for at least two years and has a GPA of at least 2.5. The student must be pursuing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.

Wayne I. Snyder Memorial Scholarship by Snyder Family Education Foundation

Wayne I. Snyder was a long-time Morrill, NE resident. All four of his children graduated from Morrill High School, as did his wife, Ruth I. Snyder. Inasmuch as he ranked near the top of his graduating class, was very actively involved in community service, participated in a wide variety of school activities, and placed high value on the written word and patriotism, a scholarship in his memory giving emphasis to these characteristics has been created for a graduating high school senior, from Scotts Bluff County (Morrill High School preference). Applicants should have a GPA equivalent of 3.0 or higher, and be involved in community service and extra-curricular activities. Preference will be given to applicants who submit a grammatically correct essay of not more than 300 words on the subject of "The Importance of Patriotism in this Time." Two (2) letters of reference required; one (1) from a high school teacher.

Clark Williams Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship is awarded yearly in memory of Clark N. Williams, a long-time friend, supporter, and member of the WCCA Board of Governors. The scholarship, donated by his widow, is to be awarded to a student who has achieved a minimum GPA of 2.0. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

SPC James R. Wolf Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was established by Robert and Christine Wolf to honor the memory of their son, Army SPC James R. Wolf, who was killed November 6, 2003, by an improvised explosive device while serving the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This \$600 annual renewable scholarship is awarded to a veteran attending classes full-time at the Scottsbluff Campus.

CW Yount Foundation Scholarship

CW Yount established a tuition remission scholarship for a student from a farm and ranch family in District 60 (Cedar Canyon School).

WNCC PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Applied Technologies

Consumers Cooperative Federal Credit Union Lineman Scholarship

Consumers Cooperative Federal Credit Union offers a \$500 scholarship to a student enrolled in the Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology program. The award is given upon entry to the program. The recipient must maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Jane & Chet Fliesbach Scholarship

This endowed scholarship fund was established by Gail Fliesbach, President of G.A. Fliesbach Foundation, in memory of her parents Jane and Chet Fliesbach. Jane and Chet were both raised and attended school in Scottsbluff and were both aviators. The fund is designated for scholarships to students in the Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

High Plains Auto Club Scholarship

A scholarship provided by the High Plains Auto Club is available for a student who is majoring in auto mechanics, welding, or auto body and who is enrolled at least half-time. The recipient must be a Nebraska Panhandle resident. The dollar amount and number of scholarships vary according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

New Car Dealers Association Tools Scholarship

Students enrolled in either automotive technology or auto body technology will be considered for this \$1,000 scholarship provided by the Carriage House Foundation, to be used for the acquisition of automotive tools. Eligible candidates will be a first semester student, have financial need, and have a 2.5 high school GPA.

Larry Sibal Welding Scholarship

In order to promote the field of welding and in honor of long-time Panhandle resident, WNCC alum and welder Larry Sibal, this scholarship is available to award in the amount of \$1,000 per year to a student majoring in a welding program at WNCC. The funds may be used for tuition, fees, or one-time American Welding Society (AWS) testing and certification (students who may not enroll but just need to complete the appropriate testing to become a certified welder). The scholarship is automatically renewable up to two semesters if the student continues to meet the criteria.

WIRE Scholarship

The WIRE Scholarship is available for students in their second and third terms in the Powerline Construction and Maintenance Technology Program at WNCC. The scholarship has been established to promote the field of rural electric districts or cooperative utility companies. The student must demonstrate determination to finish his or her degree and be a resident of Nebraska or bordering states. The scholarship is available up to \$500 per semester.



Business, Accounting & Information Technologies

Certified Public Accountants Scholarship

The Nebraska Society of CPAs, West Nebraska Chapter, established two \$500 scholarships (\$250 per semester) for accounting students who are enrolled at least part-time (six credits).

John Harris “Striving for Excellence” in Data Processing Scholarship

William and Virginia Harris established a scholarship for a sophomore or non-traditional student enrolled full-time in computer science at WNCC Scottsbluff Campus. Successful completion of the E-51 test is required. The award amount is \$1,200 (\$600 per semester).

Ronald Schumacher Business Scholarship

Ronald Schumacher provides a tuition remission scholarship to a Nebraska resident who is majoring in business and is enrolled full-time with a GPA of at least 2.0.

Selzer Family Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded from an endowment established by the Selzer Family Charitable Fund in memory of Jack and Shirley Selzer, long-time residents of Scottsbluff, and supporters of the community and education. The scholarship is to be awarded to a Scotts Bluff County resident majoring in business on the Scottsbluff Campus as a full-time student, with a minimum GPA of 2.5. The funds may assist with tuition and fees and is renewable if the student reapplies each year.

Health Occupations

Mary Cope/Dr. W. Max Gentry Nursing Scholarship

Funds gifted separately to promote the nursing profession in the Nebraska Panhandle from the estates of Dr. W. Max Gentry and long-time area nurse, Mary Cope, were combined to create the Mary Cope/Dr. W. Max Gentry Nursing Scholarship. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Aunt Suzie Grossenbacher Nursing Scholarship

A scholarship was established by Flora Sandoz of Ellsworth, NE, in honor of her aunt, Suzie Grossenbacher. Applicants must enroll in a program leading to certification as a nurse. Preference is given to residents of Sheridan County, but application is open to all Nebraska Panhandle residents. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to the additions to and the earnings of the endowment.

Louise Nerud Nursing Scholarship

The Louise Nerud Estate has scholarship funds available to students who are entering or continuing in the practical nursing program. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA to be eligible for the scholarship. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to the additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Wil & Shari Packard Scholarship

The Wil & Shari Packard Scholarship is designated for nursing students who demonstrate a financial need. Any student with a minimum 3.0 GPA and who is enrolled at least half-time is eligible for the scholarship. The funds may be used for tuition, fees, books or other expenses and is renewable up to four semesters if the student continues to meet the established criteria.

Velda Koch Perrin Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established for award to a practical nursing student from the Alliance Campus. The student must be enrolled full-time and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. If no Alliance Campus students qualify, students from other campuses may be awarded this scholarship. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Quivey Bay State Foundation Nursing Scholarship

The Quivey Bay State Foundation of Scottsbluff offers a limited number of \$500 annual scholarships (\$250 per semester) each year to western Nebraska area students who intend to pursue a career in professional nursing.

Marsha Fay Schmall Scholarship

Marsha Faye Schmall was a long-time Panhandle resident who lived a full life despite the complication of suffering from cerebral palsy. Marsha Faye was a long-time resident of Chimney Rock Villa until succumbing to her condition. During her time, she benefited greatly from the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and other staff in the longterm care facility. To honor her legacy and to celebrate her full life, her sister has established a fund to assist a current or former CNA and Panhandle resident who wishes to pursue additional program of study in nursing. The student must attend the Scottsbluff Campus and the scholarship is renewable if the student reapplies each year.

Scottsbluff/Gering Noon Lions Club Nursing Scholarship

A resident of the Nebraska Panhandle who is majoring in LPN/nursing and is a second-semester freshman or sophomore may be eligible for a scholarship provided by the Scottsbluff/Gering Noon Lions Club. The student needs to have a GPA of at least 2.0 and must have successfully completed the first semester. The dollar amount and number of scholarships vary according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Robert M. Snyder, M.D. Memorial Scholarship by Snyder Family Education Foundation

Robert M. Snyder graduated from Morrill High School in the top 10 percent of his class. He obtained an undergraduate degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, then an M.D. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. A scholarship in his memory has been created for a graduating high school senior from Scotts Bluff County (Morrill High School preference), who plans to enter the human medical service field. Applicants should have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, be involved in extra-curricular activities, and have a well-developed plan to obtain an education in the human medical service field. Preference will be given to applicants who submit an essay of not more than 300 words on "Why I am Pursuing a Career in the Medical Service Profession?" Two letters of reference required; one from a high school teacher.

Rhonda Stander Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Rhonda Stander, a nurse who attended WNCC. Rhonda's husband Carl created this legacy of a scholarship to support a deserving student who is pursuing their nursing certification. The qualifications include: residency in western Nebraska, majoring in a nursing program, a minimum GPA of 3.0, must have completed 30+ credit hours toward the degree path, and demonstrate financial need. The \$500 scholarship per semester is renewable upon successful completion of the supplemental application form and review by the Stander family located at:

<http://www.wncc.edu/wncc-foundation/apply>.

Elisabeth Ann Yount Scholarship

In memory of pioneer families who homesteaded in the Robidoux Pass area in 1885, the Yount Scholarship offers a full-tuition scholarship through the F.E.C., a non-profit corporation, as earnings become available. Eligible students must be entering the practical nursing program. Priority is given to a graduate of Nebraska School District 60 (Cedar Canyon School). If the first priority is not met, a student who is currently a farmer, rancher, or a member of such a family qualifies. In the event a student cannot be found meeting the stated criteria, then a student with demonstrated financial need becomes eligible.

Language & Arts

Betsy Camp Fenimore Journalism Scholarship

A scholarship fund was established by the family and friends of Betsy Camp. The recipient must major in journalism and be enrolled full-time. The student is selected on academic performance and involvement in student activities. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Taylor Gulley Music Scholarship established by the Charlie Gulley Family

This \$500 scholarship was established in honor of Taylor Gulley, a WNCC vocal music student. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student, majoring in music, who is a resident of Scotts Bluff County, who graduated from a Scotts Bluff County high school, and is attending at the Scottsbluff Campus. The recipient will demonstrate a dedication to pursue a career in music.

Cara Perkins Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is awarded to any student demonstrating financial need who has reached sophomore status. Priority is given to students with the highest financial need majoring in education or music. This scholarship honors Cara Perkins, a long-time advocate of WNCC students, alumni, and education. Cara was a founding member of the WNCC Alumni Committee and an active member of the community. She taught at Scottsbluff Public Schools for many years, and was a talented and accomplished musician.

Math, Science & Physical Education

Gordon D. Harrach Scholarship

In honor of long-time science faculty member Gordon Harrach, this scholarship can assist students majoring in math, science, or nursing on the Scottsbluff Campus. The students must demonstrate financial need, be enrolled full-time, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The funds may be used for tuition, fees, books or other expenses and is renewable up to four semesters if the student continues to meet the established criteria.

Kellett Memorial Scholarship

An annual scholarship is provided in memory of Glen W. Kellett. The renewable scholarship is for Nebraska Panhandle residents who plan to enter a program in natural sciences. The scholarship requires the recipient to maintain a GPA of at least 2.75. The dollar amount and number of scholarships vary according to additions to the scholarship account and earnings of the endowment.

Mathematics Scholarship in Memory of H.K. & Kathryn Reichert

A scholarship fund was established by Tom and Kathy Frick in memory of Kathy's parents, H.K. and Kathryn Reichert. The fund is meant to promote the field of mathematics, particularly students hoping to teach mathematics. A student must be full-time, demonstrate financial need, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and major in mathematics. The scholarship can assist a student with tuition, fees or books as needed.

Social Sciences

Kathryn I. Knapp Scholarship

This scholarship is for students majoring in education. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Nebraska Western College Education Association Scholarship

An annual scholarship of \$200 is provided by the Nebraska Western College Education Association. The recipient must be a full-time sophomore who has completed at least 29 hours and has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 with an education major. Eligible applicants are forwarded to the division chair for selection.

R. Jay Roberts Social Science Scholarship

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be a returning sophomore with at least 28 hours completed, with at least nine credit hours in social sciences. Qualified applications are reviewed by WNCC social science faculty. Eligible programs include anthropology, criminal justice, economics, education, geography, history, or human services.

Swanson Teacher Scholarship

Donated by Annie and Hazel Swanson, this scholarship is awarded to a student who is entering an elementary education program. The recipient must maintain a 2.0 GPA. The dollar amount of the scholarship varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

Rick Weaver Memorial Scholarship

A student at the Scottsbluff Campus majoring in criminal justice may be eligible for a scholarship provided by Agnes Weaver. The recipient must be a resident of Scotts Bluff or Morrill counties. The dollar amount varies according to additions to and earnings of the endowment.

WNCC Performance Grants

WNCC offers several performance grants, allowing students to assist, participate, or perform in specific areas of the college. These performance grants cover up to 18 credit hours of tuition per semester. Most of the grants are renewable. Students should apply through the department's director or division chair.

NJCAA by-laws require student-athletes who have not signed a NJCAA Letter of Intent and who receive academic scholarships to hold a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students who plan to participate in WNCC athletics must adhere to NJCAA academic guidelines to be eligible for academic scholarships and athletic participation. If you are considering participation in one of WNCC's NJCAA athletic programs and are receiving academic scholarships, please contact the WNCC Athletic Director at **308.635.6798** to review your options.

Performance Grants

- Athletics
- Forensics
- Journalism
- Theatre Arts
- Vocal or Instrumental Music

Other Scholarships Available

ACT/SAT Scholarship

Each year WNCC is proud to award ACT scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic success on the ACT with a composite score of 26 or higher, or an SAT score of 1760 or higher. We are pleased to recognize those students by offering a tuition remission for full-time enrollment up to 18 credit hours per semester. The scholarship is renewable for a total of four consecutive semesters providing the student maintains a GPA of 3.4 or higher each semester.

Athletic Success Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the coach to students participating in baseball, softball, or men's or women's soccer. The scholarship pays \$500 per semester. The student must have a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled full-time. International students are eligible.

Byron Barkeloo Scholarship

The Byron Barkeloo Scholarship is awarded annually to one sophomore athlete to cover educational expenses. The student-athlete must maintain a 2.0 GPA. The recipient of this rotating scholarship is selected by the respective head coach.

Board of Governors Scholarship

A full-tuition scholarship (up to four semesters), covering consecutive semesters, is available to one graduate of each high school in WNCC's service area. Application should be made through your high school counselor. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to renew this scholarship.



Chadron State College/Community College Scholarship

Chadron State College provides one in-state, full-tuition (16 credit hour maximum) scholarship to a graduating sophomore of WNCC. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA or higher to be considered for this scholarship. A special application form is required and is available at the Financial Aid Office.

Davis/Chambers Scholarship

The Davis/Chambers Scholarship was established to recognize academically promising students from diverse backgrounds. Recipients must have graduated from a Nebraska high school or have earned a GED, be a U.S. citizen and a Nebraska resident, and have financial need as determined by the FAFSA. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount varies according to the availability of funds and the financial need of the recipient. A separate application is required and can be obtained from the WNCC Financial Aid Office.

Friends of Regional West Scholarship

Friends of Regional West each year awards \$350 scholarships to students who are enrolled in their second semester of the Licensed Practical Nursing program. Applicants are required to complete a separate application form available by contacting Regional West Medical Center Foundation Office.

Mindy Grabau & Paul Mohr Jr. RMF Scholarship

The Reardon Mohr Foundation has established an endowed scholarship open to a Panhandle resident who is a male or female basketball player. The student must be enrolled full-time with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The funds are designated for a dedicated basketball player who loves the game and is willing to work hard to be the best they can be. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books or other expenses.

Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation Scholarship

Intended to aid rural Nebraskans in furthering their education so they may stay on their land, this scholarship is for those committed to the future of Nebraska agriculture. Applicants must be age 25 or older, committed to rural Nebraska service, and a citizen of the U.S. and a Nebraska resident for a minimum of 10 years. Access the scholarship application at nrrfoundation.com.

Outstanding Leadership Scholarship

WNCC provides a \$400 scholarship to a WNCC student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and is nominated by his/her high school. One person from each high school in the WNCC service area is chosen.

Peter Kiewit Foundation Scholarships

The Peter Kiewit Foundation provides a \$1,000 scholarship to 15 students who are enrolled full-time and who have a GPA of at least 2.5. The recipient needs to be a Nebraska resident in a vocational program of study and must fill out the FAFSA form. Awardees are expected to participate in programming activities provided as part of the scholarship. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office or online.

Evelyn Pinneker Scholarship

Evelyn Pinneker was a staunch supporter and advocate for students with disabilities her entire life. Her husband, Harry, established an endowed scholarship to assist students with disabilities with funding for tuition, fees, and books. The student must satisfy the following guidelines:

- *Must be seeking a degree in any academic or vocational/occupational program*
- *Can be enrolled either full or part-time*
- *Must provide documented proof of disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act*
- *Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Nebraska*

Preference is given to students with demonstrated need. The scholarship is renewable with a 2.0 GPA and the amount varies based on additions to and earnings of the fund. A separate application form is available in the WNCC Counseling Director's office.

Scholarship for Success

Recipients of this award receive \$500 per semester, renewable for a total of four consecutive semesters. To qualify, the student must be a graduating high school senior or recent GED graduate within the past year, be a U.S. citizen, and attend WNCC full-time. The student must have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.7 and a minimum composite ACT score of 20 to qualify. Recipients must maintain a cumulative WNCC GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of the first year to renew. Students majoring in the following programs of study are considered:

- Agricultural Science (Pre)
- Applied Agriculture Technologies
- Athletic Training (Pre)
- Auto Body Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Maintenance
- Biology/Ecology
- Biomedical Research (Pre)
- Chemistry
- Chiropractic Medicine (Pre)
- Computer Science
- Dentistry (Pre)
- Education (Early Childhood, Elementary & Secondary)
- Engineering (Pre)
- Foreign Language (Spanish)
- Forestry/Wildlife Management (Pre)
- General Studies (Art, English & Journalism)
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Medical Technology (Pre)
- Medicine (Pre), Physics
- Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Veterinary/Comparative Medicine (Pre)
- Welding Technology

Swanson Elementary Transfer Scholarship

This scholarship assists academically promising graduates of WNCC who are transferring to pursue a baccalaureate degree in elementary education at a Nebraska institution. The scholarship provides \$1,000 (\$500 each semester) to a full-time student. A separate application is required. An application form is available through the Financial Aid Office or through the WNCC Foundation.

Ed Ratliff & Maria Winn-Ratliff Honorary Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. John and Megan Massey to support softball players at WNCC. The funds will be awarded at the discretion of the softball coach and may be used for tuition, fees, books, or other expenses.

Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association Sidney Campus Students Only

Each year the Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association (WNEEA), an independent non-profit organization, offers several scholarships to help students fund their college education at the Sidney Campus. A student should apply for the grant or scholarship for which he/she is most qualified. A student is eligible to receive only one grant or scholarship from endowment funds.

Terry Akeson Returning Student Endowment Scholarships

The WNEEA annually provides scholarships of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) to enrolled students who have completed at least 15 credit hours with a GPA of at least 2.0 and are returning to continue their education.

Carl Cornelius M.D. Scholarship

An annual scholarship in the amount of \$750 (\$375 per semester) is provided by friends in respect of Dr. Cornelius' long-time leadership and contribution to the community of Sidney and the Endowment Association. First priority is given to students from Cheyenne County enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance program. Second priority is given to full or part-time students from Deuel, Kimball, and/or Garden County.

Cheyenne County Ladies Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

This scholarship awards \$1,000 per year to a current year Cheyenne County high school female graduate (Creek Valley, Leyton, Potter-Dix, or Sidney). Second priority award goes to a non-traditional female attending the Sidney Campus.

Degree for Free Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to current year high school graduates and to veterans graduating post 9/11/01 from Creek Valley, Garden County, Leyton, Potter-Dix, and Sidney High Schools. This scholarship helps to cover the remaining balance of tuition and fees after other funding (grants & other scholarships) has been applied. To be eligible, applicants must apply for FAFSA and at least four other scholarships and must be a degree seeking student on the Sidney Campus. The Degree for Free 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. Veterans must have been deployed to be eligible. A separate application is required; contact the Sidney Campus.

Ted Egging Scholarship

The WNEEA provides a \$750 (\$375 per semester) scholarship annually in memory of Ted Egging, a long-time supporter of WNCC and former area board member of WNCC. The recipient of this scholarship should be interested in a technical or business program. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of need.

Don & Imogene Enevoldsen Memorial Scholarship

Each year a \$750 (\$375 per semester) scholarship is given in memory of Imogene Enevoldsen, long-time supporter and trustee of the Endowment Association. First priority is given to a graduate of Potter-Dix High School with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Graduates from Cheyenne County high schools are eligible if no Potter-Dix student is awarded the scholarship.

Joe Hargreaves Endowment Association Board Scholarship

The WNEEA annually provides need-based scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). Students must have a 3.0 GPA to be eligible.

The Dennis Highby Cabela's Employee Scholarship

Dennis and Linda Highby provide scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) to a dependent of a Cabela's employee who is a resident of Nebraska or northeast Colorado. The scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in general studies.

The Highby Scholarship

Dennis and Linda Highby, long-time Sidney residents, provide annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). This is a need-based scholarship. The recipient will reside in the WNCC service area.

Kyle & Leslie Huck Returning Student Endowment Scholarships

The WNEEA annually provides scholarships of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) to enrolled students who have completed at least 15 credit hours with a GPA of at least a 2.0 who are returning to continue their education.

Andrew Hurt Non-Traditional Scholarships

The WNEEA annually provides scholarships of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). Applicants must be non-traditional students entering or returning to college after a semester or more of absence.

James Joyce Non-Traditional Scholarships

The WNEEA annually provides scholarships of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). Applicants must be non-traditional students entering or returning to college after a semester or more of absence.

Jack Lowe Memorial Scholarship

Jack Lowe was a premier journalist in western Nebraska for many years, and the first president and lifelong supporter of the WNEEA. The WNEEA annually provides a \$1000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a student from the southern panhandle of Nebraska. First priority is given to a student interested in a career in journalism or a related field of study. Second priority is a student in any other field of study.

Clem Schumacher Endowment Association Board Scholarship

The WNEEA annually provides scholarships of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). Students must have a 3.0 GPA to be eligible.

Aviation

Dennis & Linda Highby Scholarship

Dennis Highby is the former CEO and long-time employee of Cabela's, resident of Sidney, and community contributor. This is an annual \$750 (\$375 per semester) scholarship available to a resident of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Wyoming. First priority is given to a student in the Aviation Maintenance program. Second priority is given to a student majoring in business.

Kiwanis Robert J. Stephenson Scholarship

The Sidney Kiwanis Club each year provides a scholarship to a Cheyenne County student who is enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance program. The amount of the scholarship varies depending upon the number of recipients and monies available.

Robert J. Stephenson Memorial Scholarship

The WNEEA annually provides a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a returning student in the Aviation Maintenance program who has demonstrated academic success by earning an overall GPA of at least a 3.0.

J.E. Thayer Scholarship

Dr. Thayer, a long-time Sidney physician, provides an annual \$750 (\$375 each semester) scholarship. First priority is given to an aviation maintenance student. Second priority is given to a full-time student with no restrictions as to residency, area, or program of study.

Business

Geral Berlage Business Administration Scholarship

The WNEEA annually awards a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a returning student to continue his/her studies. This scholarship is awarded in equal increments for each of the remaining semester(s) of his/her program, up to three semesters. Applicants must be full-time business students who have completed at least 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Cabela's Scholarship

A \$750 endowment scholarship (\$375 each semester) is provided annually. First priority is given to a student majoring in office or business technology. Second priority is given to a student majoring in information technology. The recipient will exhibit a true devotion to hunting, fishing, camping, or hiking (outdoor life). Recipients should also possess a positive attitude and work ethic.

Greg & Linda Huck Business Administration Scholarship

The WNEEA annually awards a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a returning student to continue his/her education. This scholarship is awarded in equal increments for each of the remaining semester(s) of his/her program, up to three semesters. Applicants must be full-time business

students who have completed at least 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

C. A. Story Scholarship

A \$750 scholarship (\$375 per semester) is offered in memory of C.A. Story, a charter supporter of the WNCC Sidney Campus and a major donor to the WNEEA. First priority is given to a business or education student. Preference is given to a student from Sidney or the southern Nebraska Panhandle.

E.K. Yanney Memorial Scholarship

An annual scholarship in the amount of \$750 (\$375 per semester) is provided by family, friends, and the Endowment Association in memory of E.K. Yanney. Yanney was a longtime banker and Endowment Board Member from Lodgepole. This scholarship is available to a student from Cheyenne or Deuel counties who intends to enter the field of business.

Education

Larry Fraas Education Scholarship

The WNEEA annually awards a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a returning student majoring in education. This scholarship is awarded in equal increments for each of the remaining semester(s) of his/her program, up to three semesters. Applicants must take at least 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

George and Nadine Hinn Scholarship

George Hinn was actively involved in community functions and served as an endowment member for many years. His wife, Nadine Hinn, was a long-time elementary teacher at South Elementary in Sidney. They provide a scholarship in the amount of \$750 (\$375 per semester) to a student from the southern Nebraska Panhandle, majoring in education.

Harold Perkins Education Scholarship

The WNEEA annually awards a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship to a returning student majoring in education. This scholarship is awarded in equal increments for each of the remaining semester(s) of his/her program, up to three semesters. Applicants must take at least 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Ralph & Olive Spearow Achievement Scholarship

Ralph and Olive Spearow, long-time residents of Cheyenne County, provide scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) to students who reside or whose parents reside in Cheyenne County. The applicant must have been in the upper 50 percent of his/her high school graduating class and demonstrate financial need. Preference goes to a student majoring in education.

Benny Hochman Scholarship

A \$750 (\$375 per semester) scholarship is presented by the WNEEA in honor of Benny Hochman, perennial board member, relentless fund-raiser, and supporter of the Sidney Campus. This need-based scholarship is available to a student enrolled in a health or medical program.

Night of Hope Allied Health Scholarship

The annual Night of Hope – Walk for Cancer provides two scholarships each for \$2,000 per year (\$1,000 per semester) for a student enrolled in a health-related program of study. Full-time traditional or non-traditional students are eligible to apply and must be enrolled for at least 50 percent of their classes at the Sidney Campus. Because of the distance learning capabilities and partnership agreements for health-related program, students may be taking courses from one or more institutions of secondary education to complete their health related program. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above to be eligible to renew their scholarships. Students must submit two (2) letters of recommendation in addition to the scholarship application.

Alta Spencer & George Thompson Foundation Scholarship

George H. Thompson was a long-time dentist in Sidney. He and his wife, Alta, have been great contributors to this community with a special interest in education. This is an annual \$750 (\$375 per semester) need-based scholarship available to a resident of Cheyenne County who is accepted into the practical nursing program or a related medical field.

Information Technology

Night of Hope Information Technology Scholarship

The annual Night of Hope – Walk for Cancer provides two scholarships each for \$1,000 per year (\$500 per semester) for a student enrolled in the Information Technology program at the Sidney Campus. First priority is given to a student participating in an information technology Cooperative Internship at a health care facility. Second priority is any information technology student. Students must be full-time and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above to be eligible to renew their scholarships. Students must submit two letters of recommendation in addition to the scholarship application.

Science & Mathematics

William D. Poley Scholarship

A \$500 (\$250 per semester) scholarship is provided in memory of William Poley by his friends, associates, and the WNEEA. Poley was a dedicated mathematics and physics instructor at the WNCC Sidney Campus for 13 years. Applicants must be pursuing a course in science or math and preference is given to a student from the southern Panhandle entering his/her second semester. Additional scholarship funding may also be available from excess funds for the applicants' second year of study.

For more information about the Western Nebraska Education Endowment Association scholarships and grants, please call 308.254.5450 or 800.222.9682.



Financial Aid Resources

Federal Student Aid Information Center 800.433.3243 (800.4.FED.AID)

Department of Education/ Federal Student Aid.....	www.studentaid.gov
Veterans Administration.....	www.gibill.va.gov
Vocational Rehabilitation	www.vocrehab.state.ne.us
Workforce Development.....	www.dol.nebraska.gov
Social Security Administration.....	www.ssa.gov
Selective Service	www.sss.gov
Federal FAFSA site.....	www.FAFSA.gov
Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID site.....	www.fsaid.ed.gov
Federal Direct Student Loans.....	www.studentloans.gov

Other sites are hosted by private organizations that support higher education:

www.finaid.org	www.educationquest.org
www.americorps.gov	ww.nasfaa.org
www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net	www.nslp.org
www.knowhow2go.org	www.finaid.org/otheraid/spanish.phtml

Free Internet Scholarship Search Engines:

www.fastweb.com	www.collegeboard.com
www.gocollege.com	www.collegenet.com
www.educationquest.org	www.latinocollegedollars.org
www.student.ed.gov/scholarship	latinoac.nebraska.gov/education.html

Scam alerts:

Better Business Bureau.....	www.search.bbb.org/search.html
Department of Education.....	www.studentaid.ed.gov
Federal Trade Commission	www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/scholarship/index.html

Other resources:

FAFSA4caster – estimate the aid you will receive.....	www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
Federal Student Aid Videos	youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid
National Student Loan Program.....	www.nslp.org
National Student Loan Data System.....	www.nsls.ed.gov
Nelnet Education Planning & Financing	www.nelnet.com

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