UNCW Scholarships
Frequently Asked Questions

IMPORTANT DATES

When does the scholarship application open?
The University's General Scholarship Application opens on December 1.

When does the scholarship application close?
The University's General Scholarship Application closes on March 1 at 11:59 pm.

Will I receive notification if I receive an award?
Incoming freshmen receive notification by April 1 if they are awarded a scholarship. Currently enrolled students receive notification by July 1 if they are awarded a scholarship.

ACCESSING THE APPLICATION

I have not received an admission decision; can I fill out the application?
No. Only admitted students can access the university application.

I just received admission; the scholarship application is closed?
Some students receive notification regarding their admission to the university after the scholarship application has closed. This is unfortunate, but students will be able to complete the application when it reopens in December for consideration of opportunities for the next academic year.

I am not able to log into Seaport; what should I do?
Only currently enrolled students can access Seaport. Currently enrolled students that experience trouble logging in should contact the Technology Assistance Center (TAC) for assistance. The telephone number for TAC is (910) 962-4357.

I am not able to log into Seanet; what should I do?
Newly admitted students must access the application via Seanet. Students that experience trouble logging in should contact our Technology Assistance Center (TAC) for assistance. The telephone number for TAC is (910) 962-4357.

AVAILABLE APPLICATIONS

Do I need to fill out a different application for each scholarship?

No. Students apply for multiple scholarships by completing the application.

There are multiple applications to choose from; which one do I complete?

Students should read the description for the application to ensure they are completing the correct one. The application for academic scholarships has the name **University Scholarship Application.**

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Do my answers save automatically if I cannot finish the application at the time I start it?

Students should save their answers while working within the application. We suggest that students prepare responses to the essay questions in Microsoft Word or a similar product then copy and paste the text into the application.

Why does my middle name appear twice?

The campus IT department states that it is common for this to occur with external vendor products, such as the scholarship software. It relates to the fields used to exchange the name record. In the university's system, the software treats the first and middle name as one unit (last name, first name middle name). The scholarship software treats the first, middle and last names independently. When merging the two software products, the combined first name middle name version of the student's name overrides the software's record of the student's first name; the middle and last name remain intact.

How do I apply for a specific scholarship?

By completing the university scholarship application, the software matches students as a candidate for scholarships for which they meet the criteria. The selection committee will automatically receive the applications of eligible students.

How do I attach my letter of recommendation from my teacher?

Enter the name and email address of the individual that is providing the letter of recommendation. This will generate an email message to them with instructions on how to complete the recommendation process.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

I am a transfer student. What scholarships apply to me?

For consideration of scholarships, regardless of your admission type, students must complete the scholarship application. Some students receive notification regarding their admission to the university after the scholarship application has closed. This is unfortunate, but students will be able to complete the application when it reopens in December for consideration of opportunities for the next academic year.

I am a graduate student. Should I complete the scholarship application?

The application process has opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

What types of scholarships are there?

There are both merit and need-based scholarships. Multiple university departments award scholarships. In addition to the OSFA and academic departments, award authorities include the Office of Admissions, the Honors College, the UNCW Alumni Association and Centers within the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion. _NOTE:_ _Contact the Honors College directly for information regarding available scholarships in that area, the application/selection process and associated timeline._

How can I receive a need-based scholarship?

For consideration of a need-based scholarship, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available on October 1 for the next academic year. Scholarship committees use the results from the FAFSA to determine a student's eligibility for need-based aid. Students should complete the FAFSA early to ensure they complete any associated requirements by February 1. Information from the FAFSA is included in the review process for need-based scholarships. Note: The results of the FAFSA also determine a student's eligibility for need-based grants but the awarding process for grants is independent of the scholarship application.

What is the value of the scholarships?

Award amounts range from $500 to the value of tuition and fees, books and supplies. The average scholarship award is approximately $2,500.

Can students receive multiple merit scholarships?

The Office of Admissions, Honors College and the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid work collaboratively to identify recipients for scholarships. In most cases, an award amount represents the maximum value for the scholarship. If more than one scholarship committee identifies the same student to receive an award, the student may retain the scholarship with the higher value.

Why didn't I receive a scholarship?

The scholarship process is highly competitive and unfortunately, the number of deserving students exceeds the amount of scholarships available. Less than 5% of admitted students receive a merit scholarship.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

I would like to write a "thank you" note; where should I send it?

The University Advancement Office coordinates the process that enables recipients to acknowledge appreciation of the donor's gift. The Advancement Office will contact recipients in the fall with next steps.

I'm graduating in the fall; can I have the full scholarship amount in the fall?

Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the terms of the donor agreements. Like other aid, scholarships are divided between the two semesters. Aid is awarded to assist with students' expenses for the academic year. If you will only be enrolled for ½ of the academic year, you will receive ½ of the aid that has been awarded to you. The spring portion is awarded to a student enrolled in the spring semester.

Consider this: When a scholarship is awarded to two students, Student A and Student B, for $5,000 each. Both have the same expenses for the fall semester. If Student A is only attending for the fall semester, it would not be equitable to award the full $5,000 in the fall semester and only $2,500 for Student B, who will incur additional expenses associated with the spring semester.