



**Monongalia County Schools**

**Financial Aid Handbook**

**2016-2017**

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# Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to outline financial aid resources for counselors, parents, and students. The information provided highlights scholarships available to students in Monongalia County. Though there are federal, state, local, and high school scholarships included, this booklet does not contain an exhaustive list of all available financial resources. For more information about scholarships and awards, you might also go to a specific college's website or contact their financial aid office.

Any group or individual interested in sponsoring a local scholarship for graduates from a particular school or from Monongalia County, please contact Courtney Whitehead at 304-291-9210, EXT 1506.



# Financial Aid Sources



## Outline of Financial Aid Programs

**Federal Programs**

**State Programs**

**Special Programs**

**County Programs**

**School Programs**

# Federally Funded Programs



## Federal Pell Grant

- Largest need-based student aid program
- Unlike loans, grant awards are not repaid
- The amount of the Pell Grant depends on
  - The student's financial need
  - The student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and Cost of Attendance (COA)
  - The Cost of Attendance
  - Whether the student is enrolled on a full-time or a part-time basis
  - Whether the student attends school for a full academic year or less
  - How much money the program receives from the federal government
- To apply for a Pell Grant, the student and/or parents **must** complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 2016-17 maximum amount is projected at \$5,815

## Federal College Work-Study Program (FWS)

- On and off-campus employment
- The Federal College Work-Study Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled at least half-time
- A student's FWS award depends on when the student applies, the student's level of need, and the funding level at the student's school
- A participant will be paid at least the current federal minimum wage

## **Federal Perkins Loan Program**

- Campus-based loan program, with the school acting as the lender using limited funds provided by the federal government
- The financial aid officer is responsible for determining the amount of the loan
- A student must demonstrate exceptional financial need and be enrolled at least half-time
- This is a subsidized loan, with the interest being paid by the federal government during the in-school and nine-month grace period
- The interest rate is 5% and repayment begins nine months after leaving college and may extend over a ten-year period

## **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)**

- Students can get between \$100 and \$4,000, depending on when they apply, their level of need, and the funding level of the school the student is attending
- The program provides grants to undergraduates with exceptional financial need
- Students are automatically considered when they submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- The program is administered directly by the financial aid office at each participating school

## **Federal Stafford Loans – Two Variations:**

- **Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP)** loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks, credit unions, and savings & loan associations. These loans are guaranteed against default by the federal government. NOTE: The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 eliminates new lending under the FFELP such that all Stafford, PLUS, and Consolidation Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2010, must be made under the FDSLPL, described below.
- **Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSLPL)** loans, administered by "Direct Lending Schools," are provided by the US government directly to students and their parents. The Direct Loan Program would continue to use private sector companies contracted with the Department of Education.

## **Stafford Loans**

- Low-interest loans available to undergraduate (4.66%) and graduate (6.21%) students enrolled at least half-time
- Borrowers do not have to start repaying the principal of either type of Stafford Loan until six months after the student has graduated, dropped below half-time, or left college (This does not include leaving college for winter or summer break).
- There are two types of Federal Stafford Loans:
  - **Subsidized Stafford Loans** are awarded to students that demonstrate financial need. (The federal government pays the interest while the student is in school and during any deferment period).
  - **Unsubsidized Stafford Loans** may be awarded to students who do not demonstrate financial need and therefore do not qualify for a subsidized loan, or to students who need additional funds. (Interest on the loan accrues while the student is in school and during any deferment).

## **Federal Parent Loans to Undergraduate Students (PLUS)**

- Available to parents or graduate/professional students for the full cost of education minus any other student aid received
- Borrowers do not have to demonstrate financial need, but they do have to demonstrate that they do not have an adverse credit history
- Student must complete the FAFSA and be enrolled at least half-time at a participating school
- Repayment begins within 60 days of the final disbursement but can be deferred while the student is attending school; however, interest will continue to accrue during the deferment. See your school counselor for more information on this process.
- Beginning July 1, 2010, all new PLUS loans, like the Stafford loans, will be made through the Direct Loan program (funds provided by the government)
- PLUS loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016, and before July 1, 2017 have a fixed interest rate of 6.31%.

## **Hope Scholarship Tax Credit**

- May be claimed for the qualified tuition and related expenses of each student in the taxpayer's family
- Federal tax credit of up to \$2,500 available to eligible taxpayers based on the first \$4,000 in postsecondary tuition.
- Students must be enrolled at least half-time.
- Limited to the first four years of postsecondary education.
- Exemptions apply: <https://www.irs.com/articles/the-hope-scholarship-tax-credit>

## **Lifetime Learning Credit**

- May be claimed for the qualified tuition and related expenses of the students in the taxpayer's family
- The credit amount is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's first \$10,000 of out-of-pocket qualified tuition and related expenses (up to \$2,000 per tax return)
- Students must be enrolled in eligible educational institutions

**NOTE: the FAFSA is a requirement to be considered for all Federal Student Aid**

For more information regarding Federal Student Aid, visit:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/AcademicGrants.jsp>

Retrieved from

<http://www.ed.gov/>  
[www.finaid.org/loans/studentloan.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/loans/studentloan.phtml)  
[www.parentplusloan.com](http://www.parentplusloan.com)  
<http://studentaid.ed.gov>  
<https://www.irs.gov>

# State Funded Programs



## West Virginia Higher Education Grant

Monetary awards are granted to qualified undergraduate students who require financial assistance to attend an approved educational institution located in West Virginia or Pennsylvania. Grants may be renewed until the course of study is completed, but not to exceed an additional three years beyond the initial award. Maximum annual awards for 2016-17 are \$2,600.

### **Requirements include:**

- United States citizen
- West Virginia resident for one year immediately preceding the date of application
- High school graduate or the equivalent (GED diploma)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate academic promise
- Enrolled at a participating institution in West Virginia or Pennsylvania as a full-time undergraduate student
- Have not previously earned a bachelor's degree
- Completion of the FAFSA, prior to April 15, 2017

### **Awards are granted to those applicants who:**

- Demonstrate the greatest need
- Meet the academic performance standards (2.0 or higher GPA)



## **PROMISE Scholarship**

West Virginia PROMISE (Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state Student Excellence) is a merit-based scholarship program that offers \$4,750 to eligible students annually. This program is designed to keep qualified students in West Virginia by making college affordable. Students may use the PROMISE scholarship at an approved public West Virginia state college/university or an in-state independent college.

### **Eligibility:**

- All students must complete the PROMISE Scholarship Application (Application for State Level Financial Aid Programs) by March 1, 2017. Applications become available October 1, 2016 at [WWW.CFWV.COM/PROMISE](http://WWW.CFWV.COM/PROMISE).
- All students must file the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2017. The form must be received by the Federal Student Aid Processing Center and meet the conditions for processing on or before March 1. Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the FAFSA. The 2017-2018 FAFSA becomes available October 1, 2016.
- A student must complete high school graduation requirements at a WV public or private high school.
- A student must complete at least one half of credits required for high school graduation through attendance at a public or private high school in the state of West Virginia.
- A student and his/her parents must be legal residents of West Virginia for a minimum of twelve consecutive months prior to the PROMISE Scholarship deadline.
- A student must graduate with both a minimum core and overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- The minimum core class requirements are:
  - English - 4 credits
  - Mathematics - 4 credits
  - Social Sciences - 4 credits
  - Natural Sciences - 3 credits
- Test Requirements – Scores must be from a single testing date and cannot be combined from multiple test administrations. Additionally, the writing portion of the ACT and/or SAT will NOT be used in determining PROMISE eligibility for the class of 2017.
  - **ACT** composite score of 22 with a minimum sub-score of 20 in each of the four subject areas (Math, Science, English and Reading)
    - The last time to take the ACT is June 10, 2017 to meet PROMISE eligibility requirements.
  - **SAT** taken **prior to January 2016**: 1020 combined score with a minimum of 490 in critical reading and 480 in math.
  - **SAT** taken **after March 2016**: Total Score of 1100 with a minimum sub score of 510 in Math and 540 in Evidence Based Reading and Writing
    - The last time to take the SAT to meet PROMISE eligibility requirements is June 3, 2017.

## PROMISE Timeline for the Class of 2017:

- **October 1**
  - The PROMISE Scholarship Application becomes available at [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com).
  - The 2017-2018 FAFSA is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- **On or Before March 1, 2017-**
  - FAFSA filed - The 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by the Federal Student Aid Processing Center and meet the conditions for processing.
  - PROMISE Application completed - Students must complete the Application for State-Level Financial Aid Programs. Students may use their eighth semester grades to achieve PROMISE eligibility (3.0 GPA in the core and overall), but must apply by March 1, 2017.
- **April, 2017-** Initial award letters are mailed to PROMISE Scholars.
- **June 3, 2017-** Last **SAT** test date to meet PROMISE eligibility requirements. Scores will not be accepted for any SAT taken after June 3, 2017.
- **June 10, 2017-** Last **ACT** test date to meet PROMISE eligibility requirements. Scores will not be accepted for any ACT taken after June 10, 2017.

Retrieved from:

[https://www.cfwv.com/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships\\_and\\_Grants/West\\_Virginia\\_PROMISE.aspx](https://www.cfwv.com/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships_and_Grants/West_Virginia_PROMISE.aspx)

# Special Programs



## **Cooperative Education (Co-op)**

Merit based scholarship awarded to students who intend to participate in college cooperative education at an approved Partner Institution.

Criteria:

- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutes
- Complete the National Co-op Scholarship application including a 200 word essay
- Application deadlines may differ between institutions. Early applications are highly encouraged

For more information, visit: <http://www.co-op.edu> or email [Marty\\_Ford@uml.edu](mailto:Marty_Ford@uml.edu)

## **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program Scholarships**

- Award is based on merit and grades, not financial need
- Award amount: Varies, but could include full tuition, room, board, and stipend
- Scholarships available for two, three, or four-years and may be awarded throughout a student's post-secondary education.

Criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores) *NOTE: SAT minimum score may be updated given the changes to the assessment*
- [Meet physical standards](#)
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard) - 8-year service commitment
- Talk to your academic advisor to find schools that carry an Army ROTC program

Retrieved from [www.goarmy.com/rotc/](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/)

## **The Post-9/11 GI Bill**

Available to individuals who served on active duty for at least 90 days on or after September 10, 2001 and meet the requirements for any GI Bill program.

This program will pay eligible individuals and their dependents:

- Full tuition and fees for instate schools
- A monthly housing allowance for those attending school more than half time – based on cost of living where you attend school.
- A books and supplies stipend (up to \$1,000 per academic year)
- Up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty.

Retrieved from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

## **The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship**

This scholarship provides Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of Servicemembers who died in the line of duty while on active duty after Sept 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.

For more information visit - [http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry\\_scholarship.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp) or contact the VA directly

## **The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program**

The Department of Veterans Affairs also offers assistance to eligible family members of veterans. You must be a spouse, son, or daughter (including stepchild or adopted child) of the following:

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability (The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces.)
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence
- A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power
- A service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability
- For more information, go to: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp> or contact the VA directly

Retrieved from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

# FAFSA

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid



The 2017-2018 FAFSA became available October 1, 2016.

All individuals wishing to apply for federal and state financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Additionally, many colleges and universities, especially public institutions, require the FAFSA for school issued scholarship consideration. You must submit the FAFSA every year that you want aid.

**NEW** this year – in order to allow students to submit their FAFSA earlier, increasing the opportunity for financial aid opportunities, families will use their 2015 income tax information to complete the 17-18 FAFSA.

The FAFSA is available in paper and electronic formats. Paper versions are no longer bulk-distributed to high schools, colleges and libraries, with a few exceptions. (The exceptions involve organizations that work with underrepresented populations and students that do not have access to the Internet or a phone.) However, students may obtain a paper version via download or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If you are hearing impaired, call the TTY number 1-800-730-8913.

The web-based version of the FAFSA can be accessed at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

## Help Completing the FAFSA

Prior to completing the FAFSA, both parents and students will need to apply for their FAFSA ID. In previous years, parents and students were required to request a PIN, this is no longer the case. Your FAFSA ID will be used to access your personal information on ED websites such as <https://fafsa.gov> and also as your electronic signature on legally binding documents. This ID should NOT be shared with anyone.

To apply for your FAFSA ID visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

The process for completing the FAFSA, once a lengthy and somewhat cumbersome process, has been improved by the ability of the site to access tax information that has been filed electronically. Be sure to read all instructions before completing the form. Most questions about the FAFSA can be answered just by reading the instructions carefully.

In order to complete the FAFSA, you will need:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your 2015 federal tax information or returns (**Note:** You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Your FAFSA ID. (If you do not already have one, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>)
- The deadline information for your intended college or university.

If you have any questions about completing the FAFSA or about federal student assistance programs, first visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) where you can find a list of Trending Questions as well as other FAQs. To contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center, dial at 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243, TTY 1-800-730-8913) from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**Make a copy of the completed FAFSA before mailing it. Keep it in a safe place with copies of all the records you used to complete the form.** Not only will this be useful as a reference for subsequent years, but it may also be required for a process called verification. In addition to comparing the information on your FAFSA with data from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, and Internal Revenue Service, the US Department of Education also selects about one-third of all FAFSAs for verification. If your FAFSA is selected for verification, the school will ask you for a copy of all the documentation you used to fill out the FAFSA.

If you submit a paper copy, it is advised that you obtain a certificate of mailing from the post office to prove that you mailed it. (You do not need to send your FAFSA or PROFILE by certified or express mail.) If your FAFSA becomes lost, the certificate of mailing will help establish the date you submitted the FAFSA, verifying that you sent it before the deadline.

**In your rush to submit your application, don't forget to finish the online process. If you don't reach a page that says "Your FAFSA has been submitted," *no data has been sent to the federal processor*. Be certain that the FAFSA ID for both student and parent have been entered.**

If you submitted your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online using *FAFSA on the Web*, then the U.S. Department of Education will process your application within 3-5 days. If you submitted a paper FAFSA, your application will be processed within 7-10 days.

Once your application is processed, you will receive a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which summarizes the information you provided on your FAFSA. Review your SAR and make sure all of the information is complete and accurate.

If there is any missing or incorrect information, complete or correct your FAFSA as soon as possible.

Your SAR will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC determines your eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant, and the college uses the EFC to assess your eligibility for other federal and nonfederal student aid.

Once your FAFSA is processed by Federal Student Aid, your SAR is sent to the colleges that you listed on your FAFSA. Each college will use the information on your SAR to determine your eligibility for federal and nonfederal student aid. The colleges you listed are responsible for creating your award package and disbursing your financial aid. However, listing a college on your FAFSA is generally not sufficient to receive aid at that college, as most colleges do not create award packages for every applicant who lists the college on a FAFSA.

You should contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend to find out if there are additional requirements for receiving financial aid and to learn more about the process of applying for aid at that college.

Retrieved from <http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/help.phtml>

# CSS PROFILE

## (College Scholarship Service Profile)

### WHAT is the PROFILE?

The **PROFILE** is an online application that collects information used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to award institutional non-federal aid funds. (All **federal** funds are awarded based on the **FAFSA**, available beginning October 1, 2016 at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.) Some colleges may require additional information, such as tax returns or an institutional application. If your parents are divorced, some colleges will also require your noncustodial parent to complete the Noncustodial PROFILE.

### WHEN do I file the PROFILE?

You may file the **PROFILE** as early as Oct. 1, 2016. However, you should file no later than two weeks before the EARLIEST priority filing date specified by your colleges or programs.

### WHO must file the PROFILE?

Check your colleges'/programs' information to determine whether they require the PROFILE. The most up-to-date list, including search capabilities and additional information, can be found by clicking on "list of colleges, universities, and scholarship programs" on the PROFILE Index Page or at

<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet.srv>.

### HOW do I file the PROFILE?

You file the PROFILE online at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. If you do not have a computer at home, register for PROFILE at your high school or local library, print the Pre-Application Worksheet and Instructions, and review them with your parents. Return to your high school or library and enter the information by logging back into your application using your secure username and password.

### WHAT does the PROFILE cost?

The fee for the initial application and one college or program report is **\$25**. Additional reports are **\$16**. Payment may be made via credit card, debit card (Visa or MC) or online check. A limited number of **fee waivers** are granted automatically — based on the information entered on the PROFILE application — to U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens that are first-time college applicants and are from families with very low income and assets. This waiver covers the application fee and the reporting fees for up to eight colleges or scholarship programs.

Retrieved from [profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com) and  
<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/financial-aid/applications/profile>





# Scholarships



Undergraduate scholarships are forms of aid that help students pay for their education. Unlike loans, they do not have to be repaid. Hundreds of thousands of scholarships and fellowships from several thousand sponsors are awarded each year at the federal, state, local, and high school levels.

Generally, scholarships are reserved for students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic, or artistic talent. However, awards are also available for students who are interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country, or who demonstrate financial need.

NOTE: It is important to remember that in order to be considered for many of the scholarships listed in this handbook, **students must first fill out a FASFA**. It is a good idea to fill out a FASFA even if the student does not believe that he or she is eligible for student aid.

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## Outline of Scholarships

West Virginia University- West Virginia Residents Scholarships

Clay-Battelle High School Scholarships  
Morgantown High School Scholarships  
University High School Scholarships

County-Wide Scholarships

State Scholarships

National Scholarships

# West Virginia University

## West Virginia Resident Scholarship Opportunities

Please note: Additional Scholarships may be available based on Departmental offerings

Name	Amount	Criteria for Consideration	How to Apply
<b><u>Foundation Scholarship</u></b>	Covers cost of attendance as determined by the Office of Financial Aid for four undergraduate years, plus a one-time \$4,500 stipend for study abroad/academic enhancement. Students receiving the State PROMISE Scholarship will receive the Foundation Scholarship less the PROMISE Scholarship amount.	<b>Minimum</b> high school GPA of 3.80 <b>and</b> an ACT= 30 or SAT= 1340*/New SAT= 1400. Chosen by Scholarship Selection Committee. Selected from students receiving the Bucklew Scholarship who graduate from a West Virginia high school or who have been home-schooled for at least their senior year in West Virginia.	Have all application materials, including your high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores, in at the Office of Admissions by <b>Friday, January 6, 2017</b> . Students eligible to apply will receive additional materials for completion around one week after receiving their Scholarship Distinction Level 1 Award Letters. 5 students are awarded annually
<b><u>Bucklew Scholarship</u></b>	\$8,000/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> high school GPA of 3.80 <b>and</b> an an ACT= 30 or SAT= 1340*/New SAT= 1400. Chosen by Scholarship Selection Committee. Selected from students receiving a Scholarship of Distinction Level 1 who graduate from a West Virginia high school or who have been home-schooled for at least their senior year in West Virginia.	Have all application materials, including your high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores, in at the Office of Admissions by <b>Friday, January 6, 2017</b> . Students eligible to apply will receive additional materials for completion around one week after receiving their Presidential Award letters. The Application deadline is <b>February 6, 2017</b> . Awarded to 20 students annually
<b><u>University Merit Scholarship</u></b>	\$7,000/yr. for four undergraduate years, plus a one-time \$3,500 stipend for study abroad/academic enhancement.	<b>Minimum</b> high school GPA of 3.50. Awarded to students named National Merit or Achievement Finalists who select WVU as their first choice for undergraduate study with the National Merit Corporation.	Take the PSAT/NMSQT test as a junior in high school and be named a National Merit or Achievement Semifinalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
<b><u>Scholarship of Distinction Level 1</u></b>	\$4,000/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> 3.80 high school GPA <b>&amp;</b> an ACT= 30 or SAT= 1340*/New SAT= 1400.	Complete admissions process by February 1.
<b><u>Scholarship of Distinction Level 2</u></b>	\$3,000/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> 3.50 high school GPA <b>&amp;</b> an ACT= 26 or SAT= 1190*/New SAT= 1260.	Complete admissions process by February 1.

<b><u>Scholarship of Distinction Level 3</u></b>	\$2,500/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> 3.25 high school GPA & an ACT= 24 or SAT= 1110*/New SAT=1180.	Complete admissions process by February 1.
<b><u>Scholarship of Distinction Level 4</u></b>	\$1,500/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> 3.00 high school GPA & an ACT= 22 or SAT= 1130*/New SAT=1110.	
<b><u>Governor's Honors Academy Scholarship</u></b>	\$1,500/yr. for four undergraduate years.	Must have attended the Governor's Honors Academy and not be receiving another scholarship of higher value from WVU.	Complete admissions process by February 1.
<b><u>G. Belmont Berry Scholarship</u></b>	\$1,500/yr. for four undergraduate years.	<b>Minimum</b> high school GPA of 3.25 <b>and</b> an ACT of 20 or 21, or SAT from 950-1020*/New SAT from 1030 to 1100. Must graduate from a West Virginia high school or who have been home-schooled for at least their senior year in West Virginia.	Complete admissions process by February 1. Submit the G. Belmont Berry Scholarship Application, which is mailed to students meeting criteria. 15 students are awarded annually.
<b><u>Diversity Scholarship</u></b>	\$1,500/yr. for four undergraduate years.	Culturally, ethnically, or racially diverse students with a <b>Minimum</b> 3.00 high school GPA & an ACT= 21 or SAT= 990*/New SAT=1070.	Complete FAFSA by March 1, 2017 and be admitted to WVU by May 1 of the senior year of high school.

\* SAT scores earned prior to March 2016 reflect the Critical Reading score plus the Math score. \*The New version of the SAT totals are based on the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score plus Math score.

- Scholarships are awarded on an ongoing basis beginning approximately October 1.
- Scholarships listed may be used only at WVU-Morgantown.
- Grade point average (GPA) is based on information received from a student's high school transcript. The most recent cumulative GPA on the transcript at the time of application is used when determining admissions to the University and scholarship eligibility.
- Effective with the incoming freshman class of 2015, WVU uses "Super Scores" for scholarship awarding, so be sure to submit all scores from each section of the ACT or SAT if you take the test more than once. WVU will calculate your "Super Score" using the highest component/subscore from all test information available. NOTE: scores from pre-March 2016 SAT and New SAT will not be mixed to obtain a super score.
- Scholarship amounts may be affected if students are receiving need-based aid from State or Federal programs.
- Please note: If a student is eligible for more than one scholarship from the WVU Scholars Program, the student will be awarded the scholarship with the highest dollar value. Students named as National Merit Finalists may use their WVU-sponsored need-based National Merit award in addition to any other WVU scholarship for which the student qualifies.
- In addition to these scholarships, you may also qualify for other financial assistance resources – determined by completion of the FAFSA after October 1, 2016 and prior to March 1, 2017.
- To retain renewable scholarships for subsequent years, all scholars are required to maintain specific cumulative grade point averages and to complete a minimum number of credits each year. To review renewal requirements, please visit <http://undergradscholarships.wvu.edu/freshman/guidelines-renewal>.
- If you qualify for the West Virginia PROMISE scholarship, in most cases your WVU scholarship (except the Foundation Scholarship) will be awarded in addition to PROMISE.

Retrieved from : <http://undergradscholarships.wvu.edu/freshman/wv-resident>

# Clay – Battelle High School Scholarship Opportunities

**Principal:** David Cottrell

**Counselor:** Christina Harper

6226 Mason Dixon Highway, Drawer A, Blacksville, WV 26521

Phone: (304) 432-8208 - FAX: (304) 432-8189



\*\*For deadlines listed as TBA, check with your school counselors for specific deadline dates\*\*

## **Clay – Battelle Alumni Association**

Award: 1 @ \$500 or \$1,000

Criteria: Selection is based on four categories, including;

- Academic - Cumulative GPA, academic contribution and participation
- Leadership – In the “big picture” of the Clay-Battelle community and school, how have you contributed?
- Personal Goals – What are your personal career goals?
- Financial Need – Description of anticipated educational expenses per semester and your anticipated resources

Deadline: March 1, 2017

## **Opportunity Scholarship**

Award: \$5,000

Criteria:

- Be accepted into a 2 year or 4 year college, or a trade school.
- Essay on why applicant feels this scholarship will be beneficial to further his/her education. Also include what sets him/her apart from the other applicants.
- Two character references.
- Interview

Deadline: March 1, 2017

## **Dennis Thomas Memorial Scholarship**

Award: 1-3 @ \$500.00

Criteria: Clay Battelle Senior with financial need, and pursuing a college degree  
Submit an application, essay, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript  
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Deadline: March 15, 2017

## **Rotary Club of Morgantown**

Award: At least \$4,000 in scholarships; Number of scholarships varies

Criteria: Any CBHS senior planning to attend a post-secondary program  
3.0 GPA

Minimum ACT Composite of 18 or SAT combined (Verbal & Math) of 870

Completed Application Interview with Rotary Club Members, Official Transcript, Short Answer Questions and a 500-word essay

\*Applicants must include a certified transcript to include grades through and including 1<sup>st</sup> semester of their senior year

Deadline: March 1, 2017

## **Dennis Thomas Memorial Scholarship**

Award: 1-3 @ \$500.00

Criteria: Clay Battelle Senior with financial need, and pursuing a college degree  
Submit an application, essay, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript copy

Deadline: March 15, 2017

## **Chad Ross Scholarship**

Award: 1 @ \$250 Scholarship  
\*dependent on funding

Criteria: Complete the application  
CBHS senior in good academic standing  
Postsecondary goal  
3 letters of recommendation

Deadline: May 2017 (exact date TBA)

## **The Levi McVicker Scholarship**

Award: Varies

Criteria: 300-500 word essay  
CBHS High School Senior  
Higher Education Goal

Deadline: April 2017 (exact date TBA)

## **The Fallen Angel Scholarship**

Award: Varies

Criteria: 300-500 word essay  
In need of financial assistance  
CBHS High School Senior

Deadline: May 2017 (exact date TBA)

## **The Sydney Rush Scholarship**

Award: Varies

Criteria: 300-500 word essay  
CBHS High School Senior  
Must plan to attend higher education

Deadline: April/May 2017 (exact date TBA)

# Morgantown High School Scholarship Opportunities

**Principal:** Paul Mihalko

**Counselors:** Audra Hamrick, Anna Fleming,  
Brian Ruele, Amber Smith, and Lauren Smith  
109 Wilson Avenue

Morgantown, West Virginia 26501

Phone: (304) 291-9260 - FAX: (304) 291-9263



\*\*For deadlines listed as TBA, check with your school counselors for specific deadline dates\*\*

## **Athletic Boosters Scholarship**

Award: 6-9 @ \$500

Criteria: 3 male student athletes  
3 female student athletes  
Applications available from the MHS Athletic Director  
Selected by Athletic Booster Committee

Applications available in February 2017

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

## **Dave Chaplin Memorial Scholarship**

Award: 2 @ \$500

Criteria: 1 male student athlete  
1 female student athlete  
Applications available from the MHS Athletic Director  
Selected by the Athletic Booster Committee

Applications available in February 2017

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

## **Vic Bonfili Memorial Scholarship**

Award: \$500

Criteria: Student Athlete  
Chosen by the MHS coaching staff in the month of May  
Given by Morgantown High Athletic Boosters

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

### **Gary Barill Memorial Scholarship**

Award: 2 @ \$500

Criteria: 1 Male Student Athlete

1 Female Student Athlete

Applications available from the MHS Athletic Director

Selected by the Athletic Booster Committee

Applications available in February 2017

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

### **Jake Mullett Memorial Scholarship**

Award: 2 @ \$500 each (1 male & 1 female)

Criteria: Student Athlete

Application available from MHS Athletic Director

Chosen by MHS Athletic Boosters

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

### **Jeanette Luchok Moriak Memorial Scholarship**

Criteria: Recipients must be graduating seniors of Morgantown High School who are entering West Virginia University as freshmen. Preference is given to students who are planning a career in teaching

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

### **Morgantown High School Class of 1942**

Award: Dependent on fund availability

Criteria: Freshman at WVU

Need for financial assistance

High academic promise

**Student must fill out a FASFA to be considered**

\*Students are recommended to the WVU Undergraduate Scholarship Office by the MHS Class of 1942 scholarship committee. MHS seniors planning on attending WVU will automatically be considered for this scholarship if they fill out a FASFA.

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

### **Warren Hartman Scholarship – 4-year scholarship**

Award: Amount varies

Criteria: Must attend WVU and maintain 3.0 GPA

Student athlete

Chosen by the MHS coaching staff in the month of May

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD



## **Nathan Shilling Memorial Scholarship**

Award: \$1,000

Criteria: Student athlete

Applications available from the MHS Athletic Director in spring

Chosen by the Shilling family

Must attend WVU

Application available in February 2016

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

## **David D. Jenab Memorial Award**

Award: 1 @ \$500

Criteria: Senior football player

Outstanding defensive player

Chosen by Football Coaching Staff in May

Given by Wes Bagby

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

# University High School Scholarship Opportunities

**Principal:** Shari Burgess

**Counselors:** Brandon Tate, Bethany Underdonk, Josh Glass, and Rachel Watson

131 Baker's Ridge Road

Morgantown, West Virginia 26508

Phone: (304) 291-9270 - FAX: (304) 291-9248



\*\*For deadlines listed as TBA, check with your school counselors for specific deadline dates\*\*

## **Albert Tennant Award**

Award: \$250

Criteria: UHS Student Council member  
Leadership skills and dedication towards UHS  
**Chosen by Scholarship Committee**

## **Bruceton High School Alumni Association**

Award: \$500-\$1000

Criteria: From the Bruceton school attendance area  
See counselors for application

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

## **Cheat Lake Rotary Scholarship**

Award: \$500

Criteria: Enrolled at WVU  
Display academic mastery in advanced courses  
**Chosen by UHS Scholarship committee**

## **Edward H. Cubbon**

Award: 2 @ \$1,000

Criteria: GPA  
Enrolled at WVU  
Leadership skills and financial need  
Application (see guidance counselor)  
**Decided by UHS Scholarship Committee**

### **Micah Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Criteria: University High School graduates planning to pursue post-secondary education.  
Minimum of a 2.5 GPA if pursuing a technical or trade school  
Minimum of a 3.0 GPA if pursuing higher education from a college or university

Deadline: March 31, 2017

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

### **Nancy Marshall Memorial Scholarship**

Award: \$500

For more information: Visit the counselors in the guidance department in the spring

Deadline: Tentative

### **Westover Community Association Freshmen Scholarship**

Award: \$1,500 for tuition, room and board, books and lab fees

Criteria: Student from Monongalia County Schools with financial need and residing on the west side of the Monongahela River for a minimum of two years  
Minimum (unweighted) GPA of 2.5  
Minimum ACT Composite Score of 20 or 860 on the SAT

Deadline: TBD (estimated March, 2017) at the Westover Community Association

Applications available in the UHS Guidance Office

### **Mary Jane Wood Scholarship**

Criteria: US Citizen attending University High School  
Student Athlete with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.0  
Demonstration of Financial need

Deadline: March 2017

Applications and More information available at <http://www.cffayettepa.org/scholarships/>

### **Services Plus Scholarship**

Amount: \$1,000

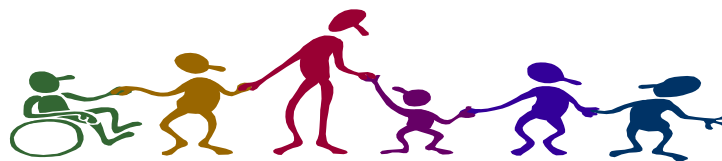
Criteria: Promise Eligible University High School Senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0  
Student must be admitted at a WV 4 year college/university or 2 year tech school

Deadline: Tentative

Applications available in the Counseling Office

\*For more information about scholarships for students attending University High School, visit the UHS Guidance Office website: [http://hawks.mono.k12.wv.us/guidance\\_counseling](http://hawks.mono.k12.wv.us/guidance_counseling) or <http://uhshawkschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>

# County-Wide Scholarships



\*\*For deadlines listed as TBA, check with your school counselors for specific deadline dates\*\*

## **The Jean and Laurence S. DeLynn Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Award: \$5,000 per year (renewable) scholarship to high school graduates

Criteria: children or grandchildren of current or retired full-time employees of Mylan (living and/or working in the greater Morgantown, West Virginia area).

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

## **Hope Works Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Award: two \$1,500/yr, four year scholarships to Monongalia County, West Virginia, high school graduates who are regularly enrolled as undergraduate students in an accredited college or university.

Criteria: Need for financial assistance due to loss of parental support from death, divorce, or loss of family income due to special circumstances; Excellence, commitment, and leadership through involvement in school and community organizations; and High academic promise.

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

## **Pfc. Andrew Martin “Bo” Harper Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Award: one-time scholarship

Criteria: Demonstration of commitment and leadership qualities through involvement in school and community activities, financial need, and submission of an essay on “What Patriotism Means to Me”

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

## **Soundra Poling-Brookhaven Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Award: \$500 one-time scholarship

Criteria: High School graduates who completed the fifth grade at Brookhaven Elementary School. Demonstration of intent to enroll in a WV institution of higher education. Recipients will have displayed excellence, commitment and leadership through involvement in school and community organizations and demonstrated academic potential through commitment to classroom work.

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

## **HealthWorks Rehab & Fitness Comeback Award**

Deadline: TBA by HealthWorks

Award: 1 @ \$500

Criteria: High school senior  
Injury that required a **minimum of 6 wks** lost from participation—in season or out of season  
Participated in a **minimum of 6 wks** of supervised physical therapy at Healthworks. (Rehabilitation under the direct supervision of a HW Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer may also be considered in extenuating circumstances.)  
Must return to **full, unrestricted participation** in high school athletics  
Athlete must be on schedule to graduate during the semester of award consideration  
Athlete must maintain or improve his/her classroom performance during the time of injury and rehabilitation  
Athlete must serve as a positive role model for peers, based on his/her:

- Actions, within and outside the school environment
- Attitude
- Integrity
- Maturity
- Respect for self, school, family, and community

## **Matthew D. “Biggie” Wolfe Culinary Arts and Hospitality Memorial Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Provides scholarship to a Mon County Student pursuing post-secondary studies in Culinary Arts and/or the Food & Hospitality Industry.

Criteria: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, plan to be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary culinary arts and/or food and hospitality training program and have a career goal of becoming a chef or working in the food and hospitality industry.

For more information: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

## **Morning Glory Ministries Dream Builder Awards**

Deadline: open continuous

Awards: 2 @ \$500, as approved by the MGM Board of Directors, renewable

- \* William David Dilworth Memorial Grant
- \* Dream Builder Musical Instrument Award

Criteria:

- Accepted into an institution of higher learning
- Academic achievement
- Need for financial assistance
- Essay – 300 words or less, “Why I Want to Major in \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_”.  
Indicating how you have or will embrace humility, servanthood, and faith-based charitable works into your career goals
- Interview

For more information and an application, email: [morningglorysdm@yahoo.com](mailto:morningglorysdm@yahoo.com), visit us on the web at: <http://www.morningglorysdm.org/Application.html>, or call 304.599.2999

## **Hu S. & Freda T. Vandervort Agriculture Student Scholarship**

Deadline: March, 2017, official date TBD

Award: Amount may not exceed the annual cost of tuition and fees (renewable)

Criteria:

- Majoring in agricultural studies
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Priority given to residents of Monongalia County
- Priority given to the WVU Scholars Program
- Financial Need (must file a FAFSA)

For more information visit: <http://davismichael.wvu.edu/scholarships/incoming-freshmen/agriculture>

## **Mark Flint Memorial Scholarship for the Advancement of Music**

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Award: \$5,000

Criteria:

- For students who intend to pursue a career in music education or applied music
- Completed scholarship application
- Acceptance into a college or other post-secondary program
- High School Transcript
- 150-500 word essay
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Interview with Opportunity Foundation Scholarship Committee

Chosen by the Opportunity Foundation

For more information, please call (304) 694-0950 or email [envirocon.clark@gmail.com](mailto:envirocon.clark@gmail.com)

## **R. Emmett & Edna Lynch College of Business and Economics Scholarship**

Deadline: April 15, 2017

Award: Full cost of tuition and special fees, renewable for no more than four years

Criteria:

- WV resident and graduate from Morgantown, University, or Clay Battelle High School
- Only one award is distributed annually
- Recipients shall have demonstrated: (a) high academic promise and (b) financial need as determined by appropriate officials of the WVU Scholars Office and the College of Business and Economics
- Awards are made for full tuition and special fees charged annually to students enrolled in the College of Business and Economics
- Recipients must be regularly enrolled full-time students in the WVU College of Business and Economics 2017-18
- Completed Application Packet
  - Cover Letter
  - Transcript
  - Resume
  - Additional Supporting Documentation

Please see website for more details: <http://business.wvu.edu/student-resources/scholarships/incoming-freshman/lynch-scholarship>

## **Walter S. "Dusty" Rhodes Music Scholarship**

Deadline: Varies

Criteria:

- Major in music in the College of Creative Arts at WVU
- Resident of Monongalia County, Marion County, or Preston County in WV
- First consideration shall be given to students in the WVU Scholars Program
- Must demonstrate financial need and academic promise
- Student must fill out a FAFSA to be considered

\*Students interested in admission as a music major to the College of Creative Arts will be considered for this scholarship by going through the application and audition process. No additional application is necessary.

For more information visit:

<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/collegeofcreativearts/divisionofmusic/>

## **Lieutenant James W. Hotsinpiller Jr. and Deputy United States Marshal Derek W. Hotsinpiller Scholarship**

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Award: Financial Support for one or more seniors from Monongalia and surrounding counties who have been accepted to a West Virginia college or university and intend to major in criminal justice or another social science.

Criteria:

- Completed application
- Copies of High School Transcript, ACT/SAT scores, College Acceptance Letter and a Wallet-Sized photo attached to application

Visit [http://www.hotsinpillerscholarship.com/Scholarship\\_App\\_Form.cfm](http://www.hotsinpillerscholarship.com/Scholarship_App_Form.cfm) for the application and more information.

## **Foundation of Monongalia General Hospital Health Career Scholarships**

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Award: 30 scholarships totaling \$1,000 each

### Criteria:

- Must be a resident of one of these counties in West Virginia: Monongalia, Marion, Taylor, Preston, Wetzel, Harrison, or Tucker, or Fayette or Greene in Pennsylvania. Children of Monongalia Health System employees will be eligible regardless of residence.
- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in one of the eligible health related fields:

#### One-Year or Two-Year Degrees or Certificates:

Associate in Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic, Registered Radiology Technologist, Dietetic Technician, Health Information Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician, Radiologic Technologist, Registered Respiratory Therapist, Ultrasound Technologist, Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA), Surgical and Central Supply Technology, or Sterile Processing Technician

- 2.5 cumulative GPA & a composite ACT score of 21 or better or SAT of 1250 or better

#### Three, Four, or More Year Degrees:

Pharmacy, Nursing-MSN, Nursing-BSN, Nursing-Diploma, Nurse Practitioner, Dietician, Physician Assistant (Resulting Board Certification), Medical Technologist, Ultrasound Technologist, Family Practice/Primary Care Physician (must be in residency program), or Biomedical Engineering

- A 3.0 cumulative GPA & a composite ACT score of 21 or better or SAT of 1250 or better

For further details and a copy of the application, please see your School Counselor.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting 304.598.1337; email The Foundation of Mon General: [harnd@monhealthsys.org](mailto:harnd@monhealthsys.org)





## Listing of State Scholarships

*\*\*Those interested in the following scholarships, please see your school counselor for more information\*\**

### **Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Award: 2 @ \$1,000

#### Criteria:

- West Virginia high school graduate with a desire to further their track & field/cross country discipline at the collegiate level
- Excellence, commitment and leadership through involvement in school and community organizations
- High academic promise

For more information visit: [http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page\\_id=17](http://www.ycfwv.org/default.php?page_id=17)

### **Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program**

Deadline: March 1, 2017 (Application available starting October 1, 2016)

Amount: Up to \$5,000 per academic year

#### Criteria:

- Merit-based scholarship/forgivable loan
- Education Majors
- Recipients must agree to teach in West Virginia two years for every year of scholarship

For more information: Call (304) 558-4618 or visit:

[https://www.cfwv.com/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships\\_and\\_Grants/Underwood\\_Smith\\_Teacher\\_Scholarship\\_Program.aspx](https://www.cfwv.com/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships_and_Grants/Underwood_Smith_Teacher_Scholarship_Program.aspx)

## **West Virginia Engineering, Science, and Technology Scholarship Program**

Deadline: March 1, 2017 (Application available starting October 1, 2016)

Award: Up to \$3,000 per academic year

### Criteria:

- Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Students obtaining a degree or certificate in engineering, science, or technology
- Must agree to work in WV full-time in a science, engineering, or technology job for one year for each year the scholarship was received and be willing to repay the scholarship if unable to fulfill the obligation

For more information: Call (304) 558-4618 or visit:

[https://secure.cfwv.com/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships\\_and\\_Grants/WV\\_Engineering\\_Science\\_and\\_Tech\\_Scholarship\\_Program.aspx](https://secure.cfwv.com/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships_and_Grants/WV_Engineering_Science_and_Tech_Scholarship_Program.aspx)

## **William and Jean Swales Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: Cost of tuition, fees, and books

### Criteria:

- Awarded to a graduate of a WV high school admitted to a program of study in the College of Arts and Sciences at WVU
- Demonstrate financial need
- The scholarship is renewable for up to three additional undergraduate years if the recipient remains enrolled in a degree program within the College of Arts and Sciences and continues to demonstrate strong academic performance and financial need.
- Must have a recommendation from student's High School Counselor

For more information and access to the application visit

<http://eberly.wvu.edu/students/current-students/scholarships> or contact Brenda Riggle, (304) 293-9205, for assistance

## **Mary R. Laidley Memorial Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: \$2000

### Criteria:

- Awarded to a graduate of a WV high school who is admitted to a program of study in the College of Arts and Sciences at WVU
- Demonstrate financial need
- The scholarship is renewable for up to four undergraduate years if the recipient remains enrolled in an arts and sciences degree program and achieves a minimum 3.0

For more information and access to the application visit

<http://eberly.wvu.edu/students/current-students/scholarships> or contact Brenda Riggle, (304) 293-9205, for assistance

## **The Charles J. McClain Presidential Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: 3 Scholarships to Fairmont State University, includes tuition and fees, room and board and a book stipend (renewable for up to 4 years with a 3.0 GPA)

Criteria:

- Current high school senior who lives in West Virginia
- PROMISE Scholarship recipient
- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher
- ACT composite of 26 or SAT composite of 1190 (combined Critical Reading and Math – taken prior to March 2016) or 1260 SAT total score (taken March 2016 and after)
- Complete the Charles J. McClain Presidential scholarship application (including essay)
- Completed FSU admissions file (general application, high school transcript, test scores)
- On-campus interview

For more information and the application visit:

<http://www.fairmontstate.edu/presidentialscholarship>

## **Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation Scholarships**

The Mollohan Foundation offers a variety of Scholarships for students with varying award amounts and criteria. The Mollohan Foundation has awarded over \$390,000 in scholarships. Many scholarship recipients will also be eligible for paid internship opportunities within their field of study. Additionally, scholarship recipients may be eligible for a college loan that could be partially or fully forgiven if the student decides to work in West Virginia after college graduation. The Mollohan Foundation has awarded over \$319,000 in student loans.

- All Scholarship applications are due by March 31, 2017.
- For applications and further information visit: [www.mollohanfoundation.org](http://www.mollohanfoundation.org)
- Scholarships include the following and more:

- **Helen Holt Mollohan Scholarship**

Award: \$1,000 for females planning to attend Glenville State College

- **High Technology Scholars Program**

Award: \$500 Scholarship and potential internships and loan opportunities for students who plan to major in a technology related field.

- **Mary Olive Eddy Jones Art Scholarship**

Award: \$1000 for students who plan in study creative arts.

## **The Blair and Sue Montgomery Scholarship**

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Award: One Scholarship to Pierpont Community and Technical College, includes tuition and fees, room and board, and a \$1,000 book stipend, renewable with 3.0 GPA

Criteria:

- Current high school senior who lives in West Virginia
- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0
- ACT composite of 22 with minimum subject score of 20
- PROMISE Scholarship recipient
- Complete the Montgomery Scholarship application (including essay – 450 words)
- Completed admissions file (general application, high school transcript, test scores)
- On-campus interview

For a copy of the application, see your School Counselor. More information may be available by visiting: <http://www.pierpont.edu/montgomeryscholarship>

## **Promise Beyond Scholarship**

Deadline: March 1, 2017, official date TBD

Award: Additional financial support beyond the PROMISE scholarship to cover full tuition at Fairmont State University, renewable for four years with a 3.0 GPA

Criteria:

- Must be a WV student graduating in 2017
- Must be a PROMISE Scholarship recipient
- Complete your FSU admissions file (general application, official high school transcript, test scores)

Visit <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/finaid/funding/promise-beyond> for more information.

## **Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund**

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Award: Varying amounts

Criteria:

- Enrolled as a student for the upcoming year at WVU
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be in adequate academic standing, with a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Good citizenship as demonstrated by the applicant's extracurricular activity
- Legal resident of West Virginia
- A completed application that includes a copy of the most recent transcript and three letters of recommendation.

For more information and an application visit: <http://www.alumni.wvu.edu/give-back/awards/loyalty-permanent-endowment-fund>



## **Listing of National Scholarships**

*\*\*For those interested in the following scholarships, please see your school counselor for more information.\*\**

### **American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program**

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Award: Multiple scholarships up to \$5,000 depending on need

Criteria:

- Intending to pursue degrees in chemical sciences/technology
- Must be of African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian decent and pursuing a college degree in chemical sciences or chemical technology.

For more information visit: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html>

### **Elks National Foundation**

Deadlines: Varying

Award: Multiple scholarships totaling \$3.74 million annually

For more information visit your high school counselor, local Elks Lodge, or <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/>

### **Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA)**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: Multiple scholarships and grants available for schools and students nationwide

For more information visit: <http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>

### **National FFA Collegiate Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Award: Multiple grants and scholarships available

Criteria: Must be a current FFA member

For more information visit: <https://www.ffa.org/scholarships>

## **The Wal-Mart Dependent Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1, 2017

Award: \$3,000

Criteria:

- Must be a dependent of an associate employed by Wal-Mart for at least 6 consecutive months
- Cumulative High school GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Must enroll as a full time/1<sup>st</sup> year student at a two-year, or 4-year college or university
- Demonstrate financial need

For more information visit: <http://giving.walmart.com/associate-scholarships>

## **Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship**

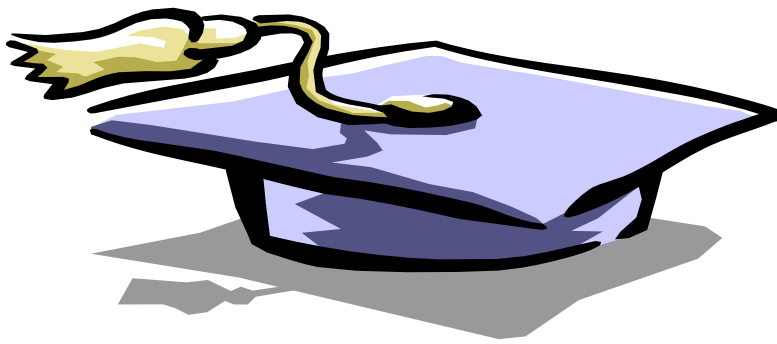
Deadline: Varying enrollment periods

Criteria: Must be employed by Wal-Mart for at least 6 consecutive months prior to the due date

For more information visit: <http://giving.walmart.com/associate-scholarships>

## **Additional Scholarships Tip**

Websites like Fastweb.com and CFWV.com have an abundance of information on scholarships that can be catered to each individual student. For more information on national scholarships visit: <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships> or [https://secure.cfwv.com/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Scholarships/default.aspx](https://secure.cfwv.com/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/default.aspx).



# Financial Aid Vocabulary

## **Award Letter**

Notification of the terms and requirements of the financial aid package offered by a college/university

## **College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile**

A financial aid application required by some schools in addition to the FAFSA

## **Cooperative Education**

A program which allows students to alternate college studies with salaried work experience off-campus

## **Cost of Attendance (COA)**

This is the annual cost of attending a college that is used to determine a student's financial need. It includes tuition, books, fees, room, board, transportation, and out-of-pocket expenses. Also referred to as the Student Expense Budget.

## **Dependent Student**

This describes an unmarried student, under the age of 24, who has no dependents, and who is at least partially dependent on parental/guardian support.

## **Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)**

The total amount a student and his/her family are expected to pay for college.

## **Federal Methodology**

A formula established by Congress that evaluates the expected family contribution to determine eligibility for all types of financial aid.

## **Federal Work-Study Program**

A federally sponsored, campus-based program that provides employment opportunities for students with demonstrated need.

## **Financial Aid Package**

The total financial aid award offered to the student. This may include grants, scholarships, loans, and work study.

## **Financial Need**

The amount by which a student's estimated family contribution falls short of covering the cost of attendance

## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

A federal government form used by students applying for federal financial aid programs. May be mailed or filed electronically using either FAFSA Express or FAFSA on the Web (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>).

## **Gift Aid**

Student financial aid, such as scholarships or grants, which do not have to be repaid and do not require a student to be employed

## **Grant**

A financial award that does not have to be repaid

## **Independent Student**

A student who is not dependent on parental support, and meets one of several conditions established by the federal government

## **Institutional Methodology**

A formula used to determine eligibility for college money

## **Loan**

Money borrowed that must be paid back with interest

## **Scholarship**

Monetary award that does not have to be repaid

## **Self-Help Aid**

Student financial aid, such as loans and federal work-study jobs, which require repayment or a student's being employed

## **Simplified Needs Test**

A formula used by families whose total adjusted gross incomes are under \$50,000 and who are eligible to file a 1040EZ, 1040A, or no tax return at all

## **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

A report produced by the United States Department of Education and sent to students who have applied for federal student financial aid. It contains the expected family contribution or a request for more information

Retrieved from <http://www.fcps.edu/ss/CareerConnections/JrSrHandbook/favocab.pdf>



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. I probably will not qualify for aid, should I apply for aid anyway?**

Yes. Many families mistakenly think they will not qualify for aid and prevent themselves from receiving financial aid by failing to apply for it. In addition, there are a few sources of aid such as unsubsidized Stafford and PLUS loans that are available regardless of need. Also, the FAFSA form is free to file.

## **2. Do I need to be admitted to a school before I can apply for financial aid at a particular university?**

No. You can apply for financial aid any time after October 1. To actually receive funds, however, you must be admitted and enrolled at the university.

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## **3. Media reports seem to indicate that the cost of college, even with financial aid, is becoming prohibitively expensive for most American families. Is this true?**

It's true that college is certainly a significant investment. While college costs are rising, one survey found people overestimated tuition at public colleges by two to three times. Not only are colleges less expensive than most believe, but millions of dollars in financial aid are available for the 2017-2018 school year through WV state financial aid programs. Also, since most financial aid is need-based, the more help you need, the more you're likely to get. You will need to look beyond the "sticker price" schools advertise and explore the aid options to determine what you will really pay. Plus, you can consider this money an investment in the student's future.

## **4. What is the average tuition and fees for a four-year college?**

Tuition is the price colleges charge for classes. Students also pay other fees related to enrolling in and attending a college. The cost of tuition and fees varies by college. The numbers outlined below are based on published tuition costs, not what students actually end up paying out of pocket:

Public Two-Year College (in state students)	\$3,440
Public Four-Year College (in-state students)	\$9,410
Public Four-Year College (out-of-state students)	\$23,890
Private Four-Year College	\$32,410

Retrieved from <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/add-it-up/4494.html>

# Helpful Websites

[www.scholarstuff.com](http://www.scholarstuff.com)

[www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.collegebound.net](http://www.collegebound.net)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.tgkvf.org](http://www.tgkvf.org)

[www.hepc.wvnet.edu/students/](http://www.hepc.wvnet.edu/students/)

[www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com)

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)





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