

Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy Scholarship Bulletin – September 2016

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- **Financial Aid Night:** On Thursday, September 15th, WYWLA will host a Financial Aid Night at 6:00 pm in the WYWLA Dining Hall. Please plan to attend this informative event. A financial aid officer from NC State will address the FAFSA application process and the changes that come along with the new October 1st application date.
- **Wake County College Fair:** CACRAO will host a college fair on Sunday, September 18th at the NC State McKimmon Center from 2:00 – 4:30. Over 100 colleges will be represented, and you can attend free sessions on the college application and financial aid processes. Students are invited and encouraged to preregister for the fair at www.gotocollegefairs.com.
- **Senior Blog:** Please make sure to check out the WYWLA Senior Blog at <http://www.wcpss.net/domain/6021>. Each week we will update this blog with announcements. You can also find our school profile, transcript request instructions and college visit announcements on the blog.
- **WYWLA Counseling Website:** Also check out our updated counseling website at www.wywlacounselor.weebly.com for grade level resources, SAT and ACT prep information, our school profile and transcript request instructions.
- **Senior Conferences:** Mrs. di Carlo will continue to meet with seniors for their conferences for the next two weeks. If your senior has not had her conference, and you would like to attend, please send an email to kdicarlo@wcpss.net.
- **Cap and Gown Order Information:** Representatives from Herff Jones will present to seniors on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 AM in the SAU Library on their cap and gown and senior product order options. On Thursday, October 20th, students and parents can submit payment and order forms in the SAU Robinson Library. More details to come!
- **October 22nd ACT Regular Registration Deadline is September 16th!** You can register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Make sure to sign up for the ACT PLUS Writing!
- **October 1st SAT LATE Registration Deadline is September 20th:** You can still register for the October 1st SAT at www.sat.collegeboard.org and pay the late fee.
- **NC College Application Deadlines and Open House Information:** Visit https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf for complete information on application deadlines and open house dates for all NC colleges.
- Other excellent sources of scholarship and college information include www.fastweb.com; www.cfnc.org; www.collegeboard.org; www.scholarshipplus.com/wake; www.scholarships.com; www.finaid.org; www.studentaid.ed.gov; www.studentscholarships.org and the financial aid/scholarship web pages of the individual universities in which you are interested.

New Scholarship Opportunities

A+ Higher Learning Scholarship Search: A+ Higher Learning maintains a list of scholarships that is regularly updated at http://aplushigherscores.com/listofscholarships/?mc_cid=78c44e203b&mc_eid=2d003189bf. It includes scholarship opportunities at NC colleges and universities and through NC community agencies.

East Carolina Scholars Award: This is one of the most prestigious scholarships that ECU offers. ECU Scholars receive a full four-year scholarship and stipend to study abroad. Students wishing to be considered for this award must first be accepted to the ECU Honors College. To be considered, students must submit their undergraduate applications by November 15th, have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.0 and/or unweighted GPA of 3.5 and minimum math/verbal SAT of 1200 (old SAT), 1270 (new SAT) or minimum ACT composite of 27. More information on the scholarship and application process can be found at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/ecscholars/prospective_application-process.cfm.

Elon University Watson and Odyssey Scholarships: This is a \$30,000-\$48,000 need-based scholarship opportunity. Students will also be eligible for up to \$4,000 in grants for global study, internships, service, research or leadership. Applications are available at <https://www.elon.edu/e/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/odyssey-scholars-program.html> and are due January 18th.

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship: A minimum of 400 scholarships are given ranging in value from \$1000 - \$10,000. Applicants must demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and initiative through examples such as starting his/her own business and/or participating in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, FFA, NFTE. Students can apply Oct. 1 – Dec. 18 at www.NFIB.com/YEA.

NC Community Foundation Scholarships: The NC Community Foundation offers a number of different scholarship and grant application opportunities. Details, deadlines and applications can be found at <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/grants-scholarships>.

NC State General H. Hugh Shelton Scholarship: This is a \$10,000 scholarship opportunity for students who demonstrate exemplary leadership and service and who will attend NC State. Applications are due October 15th and can be found at <http://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/leadership-scholarships/about-shelton-national-leadership-scholarship/>.

NC State Park Scholarship: The NC State Park Scholarship covers full tuition, room and board, and summer opportunities for recipients. It is one of the prominent scholarships that NC State offers to students. NC State Park Scholars embody the ideals of outstanding scholarship, service and leadership. WYWLA can nominate two students for consideration for this scholarship. Interested students should complete the preliminary application found on the Senior Blog at <http://www.wcpss.net/domain/6021>. These applications are due to her by Monday, September 12th (This scholarship opportunity has been advertised to students beginning on August 31st.) Based on applications and an interview with the WYWLA Scholarship Committee, we will select our two nominees. If students are not selected for the scholarship, they can also self-nominate. Details on how to self-nominate will be shared after we select our nominees. You can find more information at <http://park.ncsu.edu/>.

Robertson Scholars: The Robertson Scholarship covers tuition for attendance at both UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University; students split their time between the two institutions. In addition to tuition, the Robertson Scholarship covers summer and extracurricular opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a Robertson Scholar, follow the directions and complete the application that can be found at www.robertsonscholars.org by November 15th.

UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead Cain Scholarship: The Morehead Cain scholarship is the oldest merit scholarship awarded at a public university in the country, and it is one of the most prestigious scholarships available. This scholarship covers tuition, books room and board and summer opportunities for four years at UNC-Chapel Hill. Morehead Cain scholars are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, moral force of character and physical vigor. WYWLA can nominate two students for consideration for this scholarship. Applications are available on the Senior Blog at <http://www.wcps.net/domain/6021> . These applications are due to her by Monday, September 12th. Based on applications and an interview with the WYWLA Scholarship Committee, we will select our two nominees. If students are not selected for the scholarship, they can also self-nominate. Details on how to self-nominate will be shared after we select our nominees. You can find more information at www.moreheadcain.org .

UNC-Chapel Hill Thomas Wolfe Scholarship: This is a scholarship for full undergraduate support at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship seeks to identify and reward students with exceptionally focused literary ability and promise. Artistic merit is the chief criterion for selection. More information and applications can be found at <http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarship/tws>. **Applications are due Nov. 15th, and interested applicants must also apply early decision (Oct. 15th) to UNC-Chapel Hill.**

UNC-Charlotte Levine Scholars Program: This is a four-year scholarship to UNC-C that includes full tuition, room and board, and a new laptop computer. The program includes four summers of experiences, including an international experience, which will develop leadership skills and social awareness. The full scholarship is valued at \$90,000. Successful applicants typically have an average 3.8 unweighted GPA, score 1900-2400 on the three combined sections of the SAT or 29-36 composite ACT. Interested students must be nominated by their counselor. You can read more about the scholarship at <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu/> . **If you are interested in being nominated for this scholarship, please see Mrs. di Carlo by October 7th.**

UNC-Greensboro Merit Scholarships: UNC-G scholars are selected primarily on the basis of exceptional academic achievement and potential. Special awards are offered in the areas of Business, Education and the Arts & Sciences. Applications are available at <http://fia.uncg.edu/scholarships/>

UNC-Wilmington Honors Scholars Program: This program includes honors sections of basic studies courses and a series of honors seminars designed to enrich and challenge the students. Competitive merit scholarships are available to the best students in the program. Following application and acceptance to UNCW, high ability students are invited to apply to the Honors Scholars Program based on their high school grades, SAT scores, and class rank. In addition, any interested applicant may apply to the Honors Program by downloading the application at <http://www.uncw.edu/honors>

Repeat Scholarship Opportunities

AES Engineering Character Essay Scholarship: This is a \$500 scholarship opportunity. Applicants are not required to take drafting or engineering courses to compete for this scholarship. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> Applications are due October 6th.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship: APIASF has distributed more than \$50 million in college scholarships to Asian American and Pacific Islander students. Applicants must be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible. Applicants must have at least a 2.7 unweighted GPA and apply for federal financial aid through the FAFSA. Applications are available online at http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html and are due January 8.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: The foundation awards scholarships valued between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to well-rounded students who have dedicated time in their community and have a strong academic profile. **The applicant must apply online at** <http://www.coca-colascholars.org>. The deadline is October 31, 2016. Applications will open in August.

Davidson Belk Scholarship: This is a \$58,000 scholarship to Davidson College, and it is considered to be one of the most generous undergraduate scholarships awarded in the nation. The Belk Scholarship Program provides academically powerful and dynamic student leaders an active framework in which to develop as scholars, leaders and individuals. This year, Davidson will select up to 8 students for this scholarship. More information on the scholarship and application process can be found at www.davidson.edu/belk. WYWLA can nominate one student for consideration for this scholarship; if you are interested in being nominated, please submit a resume to Mrs. di Carlo by November 1st.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program: GMS was established by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Applicants must have an unweighted 3.3 GPA, be a citizen, legal permanent resident or nationals of the United States, meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and demonstrate leadership abilities. The 2017 application will open on August 1st. Visit <http://www.gmsp.org/> for more information and application materials.

North Carolina Hispanic College Fund: This is a \$500 - \$2500 scholarship opportunity for students who are of a Hispanic/Latino background with at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA. Preference will be given to foreign-born applicants or the native born children of foreign-born parents. More information and applications can be found at <http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/>. Applications are due January 15th.

NC State University College of Education Scholarships: NC State offers a number of scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$5000 for students who have been admitted to their College of Education. More information and applications can be found at <http://ced.ncsu.edu/admissions/scholarships>.

QuestBridge Scholarships: Four-year scholarships to seniors who have achieved excellent academic results in the face of economic challenges. Applications are available online at www.questbridge.org.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program: This program designates ten African American students as Ron Brown Scholars. Each student will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000, to use at an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Selected students excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service

activities and demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Early deadline for submission is November 1; final deadline is January 9. Applications may be obtained at www.ronbrown.org.

***Reminder:** As you receive scholarship awards, please bring documentation to Mrs. di Carlo so that we can recognize and celebrate you at the end of the school year!

The financial aid/scholarship websites for a number of North and South Carolina universities are listed below. These websites provide valuable information on university specific merit and need-based scholarships and each university's financial aid process:

- Appalachian State University: <http://www.admissions.appstate.edu/scholarships/index.html>
- Campbell University: <http://www.campbell.edu/student-services/financial-aid/ended-scholarships/>
- Clemson University: <http://www.clemson.edu/financial-aid/>
- Duke University: <http://dukefinancialaid.duke.edu/>
- East Carolina University: <http://www.ecu.edu/financial/>
- Elon University: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/financialaid/>
- High Point University: <http://www.highpoint.edu/financialplanning/>
- Meredith College: http://www.meredith.edu/financial_assistance
- North Carolina A&T University: <http://www.ncat.edu/~finaid/>
- North Carolina Central University: <http://www.nccu.edu/admissionsandaid/scholarshipandaid/index.cfm>
- North Carolina State University: http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/financial_aid/
- Saint Augustine's University: http://admissions.st-aug.edu/component/com_sobipro/Itemid,220/sid,54/
- UNC-Asheville: <http://www.unca.edu/financialaid/>
- UNC-Chapel Hill: <http://studentaid.unc.edu/>
- UNC-Charlotte: <http://finaid.uncc.edu/>
- UNC-Greensboro: <http://fia.uncg.edu/>
- UNC-Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/finaid/>
- University of South Carolina: <http://www.sc.edu/financialaid/>
- Western Carolina University: <http://www.wcu.edu/current-students/financial-aid-office/>