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General FAQs

How do WVC Foundation scholarships work?

A scholarship from the WVC Foundation can help you pay for educational expenses. Scholarships are not loans and do not need to be repaid. Students must apply to be considered for scholarships. Thanks to generous donors in our community, the foundation awards over \$500,000 in scholarships annually.

Are there other opportunities to help me pay for college?

In addition to the WVC Foundation scholarships, you may be eligible for financial aid, workforce grants, or other outside scholarships. If you have unexpected expenses, the [WVC counseling department](#) also has emergency funding available for students.

Applying for Scholarships

How do I know if I am eligible for a scholarship?

All current and incoming WVC students are eligible for scholarships! This includes adult learners, part-time students and DREAMers. There are scholarships for every area of study.

Generally, students are awarded one scholarship annually. If you have already received a scholarship from the WVC Foundation for the current academic year, you do not need to reapply each quarter.

How many scholarships can I apply for?

Students complete one universal application to be considered for all available scholarships. You will be matched to scholarships based on the information you include in your application. You will be able to see the list of scholarships you were matched to in your [AwardSpring account](#). The WVC Foundation awards over \$500,000 in scholarships annually.

Once you have received a scholarship during the current academic year, you do not need to apply again until the following academic year.

When can I apply for scholarships?

Applications are accepted year-round. Awards are made at the beginning of each quarter. If you are not selected for a scholarship, your application will automatically be considered during the next awarding process. You only need to submit one application each academic year.

Once you have received a scholarship during the current academic year, you do not need to apply again until the following academic year.

Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?

Yes! Log in to your [AwardSpring account](#) and click “Application” on the left side of the screen. After you make your changes, be sure to click “Submit” at the bottom of the screen.

It’s a good idea to review your application each quarter to confirm your information is accurate and improve your responses to the short-answer questions. Students are encouraged to work with the [WVC Write Lab](#) to improve their scholarship application.

Once you have received a scholarship during the current academic year, you do not need to make any changes to your application.

Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply?

No, you do not need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible for scholarships.

Do I need to have a high GPA or enroll full-time to qualify for scholarships?

No, most WVC Foundation scholarships do not have a GPA requirement or require full-time enrollment. Your GPA and enrollment status will not be considered during the scholarship selection process.

I am not eligible for other types of financial aid. Can I still receive a scholarship?

Yes, students who are not eligible for other types of financial aid, including federal and state financial aid, may still be eligible for scholarships.

I have not been accepted to WVC yet, but I am planning to attend. Can I still apply?

Yes, students who have not been accepted to WVC yet can still apply for scholarships. However, you must enroll at WVC within the academic year to receive a scholarship.

I haven’t attended a college or university recently, or I have never attended a college or university. Can I still apply?

Yes, our scholarships are available to all students attending WVC! This includes students returning to college after an extended break or adult learners attending college for the first time.

I applied for a scholarship during a previous quarter. Do I need to apply again?

No, you do not need to apply again. Your previous application will automatically be considered during the next awarding process. Awards are made at the beginning of each quarter (fall, winter, and spring). However, it is a good idea to review your application to make sure your information is still accurate and make improvements to your responses to the short-answer questions.

Once you receive a scholarship during that academic year, you do not need to apply again until the following academic year.

I missed the application deadline. Will there be another opportunity to apply?

The WVC Foundation has rolling deadlines. Awards are made at the beginning of each quarter (fall, winter, and spring). Students that are not selected to receive a scholarship will automatically be considered during the next awarding process.

Once you have received a scholarship during the current academic year, you do not need to apply again until the following academic year.

I didn't get a scholarship. Can I reapply next quarter?

Yes, students that have not received a WVC Foundation scholarship for the current academic year will be automatically considered for a scholarship the following quarter. The [WVC Write Lab](#) can review your application and help you make improvements for the next cycle. You can also contact WVC Foundation staff at scholarships@wvc.edu to provide more details about how your scholarship was scored.

Is there help available for completing my application?

Responders at the [WVC Write Lab](#) have been prepared to assist with WVC Foundation scholarship applications. If you have general questions about the application process, email scholarships@wvc.edu or call 509-682-6810.

Scholarship Selection and Notification

How are scholarship recipients chosen?

Scholarship applications are reviewed by a group of trained volunteers, including WVC faculty, staff, alumni, WVC Foundation board members, and community members. Each application is reviewed and scored by three different volunteers and the scores are averaged. Only your responses to the short answer questions are scored. Generally, students with higher scoring applications are awarded a scholarship. Some scholarships consider applicant financial need, however, many don't.

When will I be notified about the status of my application?

Generally, email notifications are sent 4-6 weeks after the start of the quarter. Whether you got a scholarship or not, you will receive an email. Notifications are sent to the email address listed in your application.

I Got a Scholarship!

How do I access my scholarship?

First, you must log into your [AwardSpring account](#) and accept your award. Accepting your scholarship confirms your plans to enroll at WVC during the current academic year. It also confirms you understand the eligibility requirements of your scholarship. If you do not accept your scholarship by the deadline in your award email, your scholarship will be given to another student.

Once you accept your scholarship, Financial Aid will apply your scholarship to your student account. The money will first be used to pay any amount you owe to WVC (such as tuition and fees) and then you will receive the remainder. Scholarships can be used for any expense related to your education.

Generally, scholarships are divided evenly between fall, winter, and/or spring quarters. You can request that your scholarship be split differently by contacting [Financial Aid](#). You may use your scholarship for summer quarter.

If you have more questions about how your scholarship is applied to your financial aid account, please contact them at scholarships@wvc.edu or 509-682-6810.

Do I need to submit a scholarship application each quarter?

No, once you are awarded a scholarship, you do NOT need to reapply each quarter. Scholarships are awarded for the entire academic year. You can apply again for the next academic year.

Can I transfer my scholarship to another college?

No, WVC Foundation scholarships can only be used at Wenatchee Valley College.

I received a scholarship but I dropped out of a class this quarter. What should I do?

Inform the financial aid office of your change in enrollment status. Most WVC Foundation scholarships do NOT have an enrollment requirement but other types of financial aid DO have a minimum enrollment requirement. The financial aid office will work with you to understand the implications of dropping a class.

I was awarded a scholarship for the academic year but I am not attending every quarter this academic year. What should I do?

Inform the financial aid office of the quarters you plan to attend. Your WVC Foundation scholarship is available to you for the entire academic year. They will work with you to make sure you can receive your scholarship during the quarters you are enrolled.

I was awarded a scholarship but I decided to delay my enrollment at WVC. Can I use my scholarship later?

Yes, you can defer your scholarship for up to one academic year. Please request a deferment by emailing scholarships@wvc.edu. We will work with you on the best timing for your award. You must still meet the original eligibility requirements for the scholarship at the time that you receive the scholarship funds.

Who should I contact for other questions on the scholarship application or awards process?

Please email scholarships@wvc.edu with any additional questions.