Scholarships and Academic Awards
West Virginia Northern and the West Virginia Northern Community College Foundation recognize academic excellence and potential for academic excellence through the awarding of various scholarships and academic awards. Students who have shown outstanding academic performance in the past or have promise of future academic achievement at Northern may apply for academic assistance by using the following application process.

Scholarship and Academic Award Application Process
To apply for any scholarship or academic award, students must submit the following:

1. High school transcript, GED scores or diploma. If the applicant is a current Northern student and has already submitted transcripts from high school or GED scores, the Financial Aid Office will gather this information from West Virginia Northern’s Records Office.

2. Academic transcript(s) from all postsecondary institutions attended.

3. Typewritten letter stating educational goals and how they will benefit society.

4. One letter of reference. It is recommended that it is from either a West Virginia Northern or high school faculty/staff member.

5. Completed West Virginia Northern Scholarship Application.

WVNCC Foundation Scholarships:

MARY K. AHRENS SCHOLARSHIP - Up to full tuition. Requires: High school students enrolled in the EDGE program. Minimum of one per Campus awarded.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP - Preference shall be given to students who are residents of Marshall and Wetzel counties for students with a GPA of at least 3.0 from either high school or college. Students awarded this scholarship in their first year of study at WVNCC may qualify for this scholarship in their second and third year (see FA office for details), if a 3.0 GPA has been obtained. Funds up to books, tuition and fees.

ERIKA M. BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Full time nursing student on the New Martinsville Campus who resides in Wetzel or Tyler county

HAWLEY SCHOLARSHIP - Student at the Wheeling Campus.

FLOYD W. LASURE - Scholarship for working adult at the New Martinsville Campus.

MEAGEL SCHOLARSHIP - Full time student with scholastic attainment (GPA of 2.70 or higher) and financial need. Students of all majors.

MILDRED V. NIEKAMP SCHOLARSHIP - Full time or part-time student who is a resident of Marshall, Ohio or Wetzel counties to assist with tuition, books and/or fees who are pursuing a career in Business.
OHIO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP - Full-Time students who have completed at least one year of study in a medically related career program, resident of Ohio, Marshall, or Brooke counties. Minimum 3.0 GPA

WALTER REUTHER SCHOLARSHIP - Up to full tuition. Requires: Full-time, first-year student with a 2.5 GPA who is a member, son or daughter or ward of a union member or a deceased union member. Applicant must reside in Belmont County (Ohio) or Marshall or Ohio County (West Virginia) and demonstrate financial need.

W. B. UMBERGER SCHOLARSHIP - Attendance at the New Martinsville Campus. Must continue to be involved in community service throughout the award period.

WVNCC FOUNDATION - PROJECT BEST SCHOLARSHIP - One $2,000 scholarship or two $1,000 scholarships annually for tuition, books and related expenses. Requires: Full-time student who is pursuing an Associate Degree and is an employee or dependent of a Project BEST participating contractor or construction trade union. Approval of union affiliation must be obtained from Project BEST prior to submitting this application. (GPA 2.0 or higher)

WVNCC Foundation Academic Awards:

BERNIE CAMPBELL MEMORIAL FUND - Requires: Full-time student who is a resident of Ohio County and has a GPA of 2.25 or higher. Applicant must submit an essay (topic: “How to Keep Young People in Wheeling”) with the form.

PEARL FREI FUND - Requires: A Wetzel County resident attending the New Martinsville Campus. Minimum 3.0 GPA

DAVE NAEGELE FUND - full or part time student. Minimum 2.0 GPA

HOWARD T. JEFFERS MEMORIAL FUND - Requires: Student who is a graduate of Magnolia High School. Must submit an additional essay.

AMBER RAIN RAE KNOWLTON MEMORIAL FUND - Requires: Disabled or home-schooled student attending the New Martinsville Campus. Must have completed at least one semester at WVNCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

JAKE STEWART MEMORIAL FUND - $1,000 ($500 per semester).

Other Student Assistance:

COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE OF WHEELING. Must be a teaching major. Final selection is made by the College– tuition and/or educational expenses. Wheeling residents only.

NSDAR – WHEELING CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - Must have completed at least 30 credit hours. Final selection is made by the chapter. The check is presented to the recipient in October at the NSDAR Wheeling chapter meeting– tuition and/or educational expenses.

PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP - To be awarded to a member or members of Phi Theta Kappa, GPA of at least 3.25 – final selection is made by Phi Theta Kappa.

FRED G. WEIMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Must be an Ohio County resident with a sight, hearing, or other impairment – final selection is made by the Wheeling Lions Club – additional application may be required.
WEIRTON WOMAN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - Requires: Full-time female student who resides in Weirton and shows academic promise and financial need – the final selection is made by the Weirton Women’s Club – tuition and/or educational expenses.

WOMAN’S CLUB OF WHEELING - For a female student on the Wheeling Campus between 20-60 years of age who is preparing herself to enter or re-enter the work force. She must be a resident of Ohio, Marshall or Belmont County. Final selection is made by The Woman’s Club of Wheeling’s Education Committee.

WVNCC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - Full or Part-time Tuition. For students who plan to enter a profession that will be of service to society. Must have declared a major.

In addition to the scholarships and academic awards given by the College, the institution often recommends students for a number of awards that are granted by external agencies, such as the American Culinary Federation Institute Scholarship Foundation Program. These opportunities vary yearly, and specifics on available awards may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

The recipients of all scholarships or academic awards are selected and/or recommended for further consideration by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Number of credits for which the applicant is enrolled.
2. Applicants must possess a high school diploma, GED or have certification from the high school that they are eligible for a diploma at the next commencement.
3. Applicants should be aware that high school and/or college grade point average is extremely important and is weighed more heavily than other factors.
4. Scholarship applicants for named scholarships must meet the specific curriculum requirements, residence requirements, etc., required by the individual or group awarding the funds.
5. Letter of reference, a statement of future goals, participation in school and/or community activities and previous college work will also be reviewed in the awarding process.
6. Any other appropriate data deemed relevant by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee will also be used in considering applicants.
7. If, in the judgment of the Subcommittee, two candidates are deemed to be equal, the application of the last criterion for scholarship selection shall be that the recipient be a resident of West Virginia.

Scholarships which require a student to provide proof of eligibility must do so according to the timeline provided in their scholarship notification or risk loss of the scholarship. In the event the awarded student does not provide any additional requirements for proof of eligibility, the College Financial Aid Office reserves the right to cancel the student’s scholarship and award available funds to another eligible student. Students awarded scholarships must also meet the requirements of the scholarship at the time of disbursement of funds.