

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Funding Your Education



Quick Links:

GENERAL FINANCIAL AID:

www.finaid.org/

www.cfnc.org/

www.studentaid.gov

North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority

www.ncseaa.edu

North Carolina Community Foundation

www.nccommunityfoundation.org

Financial Aid Search through the Web www.fastweb.com

The Center for Scholarship Administration

www.csascholars.org

Get Matched to Scholarships Today: www.scholarships.com

The first step in locating financial aid to assist with your college expenses is to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. You may access these forms at: www.studentaid.gov. Assistance with completing the form is available at 1-800-433-3243. The financial aid awarded through the federal government may include Pell Grants, scholarship funds, and/or loans.

The most comprehensive source of free information on federal student aid is located at www.studentaid.gov.

You may also wish to search for scholarships and loans that match your situation at websites such as <http://www.finaid.org/> and <http://www.cfnc.org/>

Community College Foundation Scholarships

Many community colleges offer scholarships through their foundation offices. Check with your local community college about application processes and deadlines to assist with completion of your community college prerequisites.

College of Education Scholarships

ECU's College of Education offers nearly \$800,000 in scholarships every year. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$7000 a year for admitted students. Scholarships may vary each year and are dependent upon funding. Students must be admitted to ECU and submit an online scholarship application by January 15th each year:

<https://ecu.academicworks.com/>

Golden Leaf Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships are available to Pell eligible students from qualifying counties, who demonstrate financial need, to help them attend college at participating North Carolina public or private institutions or community colleges. Scholarship applications generally open in December or January.

<http://www.goldenleaf.org/scholarships.html>



All funding sources, eligibility, and information provided are subject to change.

Students should consult with a Financial Aid advisor for updated information, opportunities,

Loan Forgiveness Programs for Teachers

North Carolina Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) This forgivable loan program provides funding to students pursuing degrees in identified critical fields. Recipients sign a promissory note agreeing to repay the loan by working in North Carolina in the approved fields of study. For full details and to apply: <http://www.cfnc.org/fels>

TEACH Grant: Provides grants to students who plan to teach in a high-needs field in a low-income area. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a "TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve" in which you agree to teach (in addition to other requirements)

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

Additional Links to Forgivable Loans Information:

<https://studentaid.gov/articles/teacher-loan-forgiveness-options/>

<https://www.ed.gov/content/4-loan-forgiveness-programs-teachers>

Financial Information for Military, Veterans, Dependents, and Spouses

Many veterans and active-duty personnel may qualify for education benefits programs. Information is available at the following locations:

US Dept of Veteran Affairs:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp

ECU Veterans Affairs Benefits Office:

<https://registrar.ecu.edu/veterans/>

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program.

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm>

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. Available to dependent children of US soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, or Guardsmen who have been killed or permanently disabled. Apply online at:

www.fascholarship.com/