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High Honors Scholarship*
This merit-based scholarship is based upon a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.8 and either a composite ACT score of 28 or a combined SAT score of 1240 – renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements.

Presidential Scholarship*
This merit-based scholarship is based upon a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.5 and either a composite ACT score of 23 or a combined SAT score of 1060 – renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements.

Dean’s Scholarship*
This merit-based scholarship is based upon a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 and either a composite ACT score of 20 or a combined SAT score of 940 – renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements.

Opportunity Scholarship*
This scholarship is awarded based upon the student’s potential to thrive and succeed at the university. A recipient of this scholarship must meet the university’s admissions requirements – renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements.

Bishop Michael J. Bransfield Scholarship
Awarded to students who graduate from the seven Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as well as the Roman Catholic High School of Philadelphia

Catholic High School Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to students who graduate from a Catholic high school outside the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston - renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements.

International Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to prospective students who are citizens of another country - renewable for four years if the student maintains the applicable academic requirements. Applicants are required to have a non-immigrant visa (F1). To receive this scholarship, students must enroll full-time in the university.

Campion Athletic Grant
Athletic awards are offered by the athletic coach based upon the eligibility and talent of the student athlete. Wheeling Jesuit University has 21 NCAA II athletic teams.

WJU Grant
This grant is awarded based upon demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA results. This grant is variable based upon financial need and the applicable academic requirements.

*These scholarships cannot be combined with other merit-based scholarships and the Opportunity Scholarship.
Competitive Scholarships

Admitted incoming students may compete during their senior year in high school for academic and merit-based awards. Renewal of these scholarships requires academic progress, required GPA and required major. Students must be accepted to Wheeling Jesuit University no later than Nov. 30 in order to compete for these scholarships.

Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarships
Four year full-tuition scholarships are awarded each year to two winners of a competition among entering freshman who plan to enter the Laut Honors Program at Wheeling Jesuit University. The competition is open to high school seniors with the following qualifications: 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average and a combined score of 1100 on the SAT or composite score of 24 on the ACT. The student, after being awarded the scholarship, must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of the first semester of her or his freshman year, a 3.3 at the end of freshman year, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 thereafter. An application and an interview are required to receive this scholarship. To apply, please complete the Scholarship Competition Essay and mail to lautscholarship@wju.edu.

Carrigan (Thomas F.) Alumni Scholarship
An award established by the WJU Alumni Association, in memory of alumnus and first Alumni Director Tom Carrigan, is granted to children or grandchildren of alumni who have at least a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5. Applicants who display compassion, commitment, and a work ethic, demonstrated by genuine friendship and loyalty, are eligible for consideration. An application and an interview are required to receive this scholarship.

*Grants/scholarships listed above are only for new, full-time, day undergraduate students enrolled at WJU.
Endowment Scholarships

Unless specifically noted, no special application is necessary. Admitted students with FAFSA results on file will be considered for these scholarships as funding becomes available.

Adamiak (John and Helen Regiec) Memorial Scholarship - Established by Col. Carol Adamiak Yarnall '63 and William C. Yarnall in loving memory of Carol's parents, John Adamiak and Helen Regiec Adamiak. This scholarship benefits a student who fits one of the following criteria: a graduate of Bishop Donahue High School, a member of the St. Francis Parish or a resident of Marshall County, WV.

Aluise Family Scholarship - This scholarship benefits a student from: 1st preference - St. Joseph's Central Catholic HS in Charleston, WV; 2nd preference - any other Catholic students from Cabell County, WV; 3rd preference - any student from WV.

Benedum Memorial Scholarship - Established in loving memory of Claude Worthington Benedum this scholarship benefits a student based on merit.

Berthold/Neal Family Scholarship - Established by the Berthold/Neal Family this scholarship provides financial assistance to a deserving student(s) from OH, WV and PA based on the recommendation of the Admissions Office.

Biery (Guy and Marie Paul) Memorial Scholarship Fund - Established in loving memory of Guy and Marie Paul Biery this scholarship assists needy students who are residents of Ohio County, WV and graduates of Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

Bodkin (Sally) Memorial Music Ministry Scholarship - This award is based on a competitive audition for students with liturgical music experience and was established in honor of a WJU alumna from the class of 1969.

Carrigan (Thomas F.) Alumni Scholarship - An award established by the WJU Alumni Association in memory of alumnus and first alumni director, Tom Carrigan. Alumni children or grandchildren with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 who display compassion, commitment and a work ethic which involves genuine friendship and loyalty are eligible for consideration. Application and interview required.

Chambers (James B.) Memorial Scholarship - Awards available to residents of Ohio County, WV who demonstrate need and academic promise.

Chicarella Psychology Scholarship - Established by Rosemary Chicarella to benefit a competent student who demonstrates need and who is majoring in psychology.

Class of 1964 Ignatian Scholarship - Donated at the time of their 50th anniversary, the Class of 1964 Ignatian Scholarship benefits students who have academic merit and potential to succeed at Wheeling Jesuit University, and who, without financial aid, would be unable to attend WJU. Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to be eligible to continue receiving the scholarship.

Class of 1965 Septimi Scholarship - Established by the members of the class of 1965, this award is available to students who demonstrate need, are in good academic standing and who are relatives of WJU alumni. Priority is given to relatives of the class of 1965 graduates. Number and amounts vary.

Class of 1972 Scholarship - Established by the members of the class of 1972 on the occasion of their 25th reunion. This scholarship is awarded to help an average student from a middle class family who is not eligible for larger academic scholarships. An alumni committee will select the recipient with first preference given to children, grandchildren and relatives of the class of 1972.

Class of 1974 - To benefit a student that is a legal child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of a member of the class of 1974. Recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5. If no relatives from the class of 1974 are available then the award will be released to a legal child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of any WJU alumni.
Cogan (Virginia Frantz and Maurice W.) Memorial Scholarship - Funded by the Cogan family, this scholarship is awarded to incoming or returning students that demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to athletes from Cleveland St. Ignatius area.

CONSOL Fund - To benefit a student from Greene County, PA.

Costain (Thomas P./Patricia L. Giglio-Salle) Memorial Scholarship - To benefit a student who demonstrates need that participates in the Campus Ministry Music Program and maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Currie (Rev. Charles, S.J.) Philadelphia Alumni Scholarship - Established by the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter to benefit a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a Philadelphia alumnus/a. Recipient must reside within the Philadelphia southeast/five county region for more than 50% of his or her life. If there is no Philly resident, then a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a PA resident will be considered. Preference will be given to juniors and seniors.

DiPiero (Vicky) '65 Diversity Scholarship - Awarded to a minority student from West Virginia. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

DiTrapano (Lidano) Scholarship - Through the generosity of a friend of the family, this scholarship was established in memory of Lidano DiTrapano and is awarded each year to a student from Charleston Catholic High School or from the Charleston, WV area who demonstrates need.

Eick (Theodora) Scholarship - Established in loving memory of Theodora Eick this scholarship benefits a student from either Belmont County, OH or Ohio County, WV.

Greene (M. Virginia) Scholarship - Established in loving memory of M. Virginia Greene to benefit a student who demonstrates need.

Hacala Family Scholarship Fund - To provide annual financial assistance to an academically committed student(s). Must maintain a B average or better, demonstrate the humility to serve the world and God and the leadership to inspire others to service in the model of the family of Mary Niebauer Hacala.


Hawk (Henry and Beverly) Scholarship - Funded by these generous friends of the University, the Hawk award is for students with high academics who are graduates of Lima Central High School and who demonstrate need.

Hearst (William Randolph) Appalachian Scholarship - Established by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to assist students from West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian area who demonstrate need, academic promise and intend to reside in the U.S. at the completion of their education. Number and amounts vary.

Hess (Margaret Blackford) Scholarship - For worthy students from West Virginia with priority given to Wheeling and Ohio County, WV students.

Hodges (Bishop Joseph H.) Scholarships - Funded by a generous grant from the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, these scholarships are available to West Virginians who demonstrate financial need, academic potential, high moral standards and leadership qualities.

Jones (Dr. Lee) Scholarship - Awarded to a student with intellectual curiosity who wants to continue their education, particularly in the field of theology, and who demonstrates compassion by their service to the less fortunate. A commitment to sports/ fitness is a plus factor.

Kirby (Philip C. & Evelyn F.) Memorial Scholarship - Established in memory of Philip C. & Evelyn F. Kirby. Financial assistance is provided to students coming to WJU from the 3rd Congressional District of WV, or from Talbot County, MD.
Knights of Columbus Scholarship - An award made to West Virginia students whose fathers are members in good standing. The scholarship award is based on academic promise and financial need. Applicants must complete a Knights of Columbus Wheeling Jesuit University application with corresponding information by July 15th. Applications and instructions are available from the Financial Aid Office or from your father's Knights of Columbus Council.

Lantz (The Lewis and Melissa) Scholarship - Funded in 1993 by Phyllis Lantz Batson in memory of her parents, Lewis and Melissa Morgan Lantz, this award is available to students from Wetzel County, WV.

Marchlenski Education Fund: Established by the estate of Stanley P. Marchlenski ’59, this fund provides scholarships for students, renewable for four years, pursuing a degree in a science-based program of study at WJU.

McAteer Family Scholarship - Established in memory of Sarah Regina "Jeannie" McAteer Jones Lantzy and Thomas C. Jones, members of the second graduating class, at then Wheeling College, who married shortly after. First priority given to members of the McAteer Family; 2nd priority to graduates of St. Peter's Grade School in Fairmont, WV; 3rd priority to graduates of St. Maria Goretti High School in Hagerstown, MD; and 4th to students from the state of West Virginia.

McConnell (Herbert W.) Family Scholarship - Awarded on the basis of need and academic promise to students from Wheeling, WV, these scholarships are available through the generosity of Mary Rose McConnell.

McCune/Greene County Scholarship - To benefit students who demonstrate need from Greene County and Washington County, PA.

McDonough (Bernard P. and Alma G.) Scholarship - A competitive scholarship based on high academic achievement for students from Wood County, WV.

McShain (The John and Mary) Minority Scholarship Endowment - Established and supported by John McShain Charities, Inc., of Philadelphia, PA in support of minority students who demonstrate need and academic promise.

Merlo (William and Kathryn K.) Appalachian Endowment - Established in 1993 by generous friends of the University, this award is available to students who have a parent working in the coal mining industry. Please notify the Financial Aid Office if you qualify.

Murphy (Joseph J. and Virginia R.) Memorial Scholarship - For the purpose of academic, non-athletic scholarships in the undergraduate and graduate schools as the university sees fit. Preference is to be given to the undergraduate school.

Nolan Lacey Kirk Scholarship - Established by a generous but anonymous donor through the WJU Alumni Association, this award is available to students who demonstrate need, with preference given to those from Pittsburgh, PA or the surrounding metropolitan area. Amount and number of awards vary.

Nesbitt (Florence Irene) Scholarship - Established to benefit an undergraduate student.

The Pride Scholarship - Donated by honorary degree recipient and country music star, Charley Pride, and his wife, Rozene Pride, this scholarship is awarded annually to a minority student on the basis of academic achievement and outstanding leadership.

Rakosky Memorial Scholarship - Financial assistance to students who demonstrate need with preference to residents or former residents of Washington County, PA.

Riser (Leonard P.) Memorial Scholarship - Provides financial assistance to an academically committed student(s) who maintains a B average or better, who has demonstrated strong moral principles and is a citizen of the United States of America.

Riser (Leonard P.) Student Athlete Scholarship - Provides financial assistance to a student-athlete in need who demonstrates strong moral principles and is a citizen of the United States of America.
Schafer (Mr. and Mrs. Edward C.) Scholarship - Established by Mary E. Schafer in loving memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Schafer. This scholarship benefits students who aspire to a religious or secular education. First preference given to Schafer heirs.

Schenk (Albert and Kathleen) Endowed Scholarship - Established by Kathleen Schenk in memory of her husband, Albert Schenk III. It is to benefit local students within a 50-mile radius of the University who demonstrate financial need.

The St. Patrick Weston Scholarship - Funded through the generosity of a friend from the Weston area to assist students from St. Patrick Parish in Weston, WV who demonstrate need and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.

Stifel (George E.) Nursing Scholarship - For graduates of the Ohio County Public School system. If no one qualifies, residents of Ohio County and surrounding counties will also be considered. Number and amounts vary.

Summit 2000 - Awarded to incoming or returning students who demonstrate need and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Szitar (Mary Magdalene) Memorial Scholarship - For deserving students, Catholic or non-Catholic, from Belmont County, OH who demonstrate need. Number and amounts vary.

Troy (Rev. William F., S.J.) Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to students of academic ability and demonstrated need from the Greater-Wheeling area. This scholarship is funded by the faculty, staff and administrators of the University who also maintain and administer this fund.

Werner-Ritz Pre-Med Scholarship - Established through the generosity of a special friend of Dr. Tom Ritz, this award is available to a junior or senior pre-med student who demonstrates need.

Wertz Memorial Psychology Scholarship - Established in loving memory of Frederick and Elizabeth Wertz, this scholarship benefits a competent student who demonstrates need and is majoring in psychology.

Winkler Memorial Scholarship - Established by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Winkler in loving memory of their daughter, Rose Marie Winkler Updegrave ’81. This scholarship will be awarded annually to students who demonstrate need and are majoring in business administration.

WJU Charter Guild Scholarship - To benefit a junior or senior student who demonstrates need, who entered WJU as a freshman and maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Yarnall (William and Col. Carol) Scholarship - Awarded to a student(s) that is in need of financial assistance, that maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and who is from the following areas: 1st preference - WV, 2nd preference - OH, and 3rd preference - KY.
**Federal & State Grants**

**Federal Pell Grant**
This program is based upon financial need and determined by the family's expected family contribution (EFC) as you and your parents reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Federal Pell Grant amounts will be determined based on the academic year in which it is awarded.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**
This grant is awarded by the University on the basis of exceptional need and first given to students who have Pell Grant eligibility; limited funding.

**Teach Grant**
The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. For eligibility requirements and service agreement please visit [Federal Student Aid](https://www.fafsa.gov).

**West Virginia Grant**
The West Virginia Higher Education Grants are awarded to West Virginia residences only. This grant is based upon financial need and a satisfactory academic progress. To be eligible for consideration you must file your FAFSA by April 15. For more information, please visit the [College Foundation of West Virginia](https://www.cfwestvirginia.org).

**West Virginia Promise Scholarship**
Awarded by the State of West Virginia, this is based on academic achievement in high school. Students must file the FAFSA form and meet the March 1 deadline. Recipients must complete 30 credit hours per academic year and maintain a 2.75 cum. GPA freshman year and a 3.0 cum. GPA thereafter. For more information, please visit the [College Foundation of West Virginia](https://www.cfwestvirginia.org).