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Scholarships for Freshmen (for high school seniors graduating in 2012)

Wayne State College Scholarship Application

Name of Award & Postmark Deadline	Amount	Eligibility Requirements
Neihardt Scholars Program December 1, 2011	Full tuition renewable for 4 years, renewable double occupancy room waiver, and \$500 annual stipend.	Must have an ACT of 25 or above and have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for six semesters. Program offers special classes and advising. Must maintain a 3.3 GPA to renew.
Presidential Scholarship December 1, 2011	Full tuition renewable for 4 years.	Must have an ACT score of 30 or above. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA to renew.
Leadership Award December 1, 2011	Double occupancy room waiver for 2 years, renewable up to 4 years.	For students who are very active in high school leadership and plan to continue that involvement in college. Must maintain a 2.0 to renew.
Education Matters Scholarship December 1, 2011	\$2,000 annual tuition award, renewable up to 4 years.	All students who have demonstrated academic success, have made a commitment to extensive high school involvement, and other significant leadership and volunteer opportunities will be considered. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA to renew.
Annual & Endowed Scholarships December 1, 2011	Amounts vary	Individual scholarships are available for students who meet the scholarship criteria. Criteria will vary.

Scholarships with Separate Application Required

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Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) December 1, 2011 - (402-375-7329)	Full tuition while students are enrolled at WSC. Automatic acceptance to UNMC.	For students from rural areas of Nebraska (25,000 or less population), who demonstrate academic potential and a desire to practice medicine, dentistry, dental hygiene, pharmacy, clinical laboratory science, physicians assistant, physical therapy, radiography, or nursing in rural Nebraska.
Governor's Opportunity Award December 1, 2011 - www.nscs.edu	Half tuition renewable for 4 years.	Must be a Nebraska resident with an ACT score between 21-24. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA to renew.
Board of Trustees' Scholarship January 15, 2012 - www.nscs.edu	Full tuition renewable for 4 years.	Must be a Nebraska resident with an ACT of 25 or above. Must maintain a 3.25 GPA to renew.
Davis-Chambers Scholarship February 1, 2012 - www.nscs.edu	\$2,000 annual award, renewable for 4 years.	Must be a Nebraska resident, graduated from an accredited Nebraska high school, have a 3.0 GPA, and completed and submitted an estimated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Other Opportunities

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NSCS Advantage Program (Awards are automatic if eligible)	Amounts vary according to individual Pell Grant eligibility.	Must be a Nebraska resident, Federal Pell Grant recipient, new freshman, and enrolled in at least 12 on campus credit hours.
Non-Resident Scholars Program (Awards are automatic if eligible)	Reduces non-resident tuition to resident rates.	Available to non-resident full-time students. Must be in upper ½ of high school class, or have a 3.25 GPA, or an ACT score of 22 or above. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA to renew.
Cooperating Schools Scholarship	Half tuition renewable for 4 years.	Available to schools that sponsor WSC student teachers. Must rank in top ½ of high school class to be considered. Must maintain a 2.0 to renew. Visit with your high school counselor for details and eligibility.
Athletic Scholarships (402-375-7520)	Amounts vary	Athletic scholarships are determined by the coaching staff of each individual sport.
Art/Music Scholarships (402-375-7539)	Amounts vary	Art and music scholarships are determined by the individual department.

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Transfer Student Scholarships February 1, 2012	Amounts vary	Eligibility criteria TBA. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 402-375-7230 for more information.
Davis-Chambers Scholarship March 1, 2012 - www.nscs.edu	\$2,000 annual award, renewable for 2 years.	Must be a Nebraska resident graduate of an accredited Nebraska high school, a transfer student in good standing from a Nebraska community college, have a 3.0 GPA, complete and submit an estimated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Scholarship Tips You Need To Know

When applying for scholarships, you will want to follow all of the directions very closely and make sure that all of the requirements have been met. Here are some hints and tips to make sure your scholarship application is the best it can be.

- Take your ACT test in April, June or October. The December test date is too late to make Wayne State College's December 1, 2011 deadline.
- Type everything, use spell-check, re-read everything, and give it to someone else to proofread.
- Put your name on the top of each page.
- Make your scholarship application about you and who you are; it is OK to brag about yourself.
- Ask credible people to write your letters of recommendation. Best friends, parents and big brothers are usually not a good idea. And remember to give them plenty of time to write your recommendation.
- Write your scholarship essay well in advance of the deadline.
- Write on the essay topic and stick to it. Keep to the word limit. There are no bonus points for an extra-long essay.
- Do not start your essay with a dictionary definition. Remember to make your essay stand out to the scholarship committee. You want them to remember your essay when it comes time to make scholarship selections.
- Read and re-read all instructions to ensure that your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarships.
- Send all required documents together, in the same envelope. Make copies for yourself in case something happens and the school does not receive the initial documents.
- **Make sure your packet is postmarked by the December 1, 2011 scholarship deadline.**

Scholarship Timeline

March of Junior Year

- **Attend Just Juniors at WSC – learn about college planning, financial aid, and attend a FREE ACT prep workshop**

April/May of Junior Year

- Take the ACT test
- Attend college fairs and visit some colleges, if possible
- Begin researching your colleges of choice
- Sign up for challenging courses for senior year

June/July/August

- Start narrowing your list of colleges
- Work to gain experience and help pay for college
- Visit colleges if possible
- Start thinking about application essays

September of Senior Year

- Make an appointment with your high school counselor to talk about plans for college
- Review applications for the colleges you have selected
- Plan your college visits
- Ask people to write your recommendation letters
- Attend college fairs and planning nights (**Fridays @ WSC is a great opportunity to be a part of it at Wayne State College**)
- Explore sources of financial aid
- Begin applying to your top choices – watch for deadlines

October of Senior Year

- Take the ACT test – this is the last opportunity to take the ACT before the WSC December 1 deadline!
- Preview an estimate of your financial aid at www.fafsa4caster.com

November of Senior Year

- Continue with campus visits
- Mail your WSC scholarship application

December 1 – WSC Scholarship Deadline!