

WCU Scholarships of Interest to Art + Design Students

Below is a comprehensive list of other scholarship opportunities that may be of interest to students in the Art + Design Department. To learn more about and apply to these scholarships, you can visit the University's [Scholarship Manager](#).

Arts and Humanities Dean's Fund Scholarship

Funding given by the Dean to students who have financial need. No more than \$1000 to be awarded to each student.

Class of 1951 Scholarship

The criteria for selection are (1) documented financial need; (2) U.S. citizenship (3) a resident of Pennsylvania; (4) a full-time student at WCU; (5) majoring in education; (6) participation in extra-curricular or community activities or employment; and (7) a GPA greater than 3.0.

Dr. Xin Fan Memorial Fund

The recipient is to be a biology major and involved with WCU athletics and/or visual or performing arts. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and complete a minimum of 40 WCU credits. A letter of recommendation must be submitted from a coach/mentor/instructor that speaks to the applicant's performance in athletics or the arts. Student applicants must submit a one-page detailed description of (1) their combined interest in biology and athletics or performing arts; (2) how these combined pursuits contribute to the applicant's academic and personal growth; (3) how the applicant plans to apply his/her WCU experiences to advance professional career goals and benefit others in his/her community.

Elizabeth and John Gontarz Scholarship Endowment

Available to a full-time student who has completed two semesters or is at the end of their second semester at West Chester University. The student should be taking at least 12 credits per semester.

Students must have a GPA putting them in good standing with their academic department or alternately at least a 2.50 GPA at the time of receipt of the scholarship.

The scholarship award is based upon student identified financial need (as defined below), academic potential, and potential or demonstrated ability for creativity, innovation, or leadership.

This scholarship is available to students enrolled in undergraduate degrees in the College Arts and Humanities, The Wells Scholl of Music, the College of Science and Math, the College of Education and Social Work, the College of Health Sciences, or other humanities. This scholarship should not be discipline-specific.

The student should have been working at least 16 hours per week during the two semesters prior to receiving the scholarship as an indicator of financial need. Alternatively, the student may be financing his or her education with student loans or their equivalent.

Application process: To apply the student must complete the Gontarz section of the WCU General Scholarship Application by March 31, 2022. The essay should list the reason the student has a need for financial aid. The essay should include the student's current source of financial aid such as family sources, trusts, loans, other scholarships, wages, and tips from employment while attending WCU. The essay should contain a short discussion of how a tuition scholarship will benefit the student, (i.e. Reduction in hours worked, loans, and time available for studies or other campus or community activities). Other topics which might be included in the essay are goals after graduation or how this scholarship would change current goals. For example, are there added or extended goals that the applicant set for him/herself if they receive this scholarship or commitments the student will make if she/he receives the scholarship?

Applicants are encouraged to identify a faculty member as a character reference.

Awarded by the WCUIAA/WCUF Scholarship Committee.

Frederick Douglass Legacy Scholarship

The Frederick Douglass Society established a student scholarship fund to support student success by enabling students to enhance their education through high impact educational activities. The purpose of the fund is to provide support in the following areas:

- To buy books
- To attend a professional conference (particularly if the student will be a presenter)
- To complete an internship or other academic or professional training experience
- To conduct or advance a research project
- To engage in service learning
- To participate in study abroad or other educational travel

Funding is restricted to **currently enrolled students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 with at least 24 undergraduate or 9 graduate credits earned at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.**

Previous recipients of the FDS Legacy Scholarship may not apply for a second time.

Global Engagement Office Travel Award- Fall

West Chester University's Global Engagement Office (GEO) is proud to offer students the opportunity to apply for the GEO Study Abroad Travel Awards each year. Awards ranging in the amount of \$200-\$750 (short-term programs) or \$500-\$1,250 (semester-long or full-year programs) will be given to selected students participating in approved study abroad programs. West Chester University's Strategic Plan, *Building on Excellence*, has made the objective to increase the international educational opportunities for students a top priority.

Global Rams Initiative Scholarship- Fall/Year Round

West Chester University's Global Engagement Office (GEO), in collaboration with President Christopher Fiorentino, is proud to offer underrepresented minority students the opportunity to apply for the Global Rams Initiative Scholarship. Scholarships will be given to selected students participating in approved study abroad programs that have been granted the Global Rams Designation (see list of GRI Designated programs below). West Chester University's Strategic Plan, *Building on Excellence*, has made the objective to increase the international educational opportunities for students a top priority.

J. Peter Adler Scholarship

Will support an incoming first-year student with outstanding academic and creative potential. Applicants will present either an audition or a portfolio, which is reviewed by the Department of Theatre Arts faculty. Contact the Department of Theatre Arts, College of Visual and Performing Arts for more information.

Learning Beyond the Classroom Scholarship

Will support a graduate or undergraduate Education major with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has initiated and completed research and participated in professional conferences and meetings by presenting the student research projects. Application also requires a letter of recommendation from a professor.