



Thayer School of Education

POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THAYER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Be sure to do your own due diligence to seek out the most updated and accurate eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and other pertinent information directly from the funding sources.

Wingate University Graduate Advantage Scholarship

Beginning in fall 2023, we will award each entering freshman a graduate school scholarship of up to \$10,000 to be applied towards graduate tuition only if a student matriculates to a Wingate graduate program and meets all requirements of admissions for the graduate Program. There is no separate process for applicants. Applicants who are admitted to Wingate for Fall 2023 and beyond are automatically eligible. The scholarship will be applied in increments of \$2,500 over the course of up to four semesters of graduate courses. For programs that complete in one year or are +1 programs, the scholarship would be applied to less than four semesters and may not amount to \$10,000. The scholarship is applied towards tuition only.

James Madison Memorial Fellowship

Provides up to \$24,000 for graduate study to individuals planning to teach American history, government, or civics at the secondary school level. Recipients are required to teach in their field for one year per year of fellowship support.

AFCEA STEM Teacher Scholarships

Awards between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to graduate students pursuing a degree or credential to teach STEM subjects at K-12 schools in the U.S.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) and The Sallie Mae Fund

Offers financial assistance to outstanding students attending an accredited post-secondary graduate level institution. Ten (10) students enrolled at least part-time in an accredited graduate level program will be selected to receive a scholarship up to \$10,000 for the 2025-2026 academic school year.

National Council for Teachers of Mathematics

Offers secondary teacher coursework scholarships that are valued at up to \$10,000. These scholarships are available to teachers looking to further their education to pursue a career teaching secondary-level mathematics.

TEACH Grant (Federal Program)

Offers up to \$4,000 annually to students pursuing coursework necessary to become teachers in high-need fields at low-income schools. Recipients must agree to teach for four years within eight years of completing their program.

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

Available to teachers who have completed an AmeriCorps term of service. Recipients can use it to repay qualified student loans or to pursue a graduate degree. The award amount varies from year to year; in 2023, it was worth nearly \$7,000.



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[PDK Prospective Educator Scholarships](#)

Available to students interested in earning a master's degree in education to teach in public education. More than 100 scholarships are available, some of which are one-time payouts, while others are renewable. Scholarships are valued between \$500 and \$4,000.

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)

Available to students interested in a higher education degree program. More than 10,000 merit-based scholarships are awarded each year, ranging in value from \$500 to \$5,000 based on the student's individual needs.

[The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)

\$2,000 scholarship available to NAACP members under the age of 25 who intend to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree program. It is a merit-based scholarship awarded according to financial need.

[Knowles Teaching Fellows Program](#)

This grant cannot be applied directly to a graduate degree program. However, teachers can put it toward professional development or other programs that allow them to build their skills as educators. Each year, 35 fellowships are awarded to teachers in the first five years of their careers. It is a five-year fellowship valued at about \$150,000.

[Next Stop: TeachUCPS](#)

A teacher pipeline program for **Union County Public Schools** students, graduates, and employees in partnership with [Wingate University](#) and [South Piedmont Community College \(SPCC\)](#). This new strategy will help UCPS to grow its own teachers and provide a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

[Gateway to Wingate Scholarship](#)

Wingate University is working with local community colleges to break down educational barriers by increasing access to baccalaureate-degree programs and providing students with a seamless transfer pathway. Our Gateway Scholarship community college partners include: South Piedmont Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Stanly Community College, Richmond Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, and Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. No recipient will pay more than \$5,000 in tuition per year. Please note the academic year is defined as the fall and spring terms. The Gateway Scholarship does not apply for courses taken during the summer and winter terms.

[Nancy Larson Foundation College Scholarship](#)

Designed for undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in elementary education. The foundation awards five \$1,500 scholarships annually to qualified students.

[National Merit Scholarship Program](#)

Awards scholarships based on students' PSAT scores. Students whose scores qualify them for the scholarship earn \$2,500 in funds that can be applied toward tuition and fees at a college or university of their choosing, making this one of the most coveted scholarships among high school graduates.

[TeachNC Financial Aid & Scholarships](#)

A comprehensive resource for scholarships and financial aid options available to North Carolina educators. You can search and sort by amount, aid type, education stage, deadline, and more.



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Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC) Scholarships

Manages over 150 scholarship funds, some of which support graduate education for teachers in the Carolinas. These scholarships are established by generous fundholders to assist students pursuing their educational goals.

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) Scholarship Search

Offers a searchable database of scholarships and grants available to North Carolina students, including those pursuing graduate degrees in education. You can filter by county, eligible populations, scholarship amount, and more.

The Next NC Scholarship

State-funded financial aid program aimed at helping North Carolina residents afford higher education. While not exclusively for future teachers, aspiring educators who meet the eligibility criteria can benefit. Students must be enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate degree program at a public university in North Carolina or a participating North Carolina Community College. Eligibility is determined based on financial need, which is assessed through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Community college students get \$3,000, while those enrolled at a university get at least \$5,000.

Golden LEAF Foundation Scholarships

Designed to support students from rural or economically distressed areas in North Carolina who want to pursue higher education, including those aspiring to become teachers. This scholarship aims to help students who plan to give back to their communities by working and serving in rural areas after graduation. To be eligible: Applicants must reside in a qualifying rural or economically distressed county in North Carolina. Must attend a participating North Carolina college, university, or community college. Demonstrate financial need through FAFSA or other financial aid forms. Show a commitment to returning to rural communities after completing their education.

Mary Morrow-Edna Richards Scholarship

Program from the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children (NCFPSC). It helps students who want to become teachers in North Carolina. This scholarship honors two outstanding educators, Mary Frank Morrow and Edna Cotton Richards, who worked hard to improve education in the state. Eligibility criteria is as follows: Students in their junior year of college or senior year of high school. You must be a North Carolina resident and enrolled (or planning to enroll) in a teacher-education program. You must agree to teach in North Carolina public schools for at least two years after graduating.

Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS)

Provides financial assistance to qualified students who are committed to working in critical employment shortage professions in North Carolina. You must complete loan forgiveness within ten years of graduation, excluding periods of approved deferments. You must repay the loan through loan forgiveness or cash payments.