



The University
Endowed Scholarship
Application

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The Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application

Elon University offers a number of prestigious endowed scholarships for first-time freshmen who have documented financial need. **For consideration as a scholarship recipient, students must complete the Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application and all required financial aid forms: the FAFSA, CSS PROFILE and the Elon University Financial Aid Application.** Upon completion and submission of this application and the required financial aid documents, the Scholarship Committee will consider your application for the following need-based awards:

The Honorable Thad Eure North Carolina Achievement Scholarship (for NC students from designated counties)

The John L. Georgeo Scholarship (all students are eligible for consideration)

The Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship (for women from Virginia)

The Mac Mahon Family Scholarship (for Alamance County, NC, or designated New Jersey counties)

The Susan Scholarship (for women)

The Leon and Lorraine Watson North Carolina Scholarship (for NC students only)

Guidelines for each of these need-based endowed scholarships are included with this application. The Scholarship Committee will consider your application for the awards that most closely match your profile.

In addition, the selection process will give preference to the students who meet as many as possible of the following criteria:

- Are the first members of their family to attend college
- Either because of personal circumstances or the socioeconomic climate of their community have not had the opportunity for enriching educational or personal experiences
- Have achieved success despite hardship or unusual challenge
- Will bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to the university
- Exhibit excellent potential to benefit from an Elon education

Application Process

The Endowed Scholarship Application Deadline is FEBRUARY 10

- Complete the Elon University application for freshman admission and submit all supporting documents (official high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, essays and completed Counselor Evaluation Form).

Freshman Admission Application Deadlines

November 1 – Early Decision (Binding)

November 10 – Early Action

January 10 – Final Deadline

Please note that admission deadlines are earlier than the Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application deadline.

- Complete the enclosed Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application and thoughtfully respond to the essay question on or before February 10.
- Ask your guidance counselor, a teacher or a member of your community (no relatives please) to complete the enclosed recommendation form.
- Mail your scholarship application, essay and recommendation form to:
Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application
Office of Admissions
2700 Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244
- You must complete the federal FAFSA form, which you can get from your high school guidance office or online (www.fafsa.ed.gov). This is a separate form and should not be submitted with the Elon Endowed Scholarship Application. Elon also requires the CSS PROFILE, available at profileonline.collegeboard.com, and the Elon Aid Application, available online at www.elon.edu/finaid. **So that we may process scholarship applications in a timely manner, you should complete and submit these financial aid forms separately by February 10.** Once Elon receives the results from the processors, your Elon Endowed Scholarship Application will be reviewed. **Please note those students who do not submit the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE to determine financial need will be removed from scholarship consideration.**
- Students selected as scholarship finalists will be invited to participate in a telephone interview. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early April. **All students have until May 1 to accept a scholarship offer.**



GENERAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The following information applies to all Elon University Endowed Scholarship recipients:

- In addition to the information included in this application package, the Scholarship Committee will evaluate:
 - All information included in your freshman admission application, including your high school transcript, standardized test scores, honors, awards, record of service, leadership and work experience
 - Verified financial need
- Each Endowed Scholarship includes a financial aid package designed to meet up to the student's full documented need. This aid package might include other scholarships, grants, loans, work study, institutional aid and federal funds based on the student's financial need and academic achievement. For NC residents, the package will also include the North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant, currently valued at approximately \$1,850 annually.
- Students who receive study abroad grants through different Elon scholarship programs will have the option to redeem either the Elon Experience grant affiliated with the particular endowed scholarship OR the study abroad grant affiliated with another scholarship program. Students may not redeem both.
- Scholarships are renewable annually for up to three additional years provided the student continues to meet award criteria and demonstrates financial need through the annual filing of the FAFSA.
- A student selected to receive this scholarship will be asked to annually verify his or her financial eligibility by submitting to the Office of Financial Planning a copy of his or her personal and /or the parent(s) tax forms used to prepare the FAFSA. If this verification process confirms the student's eligibility, the scholarship award will be finalized. In the event that eligibility is not confirmed, the scholarship offer will be revoked; however, the student will remain eligible for other need-based aid.

Note: Since Elon University employee dependents are eligible for tuition remission, these scholarships are not available to children or dependents of Elon employees.

The Odyssey Program and the Watson Scholarship Program

Elon University Endowed Scholarship recipients will participate in either the Odyssey Program or Watson Scholarship Program. Both programs provide additional financial, academic, social and mentoring/advising support to ensure that students have the opportunity to fully participate in the many rich experiences at Elon and contribute to the intellectual and social climate of the university through their active campus citizenship. These two programs are very similar in terms of activities and enrichment and maintain small close-knit cohorts. For information about these programs, visit www.elon.edu/endowedscholarships.

Elon University Endowed Scholarship Descriptions

The Honorable Thad Eure NC Achievement Scholarship (for NC students in a 13-county region)

The Honorable Thad Eure Scholarship honors North Carolina's former Secretary of State who served as an Elon trustee for 47 years.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Reside in Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Gates, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham or Wake counties and graduate from a North Carolina high school
- Have a strong record of academic achievement and leadership through school, church or community organizations
- Demonstrate verified financial need (with preference given to Pell eligible students)

Scholarship:

Three \$12,000 Eure Scholarships will be awarded each year. The Eure Scholarship also includes a \$4,000 Elon Experiences grant, which may be used for a university-approved study abroad, internship, research, service or leadership experience.

The John L. Georgeo Scholarship (all students are eligible for consideration)

The Georgeo Scholarship will be awarded annually to two incoming students of outstanding character who show academic promise and talent or leadership experience valued by the Elon community.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must demonstrate:

- High school performance and standardized test scores that indicate promise of academic success
- Activities and involvement that indicate leadership and commitment

Special consideration will be given to students who meet some or all of the following:

- Demonstrate leadership that is exemplary, entrepreneurial or of a sustained nature that has made a difference to a community in the opinion of others
- Bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to the university
- Are the first members of their families to attend college
- Have a personal history that reflects undue hardship or notable sacrifice

Scholarship:

Two scholarships of \$7,500 each will be awarded each year. These scholarships are for tuition only and are renewable annually based on academic performance, financial need, citizenship and full-time enrollment. Each recipient also receives a one-time \$4,000 study abroad grant as long as the student remains eligible to retain the Georgeo Scholarship Award.

Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship (for women from Virginia)

The Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship is designated for a worthy female student from Virginia with demonstrated financial need.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be female
- Have a solid record of academic achievement and leadership through school, church or community organizations
- Demonstrate verified financial need (with preference given to Pell eligible students)

Scholarship:

The Hall Endowed Scholarship is a full-tuition scholarship and also carries an Elon Experiences grant of \$4,000, which may be used for a university-approved study abroad, internship, research, service or leadership experience. One scholarship is awarded and is renewable annually. A new recipient is selected every fifth year. The next anticipated award date is April 2012.

The Mac Mahon Family Scholarship (for students from Alamance County, NC, or designated counties in NJ)

The Mac Mahon Family Scholarship is designated for students with significant financial need who reside in Alamance County, NC, in Essex and Hudson counties, NJ, or other identified counties in urban areas of northern New Jersey.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Reside in Alamance County, NC, or Essex and Hudson counties, NJ, or other identified counties in urban areas of northern New Jersey and graduate from a high school in the designated areas
- Demonstrate verified financial need (with preference to Pell-eligible students)
- Have a solid record of academic achievement and leadership through school, church or community organizations

There are no gender restrictions on this award.

Scholarship:

Each year one student will be selected to receive this \$10,000 scholarship, plus a \$4,000 Elon Experiences grant, which may be used for a university-approved study abroad, internship, research, service or leadership experience.

The Susan Scholarship (for women)

The Susan Scholarship is for young women of potential whose personal financial circumstances would otherwise make an Elon education inaccessible.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be female
- Have a solid record of academic achievement and leadership through school, church or community organizations
- Demonstrate verified financial need (with preference given to Pell eligible students)

Scholarship:

Each year four \$12,000 scholarships will be awarded. In addition, each recipient will be given a \$4,000 Elon Experiences grant, which may be used for a university-approved study abroad, internship, research, service or leadership experience.

The Susan Scholarship is designated for women only. There are no geographic restrictions on this award.

The Leon and Lorraine Watson Scholarship Program (for NC Students)

The Watson Scholarship is designated for promising North Carolina students who demonstrate significant financial need.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be North Carolina residents who have attended a North Carolina high school for one or more year(s) and will graduate from a North Carolina high school
- Have a solid record of academic achievement

In the selection process, preference will be given to students who meet as many as possible of the following criteria:

- Are the first members of their families to attend college
- Reside in a school district with an above-average concentration of low-income families
- Have achieved success despite hardship or unusual challenge
- Will bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to the university
- Exhibit excellent potential to benefit from the opportunities of an Elon education and the Watson Scholarship program

Scholarship:

Eight \$10,000 awards, including Watson Scholarship funding, will be awarded annually. The Watson Scholarship also includes a \$4,000 study abroad grant, which may be used for a university-approved study abroad experience.

ELON UNIVERSITY

Endowed Scholarship Application

This application is due **February 10** to be considered for the following need-based scholarships:

The Honorable Thad Eure North Carolina Achievement Scholarship (for NC students from designated counties)

The John L. Georgeo Scholarship (all students are eligible for consideration)

The Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship (for women from Virginia)

The Mac Mahon Family Scholarship (for Alamance County, NC, or designated New Jersey counties)

The Susan Scholarship (for women)

The Leon and Lorraine Watson North Carolina Scholarship (for NC students only)

The Scholarship Committee will consider an application for all scholarships for which the student is eligible. Endowed Scholarships cannot be combined.

Mr./Ms. *First* *Middle* *Last*

Address

City *County* *State* *ZIP*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
Home telephone *Cell phone* *E-mail address*

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) *Place of birth* *(City/State/County)*

If you are a North Carolina resident, how long have you resided in the state? ____years ____months

Will you be the first member of your family to complete a 4-year degree? Yes No

Colleges and universities are asked by many sources, including the federal government, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask that you answer the following two questions (your response is optional):

Do you consider yourself Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White

If you wish to describe yourself as another racial category, please describe: _____

Race and ethnicity unknown

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If no, country(ies) of citizenship: _____

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a U.S. permanent resident? Yes No If yes, card number (required) _____

High school *CEEB Code* *Years attended*

Guidance counselor name *Guidance counselor phone*

The Scholarship Committee will use your freshman application as a resource for your honors, awards, record of service, leadership and work. If there is additional information you would like the committee to consider, please attach an updated resume or specific information about a recent accomplishment.

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REQUIRED ESSAY (250-500 words)

Please attach your typed response

1. Tell us your personal story. The Scholarship Committee is not looking for an autobiography, but a thoughtful reflection on a defining experience, obstacle or challenge in your life – something that has helped shape you into the person you are today. Looking ahead, who do you want to be? What role do you think an Elon education will play in this life journey?

OPTIONAL STATEMENT

Are there financial circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider (in addition to your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE information) when evaluating your application for these need-based scholarships?

Complete the required essay and return the application, essay, and recommendation form, which must be post-marked on or before February 10, to:

Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application
Office of Admissions
2700 Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Dean of Admissions, Cindy Barr at 800-334-8448 or cbarr@elon.edu.

Elon University is authorized to release information to the news media concerning my achievements. Agree Disagree

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

The university does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran's status in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff, or the operation of any of its programs. Students with documented disabilities may request in writing reasonable special services and accommodations. Questions should be directed to Ms. Susan E. Wise, Coordinator of Disability Services, Duke 108, 336-278-6500. The university's Section 504 coordinator for students and the Title IX coordinator is Ms. Jana Lynn Patterson, Moseley 206, 336-278-7200. The university's Section 504 coordinator for applicants and current employees is Mr. Ronald Klepcyk, 314 W. Haggard Ave., 336-278-5560.

In accordance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, complete information regarding campus security policies and programs and campus crime statistics is available upon request from the Director of University Relations, 2030 Campus Box. Information regarding completion and graduation rates may be obtained from the Office of Admissions or at www.elon.edu/irweb.

Based on your knowledge of the candidate, how would you rate the candidate's qualifications in the following categories:

Service Learning

- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)
- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career

Leadership

- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)
- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career

Social Activism

- Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)
- Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)
- Is one of the most deserving students I have known/worked with in my career

Please explain by typing your responses to the following questions in an attached document.

1. What have you witnessed or learned about the student's experience that makes him/her a valuable candidate for the Endowed Scholarship?
2. Describe the community in which this student resides, primary occupations of residents and general sources of income, standard of living, opportunity for cultural and educational exposure, etc. How will the success of this student in college impact the community in which the student was raised?
3. Please add any other information you would like Elon to consider in evaluating this student's application for university scholarships.

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Submit this form in an envelope signed across the sealed flap and return it to the student to mail to Elon on or before February 10.

Your Signature

Date

In view of the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, it is the policy of Elon University to destroy all evaluations used in the scholarship decision process as soon as the final decision is made and no later than the day before the student registers.

Please contact **Assistant Dean of Admissions Cindy Barr, at 800-334-8448 or cbarr@elon.edu** if you have questions or concerns regarding this recommendation or the Elon Endowed Scholarships.

