

ELON UNIVERSITY

Endowed Scholarship Application

2011



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, which is included in this booklet.** 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 students from 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)

Selection criteria for each of these need-based endowed scholarships are included with this application. The Scholarship Committee will review your application and you will be considered for all awards for which you are eligible (based on gender and geographic restrictions).

Strong consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate 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 at 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 University Financial Aid Application, available online at www.elon.edu/financialaid and in this booklet. **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 and Watson Scholarship Programs

The Odyssey Program, a cohort of eight to ten students per year, consists of recipients of The Honorable Thad Eure North Carolina Achievement Scholarship, The John L. Georgeo Scholarship, The Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship, The Mac Mahon Family Scholarship and The Susan Scholarship.

The Watson Program, a cohort of eight students per year, consists of scholarship recipients of The Leon and Lorraine Watson North Carolina Scholarship.

As members of the Odyssey and Watson programs, students participate in a four-year curriculum supported by Elon University's Multicultural Center. The curriculum serves the academic, social, personal and financial needs of each cohort. The themes for each year are: Identity and Acclimation (first year), Active Leadership (second year), Global Perspective of Social Justice (third year) and Personal and Professional Development (fourth year). To learn more, please 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.

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 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.

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.

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 your 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, all of 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

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

Leadership

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

Social Activism

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

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 an Endowed Scholarship?
2. Describe the community in which this student resides, primary occupations of residents and general sources of income, standards of living, opportunities 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.

Submit this form in an envelope signed across the sealed flap and return it to the student to mail to Elon University Endowed Scholarships, 2700 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244 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 University Endowed Scholarships.

ELON UNIVERSITY

2011-2012 Financial Aid Application

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL PLANNING

2725 Campus Box
Elon, North Carolina 27244
» 336-278-7640 » 800-334-8448

THIS FORM IS FOR FIRST-TIME AID APPLICANTS AT ELON UNIVERSITY.

The priority time for completed financial aid applications is mid-March 2011.
File the FAFSA and PROFILE as soon after January 1, 2011, as possible.
These forms take approximately four weeks to be processed.

Student's Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____
NUMBER STREET APT. NUMBER

CITY STATE ZIP CODE PHONE NUMBER

COUNTY DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER (N/A IF NONE)

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone # _____

Parent E-mail Address _____ Parent Cell Phone # _____

Anticipated Graduation from Elon _____ / _____
MONTH YEAR Anticipated Major _____

Period of Enrollment (check all that apply): Fall 2011 Winter 2012 Spring 2012

Course Load: Full-time Part-time

If part-time, how many credit hours will you be taking? Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____

Do you currently have a bachelor's degree? Yes No

Class standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Transfer

What will be your housing status in 2010-2011? On Campus Off Campus With Parents or Relatives

To be eligible for federal aid programs, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be eligible for all other types of grants, need-based scholarships and non-federal aid, students must also file the CSS PROFILE Form. Both forms should be filed as soon after January 1, 2011, as possible.

I have filed or will file the FAFSA on _____.

I have filed or will file the PROFILE on _____.

List other colleges attended:

College or University	Dates From/To	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

{ Complete and sign reverse side }

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List scholarships, grants, loans and any other assistance for 2011-2012 from sources other than Elon University. List source and amount.

Source	Amount
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Complete the information below about your parents. A married student should provide information about the student's spouse.

<p style="text-align: center;">Parent/Stepparent/Guardian 1: (Spouse if student is married)</p> <p>Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. _____</p> <p>P. O./Street: _____</p> <p>City/State/ZIP: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____</p> <p>Employer: _____</p> <p>Work Phone: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parent/Stepparent/Guardian 2:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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If any other family members will be enrolled in college at least half-time (six credit hours per term for at least one term) between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, complete the information below:

Family member: _____	_____
Name of college: _____	_____
Degree sought: _____	_____
No. of credit hrs.: _____	_____

If any of the tuition/fees are reimbursed by an employer, list the amounts:

\$ _____ \$ _____

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 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:

- Native American 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

Religious Affiliation: _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____