The Elon University Endowed Scholarship Application

2009
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 endowed scholarships are included with this application. The Scholarship Committee will consider your application for the awards that most closely match your profile.

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### 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 questions on or before February 10.

- Ask your guidance counselor and a teacher or a member of your community (no relatives please) to complete the enclosed recommendation forms.

- Mail your scholarship application, essay and recommendation forms in one package 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 documents necessary 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.
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)
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The Scholarship Committee will consider an application for all scholarships for which the student is eligible. Endowed Scholarships cannot be combined.

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**Full name**

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**Home telephone**  **Cell phone**  **E-mail address**

**Date of birth**  **Place of birth**

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

Are you the first member of your family to attend college?  □ Yes  □ No

If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group, how would you identify yourself?

- □ African American/Black  □ Asian  □ Asian American ________________
- □ Biracial/Multiracial  □ Caucasian/White  □ Hispanic/Latino (countries) ________________
- □ Native American  □ Other: ______________________________

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**

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.
REQUIRED ESSAYS (250-500 words each)
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 in your life – something that has helped shape you into the person you are. Looking ahead, who do you want to be? What role do you think an Elon education will play in this life journey?

2. Elon University is a place where faculty members serve as mentors to students. Please select one person in your life, other than a relative, whom you consider a mentor or a “hometown hero.” Why has this person been significant to you? What have you learned from your mentor?

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?

Be sure that you complete the required essays and return the application, essays, and both recommendation forms in one envelope postmarked on or before February 10 to:

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

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: __________________
Elon University Endowed Scholarship
College / Guidance Counselor Recommendation Form

Due February 10

To be completed by the student:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________
Student’s name

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and ___ I do ___ I do not waive my right to access this form.

____________________________________________________________________________________________________
Student’s signature

To be completed by the college guidance counselor:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________
Your name E-mail address
(________)______________________________________ (________) _________________________________________
Daytime telephone FAX

How long have you known this student? ___________________________________________________________________

The ideal candidate for an Elon University Endowed Scholarship is a student who is poised to take advantage of an Elon education, but for whom this possibility might not be an option for financial reasons. He or she will have good preparation for college, but even stronger academic potential. With Elon’s emphasis on engaged learning, the recipient should be interested in extending his or her education beyond the classroom through significant involvement in the Elon Experiences: study abroad, research, internship, service and leadership experiences. This student should be of good character and willing to become part of an academic community whose mission is to offer students a holistic and transformative educational experience. The student should be ready to become a true academic citizen of Elon University, one whose highest purpose is to give first attention to learning and reflection, developing intellectually, connecting knowledge and experiences and upholding Elon’s honor code.

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 socio-economic 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 socio-economic diversity to the university
- Exhibit excellent potential to benefit from an Elon education

Based on these criteria and your knowledge of the candidate, how would you rate the candidate’s qualifications?

☐ Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)
☐ Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)
☐ Is one of the most deserving students I have worked with in my career
Please explain by typing your responses to the following questions in an attached document.

1. What are the particular qualities (abilities, achievements, personal characteristics) this student exhibits that would enrich an educational community such as Elon? Comment on what you think distinguishes this student in the senior class or at the high school.

2. Given the scholarship selection criteria listed, please describe your reasons for recommending this student. Comment on this student's work ethic, willingness to assume responsibility for his or her actions, maturity, etc. in addition to academic potential.

3. Please add any other information you would like Elon to consider in evaluating this student's application.

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.

__________________________             __________________
Counselor 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.
Elon University Endowed Scholarship
Community or Teacher Recommendation Form

Due February 10

To be completed by the student:

Student’s name
______________________________
I recognize the confidential nature of this document and  ____ I do  ____ I do not waive my right to access this form.

Student’s signature
______________________________

To be completed by the person making the recommendation:

Your name                                                                                                                    E-mail address
___________________________________________________________________________
(______)____________________________________   (______) _________________________________________
Daytime telephone                                                                       FAX
How do you know this student? _______________________________________________________________________

How long have you known this student? _______________________________________________________________________

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Based on these criteria and your knowledge of the candidate, how would you rate the candidate’s qualifications?

☐ Deserving (meets a limited number of qualifications)

☐ Very deserving (meets a majority of the requirements)

☐ Is one of the most deserving students I have worked with in my career
Please explain by typing your responses to the following questions in an attached document.

1. You have read the description of the student these endowed scholarships are designed to support. Tell us what impresses you most about this applicant. What are the qualities that set this student apart and predict a successful college experience for him or her?

2. Elon University Endowed Scholarships seek to acknowledge the particular achievements of young people whose life circumstances do not make them the typical candidate for an Elon education. Perhaps they are first-generation college students. They might not have family resources to dedicate to higher education. While it is the University's responsibility to verify financial need, are you aware of circumstances that this young person has faced that would make an Elon education a transformative opportunity?

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 on or before February 10.

____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Your Signature             Date

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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 $1,950 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

**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 socio-economic 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

**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 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

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 socio-economic 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.