Marshall University offers a variety of merit-based scholarships to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

Most merit-based scholarship programs require that you be enrolled full time and maintain a minimum GPA. Most scholarships are renewable, but some are not. In order for you to continue receiving renewable scholarships, you must continue to meet the scholarship criteria as described in the messages in your Financial Aid Package in your myMU (MILO) account.

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- Marshall University Scholarships for Metro Applicants
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West Virginia & U.S. Department of Education Scholarships and Grants

WV PROMISE Scholarship

Up to \$4,750 is available to qualified students. It is funded by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and is awarded to WV high-school seniors on the basis of their high school records and test scores. Please review the PROMISE Scholarship website for application procedures, deadlines and scholarship criteria. To apply for this scholarship visit www.cfwv.com and click on the **Scholarship** tab.

WV Engineering, Science and Technology Scholarship

Up to \$3,000 is available for high school graduating students, who may apply for this scholarship if accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in an engineering, science or technology program. Funding from this scholarship is from the state of WV. For more information about this program and to apply for this scholarship, visit www.cfwv.com and click on the **Scholarship** tab.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

(\$1500) Funding from this scholarship program is from the federal government, but is administered by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission in cooperation with the WV Department of Education. Students make initial application for this scholarship with their high school guidance counselor. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 1 prior to the academic year you plan to attend. If you are not a WV resident, you should contact the Department of Education in your state for more information on the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program. For more information about this program visit www.cfwv.com and click on the **Scholarship** tab.

<u>Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program</u>

(Up to \$5,000) - This is a WV state funded program that is available to students that are accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in a course of study leading to certification as a teacher at the pre-school, elementary, middle, or secondary level.

This program is available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate students must have a 3.25 grade point average after completing two years of coursework. Graduate students must be graduating in the top 10 percent of his/her college/university graduating class or have a 3.5 grade point average or above. Students must agree to teach in WV for a period of time upon graduation. If a recipient of the Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program does not fulfill the service requirements, he/she will have to pay back the scholarship including interest. For more information about this program visit www.cfwv.com and click on the **Scholarship** tab.

Federal TEACH Grant

(Up to \$4,000 per year) – available to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families for four years within eight years of completing their degree leading to a career in teaching. To receive a TEACH Grant, you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal
- Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not need to demonstrate financial need
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25)
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS)
- Complete a Marshall University <u>TEACH Grant Application and be approved</u>

If you do not meet the terms of the <u>TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS)</u>, your Federal Teach Grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.

Marshall University Scholarships for WV Applicants

Society of Yeager Scholars

Society of Yeager Scholars – receive scholarships totaling the cost of tuition, standard fees, room and board (student must maintain residence on campus), a stipend, a book allowance, a personal computer, a study program at Exeter College, Oxford and \$4,000 for further study abroad experience (after applying any qualifying federal and state grants and scholarships). To apply for this scholarship, visit www.marshall.edu/yeager.

John Marshall Scholars

(Up to 4,200) – awarded to first-time freshmen with a minimum ACT Composite Score of 30 (SAT score of at least 1320 CR + M) and a 3.5 H.S. Grade Point Average. This is a 4-

year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.5 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to online courses.

Presidential Scholarship

Presidential Scholarship (Up to \$1,500) – awarded to first-time freshmen with ACT Composite Score between 25 – 29 (SAT scores between 1130 – 1310 CR+M) and a 3.5 H.S. Grade Point Average. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.3 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year.

A. Michael Perry Scholarship

A. Michael Perry Scholarship (\$500 to \$750) – awarded to academically talented students who enter as a freshman to the University. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.3 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year.

Athletic Scholarships

Athletic Scholarships (award amounts vary) – awarded to qualified students who participate in intercollegiate athletics or cheerleading. Information about athletic scholarships can be obtained by contacting the Marshall University Athletic Department.

Academic Department

Academic Department (award amounts vary) – awarded by departmental scholarship committee to students with outstanding academic performance or exceptional talent.

Endowment and Annual Scholarships

There are hundreds of grant and scholarship funds that have been endowed by an individual or are made available in memory of a family member. Companies and individuals also make several dozen private scholarships available to students on an annual basis.

Eligibility for these scholarships varies according to the donor's wishes, and not all scholarships are renewable. For most of these scholarships, all financial aid applicants are automatically considered. Specific endowed and annual scholarship applications may be obtained by going to www.marshall.edu/sfa, click on the "Forms & Applications" tab, and then click on "Scholarships/Grant Applications" tab.

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Transfer Student Scholarship for In-state Students

Transfer Student Scholarship for In-state Students (up to \$1,000) - transfer students that have earned a minimum of 26 credits and have a transfer credit cumulative grade point average of 3.5 qualify for this scholarship.

This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility as long as the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.5 and successfully completes 26 credits at Marshall University after one academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Marshall University Scholarships for Metro Applicants

Society of Yeager Scholars

Society of Yeager Scholars – receive scholarships totaling the cost of tuition, standard fees, room and board (student must maintain residence on campus), a stipend, a book allowance, a personal computer, a study program at Exeter College, Oxford and an additional stipend for further study abroad experience (after applying any qualifying federal, state, institution and external grants and scholarships). To apply for this scholarship, visit www.marshall.edu/yeager. In addition, as a Yeager Scholar (and a WV resident) you are required to apply for WV Promise Scholarship Program and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on an annual basis by March 1 prior to the academic year you are attending.

John Marshall Scholars

John Marshall Scholars (Up to \$5,450) – awarded to first-time freshmen with a minimum ACT Composite Score of 30 (SAT score of at least 1320 CR + M) and a 3.5 H.S. Grade Point Average. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.5 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Board of Governors Scholarship

(Up to \$4,000) – awarded to first-time freshmen who have ACT composite scores between 25 – 29 (SAT scores between 1130 – 1310 CR+M) and a 3.5 high school GPA. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.3 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to online courses.

A. Michael Perry Scholarship for Metro Students

(Up to \$2000) – Awarded to academically talented students who enter as a freshman to the University. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.5 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year.

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Transfer Student Scholarship for Metro Students

(Up to \$2,000) – Transfer students that have earned a minimum of 26 credits and have a transfer credit cumulative grade point average of 3.5 qualify for this scholarship. This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility as long as the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.5 and successfully completes 26 credits at Marshall University after one academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Marshall University Scholarships for Non-Resident Applicants

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for further study abroad experience (after applying any qualifying federal, state, institution and external grants and scholarships). To apply for this scholarship visit www.marshall.edu/yeager. In addition, as a Yeager Scholar (and a WV resident) you are required to apply for WV Promise Scholarship Program and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on an annual basis by March 1 prior to the academic year you are attending.

John Laidley Scholarship

(\$3,500) – Awarded to first time out-of-state freshmen who have an ACT Composite Score of 25 or higher (SAT Score of 1130 CR+M or higher) and a 3.0 high school GPA. Border State and Appalachian Scholars do not qualify for this scholarship. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 3.3 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. In addition, John Laidley Scholarship recipients with demonstrated financial need may be awarded the Marshall University Achievement Scholarship up to \$2,000.

Border State Scholarship

(\$3,500) – Awarded to first-time freshmen from KY, OH, PA, MD and VA (who are not part of the Metro area) who have an ACT Composite Score of 23 or higher (SAT Score of 1060 CR+M or higher) and a 2.75 high school GPA. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 2.0 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. In addition, Border State Scholarship recipients with demonstrated financial need may be awarded the Marshall University Achievement Scholarship up to \$2,000. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Appalachian Region Scholarship

(\$3,500) – Awarded to first-time freshmen from AL, GA, MS, NY, NC, SC and TN who have an ACT Composite Score of 23 or higher (SAT Score of 1060 CR+M or higher) and a 2.75 high school GPA. This is a 4-year scholarship that is renewable if the student maintains a 2.0 Grade Point Average and successfully completes 26 credits each academic year. In addition, Appalachian Region Scholarship recipients with demonstrated financial need may be awarded the Marshall University Achievement Scholarship up to \$2,000. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Alumni Legacy Scholarship

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship Program has been developed to encourage children and grandchildren from out of state to consider attending Marshall University by providing a scholarship that would help offset the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition costs. To qualify for the award amounts below, the student must be entering as a first-time full-time freshman and be charged non-resident tuition rates. The parent or grandparent must be an active (dues paying) member of the Marshall University Alumni Association.

Tier I: Award amount is up to \$7,500

Requirements: A minimum of 25 ACT composite score (or SAT equivalent) and a 3.5 high school grade-point average.

Tier 2: Award amount is up to \$6,000

Requirements: A minimum of 23 ACT composite score (or SAT equivalent) and a 3.0 high school grade-point average. Or, a student who has a composite ACT score of 21 or 22 and a minimum high school grade-point average, who has demonstrated leadership through high school activities or community service, may also be considered.

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship award amount may not exceed the maximums stated above. The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is reduced when a student also qualifies for other Marshall University scholarships such as Border State, Appalachian and John Laidley. For example, if a student qualifies for both Alumni Legacy-Tier I and Border State, the student would be awarded Border State in the amount of \$3,500 and Alumni Legacy Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

To apply for this scholarship, you must complete <u>Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction</u> <u>Scholarship Application</u>, which can be obtained by visiting <u>www.marshall.edu/sfa</u>, click on "<u>Forms & Applications</u>" tab, and then on the "<u>Scholarships & Applications</u>" tab.

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<u>Transfer Student Scholarship for Out-of-State Students</u>

(Up to \$2,900) – transfer students that have earned a minimum of 26 credits and have a transfer credit cumulative grade point average of 3.5 qualify for this scholarship. This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility as long as the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.5 and successfully completes 26 credits at Marshall University after one academic year. This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to on-line courses.

Important Information about Merit Scholarships

Admission Application Deadline

Students accepted for admission by March 1 are considered for most University Merit-based Scholarships. However, some scholarships may have an earlier deadline.

It is important that you read each scholarship description carefully for deadline information and any additional rules for applying.

Last Date to take SAT or ACT

To be considered for Marshall University merit-based scholarships, incoming freshmen must take the ACT or SAT by the dates specified below:

Scholarship	Test Date	Test Registration
		Deadline
Society of Yeager Scholars	ACT: October 24, 2009	ACT: September 19,
	SAT: November 7,	2009
	2009	SAT: October 1, 2009
John Marshall Scholars	ACT: December 12,	ACT: November 6,
	2009	2009
	SAT: December 5,	SAT: October 30, 2009
	2009	
Other Marshall	ACT: April 10, 2010	ACT: March 5, 2010
Scholarships	SAT: March 13, 2010	ACT: February 4, 2010

For more information on ACT Test dates visit http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html. For SAT, visit http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees.html.

Submit FAFSA by March 1 Priority Deadline

Students demonstrating financial need may be eligible for additional scholarships. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<u>FAFSA</u>) by the priority deadline of March 1 to be considered for all scholarships and need-based financial assistance.

March 1 is deadline for WV State Level Financial Aid Application

To qualify for the Society of Yeager Scholarships Program or receive scholarships under the John Marshall Scholars Program, WV residents must also submit <u>WV state level financial aid application</u> for the WV PROMISE Scholarship by March 1. March 1 is the deadline for need-based WV state level financial aid programs as well.

Renewal Criteria

Eligibility for institutional scholarship renewal is checked at the end of the spring semester. Should a student fall short of meeting the requirements of scholarship renewal, it is advisable that he/she meet with a financial aid counselor in the Office of Student Financial Assistance to inquire about the consequences and options. Scholarship recipients may take courses during the summer to make up a deficiency with credits or GPA. However, at the start of the fall semester, if the student fails to meet all scholarship renewal criteria, the award is cancelled and will no longer be available to the student.

Combining Scholarship Awards

In all cases, the total amount a student awarded cannot exceed the cost of a Marshall University education. In some instances, when Title IV (certain Federal Financial Aid programs) and WV Higher Education Grant Programs are awarded, students are limited to receive grants and scholarships up to the student's demonstrated financial need.

If you are not living on campus, your institutional scholarships may not exceed tuition, fees and an additional \$1,000. Should you choose to live off campus and your institutional scholarships exceed this amount, your institutional scholarship awards may be reduced. This does not include other scholarships and financial aid you may receive from federal, state, and external sources unless those funds have specific restrictions.

Student athletes who have been offered an academic scholarship should discuss the award with a financial aid counselor in the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine whether or not the scholarship can be accepted. Under NCAA rules, student athletes are limited in the amount of institutional gift aid they may receive. Institutional aid includes both athletic scholarships and institutional merit scholarships.

Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships are processed by the Office of the Bursar. You may be asked to come to the Office of the Bursar to endorse a check as some are made out to Marshall University and the student. Outside scholarship funds will be applied to your account just like institutional scholarship awards after the outside scholarship check has been cashed. Outside scholarships are considered a source of financial aid and follow the same rules under the **Combining Scholarship Awards** section of this menu.

As a courtesy to students, below is a list of various outside scholarship organizations, who have contacted the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist with soliciting applications. Marshall University has no affiliation with these organizations with regard to the development of the scholarship program or selection of the recipients. If you have any questions regarding these scholarship programs, please contact the organization directly:

Organization	Application Information	
Life and Health Insurance Foundation for	www.lifehappens.org/scholarship	

Education	
Marshall University Alumni Association Greater Cincinnati Chapter	Application Form
Mollohan, Robert H. Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.	www.mollohanfoundation.org
Scholarships for Mechanical Engineering Students	www.ashrae.org/scholarships
Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program	smart.asee.org/
2011 Talbots Scholarship Foundation	https://www.talbots.com/scholarship

Scholarship Funding Source Replacement

Marshall University has the right to replace an awarded scholarship with another named scholarship to maximize funding sources. Such changes will not reduce the amount of the student's scholarship, and in some cases, may actually result in an increase to a student's scholarship amount.

Holding Scholarships for Interrupted Attendance

Marshall University may hold a student's scholarship if his/her attendance is interrupted for medical reason, military deployment, or other extenuating circumstances provided the student continues to meet the eligibility requirements. The student must submit an appeal to the Office of Student Financial Assistance and submit verification of reason for leaving (i.e. doctor note, military deployment notification). A student who transfers to another college or university does not qualify for scholarship reinstatement after a break in attendance at Marshall University.

Thank You Letter Requirement

Recipients of Marshall University Endowed and Annual Scholarships are required to submit a thank you letter to their scholarship donor(s).

Below are guidelines for writing thank you letters:

Your letter should-

	Use a formal salutation including the appropriate prefixes and suffixes.
Examp	ole: Dear Dr. and Mrs. McCoy
□ receive	Include a personal thank you referring to the specific scholarship you ed.
□ means	Include information about your interests and activities, what the scholarship to you, and your educational and career goals.
	Sign your letter.

Once you have written your letter—

$\hfill \square$ prepare an envelope with your scholarship name, but do not seal the envelope.
\square Send your letter with the unsealed envelope(s) to:
Marshall University Office of Development Erickson Alumni Center 1731 5th Avenue Huntington, WV 25755

These letters are greatly appreciated by the donors. Student thank you letters have great influence on the future generosity of scholarship donors for Marshall University students. Please take the time to edit your letter and make it special.