

**Note:**

Application cannot be considered unless all information is completed and returned with the following items:

- A complete six semester high school transcript through the spring term of your junior year - A transcript must accompany this application for consideration
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay on "How I Think Attending ECU Will Change My Life." (One-page, single space, typed)
- Additional essay for Foundation Scholarships (optional) [See: <http://www.scholarships.eku.edu/awards/others/foundation/>]

Please list information regarding high school/college and/or community honors, activities, and any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to know about you (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

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I hereby verify that all the information that I have provided is accurate. Your signature gives permission for the Scholarship Committee to review any academic records.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Return completed application to:

EKU Scholarship Office  
SSB CPO 56  
346 Student Services Building  
Eastern Kentucky University  
521 Lancaster Avenue  
Richmond, Kentucky 40475-3156

Phone: 859-622-8032

Fax: 859-622-8479

[www.scholarships.eku.edu](http://www.scholarships.eku.edu)



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## Scholarship Application for Incoming Freshmen

Eastern Kentucky University offers a range of academic scholarships designed to reward scholastic achievement and enhance the University community through the attraction of academically talented students.

Unless noted otherwise in the specific description, each scholarship is awarded for eight consecutive semesters of full-time undergraduate work, provided the student meets renewal requirements as outlined in the award letter. If renewal requirements are not met for two consecutive semesters, the student will lose remaining eligibility.

The University also awards a number of scholarships funded through private funds administered in the Eastern Kentucky University Foundation. Students need only to complete the enclosed application form to be considered for all scholarships awarded in the University Scholarship Office. Students who receive foundation scholarships will be required to complete a written letter of appreciation to the donor.

Some discipline-specific scholarships are awarded based on selection processes within the appropriate academic department. For additional information please contact the department of your intended major.

In addition to completing the scholarship application, it is also necessary to apply for admission to the University. The necessary forms may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at 1-800-465-9191, or by sending an e-mail to: [admissions@eku.edu](mailto:admissions@eku.edu). Many endowed scholarships also require students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application can be obtained online at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA is not required for consideration of the academic scholarships.

The information in the Scholarship Opportunities table is applicable to high school seniors enrolling at Eastern Kentucky University for the first time in the fall semester, 2010.

Students who are awarded the Commonwealth Scholar, Excellence or Founders scholarships, must reside in on-campus housing and enroll in a meal plan in order to receive the housing and/or board allowance for their scholarship award. Previous terms and conditions of the scholarship program remain in force for students currently enrolled. A campus/community service component is required for most scholarships.

Except for book awards to participants in the Honors Program, the University does not make multiple awards of the described scholarships. Recipients will receive the highest award for which they apply, are eligible and are selected.

The following scholarships are available for application:

- Commonwealth Scholar Award
- ECU Excellence Award
- ECU Founders Award
- ECU Regents Scholarship
- Presidential Scholarship
- Dr. Rodney Gross Scholarship
- Alumni Scholarship
- Various Endowed/Foundation Scholarships

### EKU Scholarship Checklist

You are required to submit the following:

- Completed scholarship application (Deadline Feb. 15, 2010)
- Complete six semester high school transcript through the spring term of your junior year and ACT/SAT test scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay on the following topic: "How I Think Attending ECU Will Change My Life." (One-page, single space, typed)
- Additional essay for Foundation Scholarships (optional)



# Scholarship Opportunities

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## Commonwealth Scholar Award

**ELIGIBILITY:** Awarded automatically to National Merit Finalists and National Merit Scholars  
**BENEFITS<sup>1</sup>:** In-state tuition, double-occupancy residence hall, 15-meal-per-week board plan, and books on loan  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time. *\*Must reside on campus and enroll in a campus meal plan to receive housing & board allowance of the scholarship award.*

## Excellence Award

**ELIGIBILITY:** Awarded automatically to National Merit Semi-finalists. Students with an ACT composite of 32 or higher and a minimum of a 3.75 high school grade point average will be considered on a competitive basis.  
**BENEFITS<sup>1</sup>:** In-state tuition, double-occupancy residence hall, and 10-meal-per-week board plan  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time. *\*Must reside on campus and enroll in a campus meal plan to receive housing & board allowance of the scholarship award.*

## Founders Award

**ELIGIBILITY:** Awarded on a competitive basis to students with a 29-31 composite ACT and a 3.75 high school GPA.  
**BENEFITS<sup>1</sup>:** In-state tuition, double-occupancy residence hall  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time. *\*Must reside on campus to receive housing allowance of the scholarship award.*

## Regents Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** Competitive scholarship; must have ACT composite of 25-28 and 3.75 GPA. Automatically awarded to Governor's Scholar participants with a minimum composite ACT of 25 and 3.75 GPA. *Not all applicants that meet the criteria receive this scholarship.*  
**BENEFITS:** In-state tuition  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time.

## Presidential Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** Automatically awarded to high school valedictorians that have a minimum of 23 ACT. Competitive for other high school seniors based on class rank, GPA and ACT composite scores.  
**BENEFITS:** One-half of the equivalent of in-state tuition  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** Must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time.

## Dr. Rodney Gross Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be black U.S. citizen, Kentucky resident and be admitted to EKU with intention of pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree; must have 2.5 high school GPA with extracurricular support in athletics, community and/or student government services OR a 3.0 GPA without extracurricular activities  
**BENEFITS:** Awards will range from \$1,000-\$3,000 per year, and will be applied to student's tuition and fees  
**CONDITIONS<sup>2</sup>:** For renewal, students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, enroll full-time, participate in the Academic Monitoring Program in the University Diversity Office and reapply annually.

## Honors Program Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** In order to participate in the Honors Program, students must make a separate application. For additional information please call 859-622-2924 or visit the website at: [www.honors.eku.edu/application.htm](http://www.honors.eku.edu/application.htm).  
**BENEFITS:** One-half of the equivalent of in-state tuition and activity and technology fees  
**CONDITIONS:** Must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time.

## Honors Program Book Award

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students accepted into the University Honors Program  
**BENEFITS:** Books on loan for up to eight (8) semesters  
**CONDITIONS:** Must remain in Honors Program to receive award

## J. W. Thurman Alumni Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a child of an EKU graduate, score at least an ACT composite of an 18, and have a minimum of 2.8 GPA in high school. This is competitive based and not all applicants are awarded a scholarship  
**CONDITIONS:** Must maintain 2.8 GPA and be enrolled full time for renewal

## Alumni Endowed Scholarship

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be incoming freshman with an ACT score of at least an 18 and a minimum of 3.0 GPA in high school. Students that demonstrate financial need to the University through the official FAFSA application process shall be given priority when evaluating applicants. Applicants must be involved in at least three extracurricular activities.  
**CONDITIONS:** Must maintain 3.0 GPA and be enrolled full time for renewal

<sup>1</sup> To receive the housing and/or board allowance of the scholarship award, the student must reside in on-campus housing and enroll in a meal plan.

<sup>2</sup> A campus/community service component is required for most scholarships.

# Academic Scholarship Application for Incoming Freshmen

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  Transcript  Essay  
 Letter #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Letter #2 College of \_\_\_\_\_

To apply for scholarships at Eastern Kentucky University, complete this form and return to the EKU Scholarship Office with all required documents - only complete applications will be considered.  
 The application deadline date is February 15, 2010. *Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered. Full consideration is only given to those who apply prior to the deadline.*  
**All students must be conditionally admitted to EKU to be considered for a scholarship.**

**IMPORTANT: Please check all items which are applicable to you.**

Incoming Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Full Name of Your High School - no abbreviations)

Applying for Alumni Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Qualifying Parent's Full Name) if applying for J.W. Thurman Alumni Scholarship

Applying for Dr. Rodney Gross Scholarship (See eligibility qualifications previously listed.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Middle

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address/Route: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Term You Will Be Entering EKU:  Fall 2010  Spring 2011

Ethnic Group (Optional - This information may qualify you for scholarships with ethnic requirements.):

White (Non-Hispanic)  Black (Non-Hispanic)  Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic  American Indian or Alaskan  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Rank In Class: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 English Math Reading Science Reasoning  
 (Please Use the Highest Test and Composite Scores from a Single Testing.)

If You Are the Recipient of Any of the Following Honors, Check Those Which Apply:

National Merit Finalist  National Merit Semifinalist  Kentucky Governor's Scholar  Whitney Young Scholar  Governor's School for the Arts  Rogers Scholar

\*Weighted GPA will be accepted if calculated by high school counselor.