**2023-2024 SCHOOL OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Due Wednesday, March 1, 2023 by 5pm**

* **NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON ALL NURSING ALL THE TIME, THE ECU SoN WEBPAGE (link below), or FROM THE ECU SoN OFFICE**
* <https://www.ecok.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/college-health-and-sciences/school-nursing/school-nursing-resources-announcements>

All scholarships require full-time attendance (12 hours for undergraduate; 6 hours for graduate) unless indicated otherwise.  
All scholarships require a 3.0 cumulative GPA unless indicated otherwise.  
All scholarships are for fall and/or spring semester only (summer not included) unless indicated otherwise.  
All Nursing scholarship recipients are recommended by the department, with final approval by the ECU Foundation Scholarship Committee.  
Any exceptions must be approved by the department director or the Foundation Scholarship Committee.

**BRILES SCHOLARSHIP**   
This scholarship will be awarded based on need and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Originally established as a part of the Federal Student Loan Program, this scholarship was transferred to the ECU Foundation in 1995.

**DCT COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be available to all students in the College of Health and Sciences, with priority given to students pursuing a master’s degree in a discipline housed in the College of Health and Sciences at the time of the award. Recipient must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA and be classified as a junior or above. To receive this scholarship, applicants must provide a plan for a community service project (preferably a project that benefits the Ada community) that will be completed during their junior year, and that is verified by a mentoring faculty member. Preference will be given to students providing evidence of community service during their freshman/sophomore year(s). For the scholarship to be renewed during the students’ senior year, they must complete a community service project in collaboration with mentoring a faculty member during their junior year or the student must have presented the activities and results of one of their previous community service projects at a state, regional, national, or international conference during their junior year and provide an acceptable update for the current service project.

**HIGGINBOTHAM FAMILY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the department. Dorothy Higginbotham was an ECU alumna who understood and recognized the value of higher education and established this scholarship as part of her estate planning.

**PAM HORNE MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to students with a declared major in Nursing that maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.  Applicants must submit an essay to the Nursing Department describing why they have chosen the nursing profession; what their career goals and aspirations are after graduation, and describe one significant past or current service experience and what was gained from the opportunity to give back to the community.  Pam Horne served as an RN and nurse manager in several units at Mercy Hospital, Ada for 20 years.  She graduated from Ada High School in 1980, where she was an All-State vocalist.  She received her Associate Degree in 1991 from Northern Oklahoma Junior College in Tonkawa.  She was the 2012 March of Dimes Oklahoma Pediatric Nurse of the Year.  Pam mentored hundreds of college nursing students and new graduates in her profession.  She brought energy, fun, and humor while also being the constant professional.  She volunteered and served constantly, always thinking of others in their time of need.  This scholarship was established by her family and friends to honor her passion and service to others.

**McCASLAND FOUNDATION NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman with a declared major in Nursing. Preference will be given to students from these Oklahoma counties: Caddo, Comanche, Carter, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Logan, Love, Stephens, and Woodward. Recipients must maintain a 2.25 GPA and be enrolled full-time at East Central University. This scholarship was established by the McCasland Foundation of Duncan, OK.

**NURSING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to junior Nursing student with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

**FRED AND MARY PFEFFER SCHOLARSHIP** (Biology, Computer Science, Environmental Health Science, Nursing, Chemistry)  
This scholarship will be awarded to one student in each of the listed categories, requires a minimum 3.25 GPA, and will be awarded for up to eight consecutive semesters as long as all scholarship requirements are met. The Pfeffer’s are long-time residents of Ada and have shown tremendous generosity in assisting ECU students.

**ESSIE ROARK COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be available to all students in the College of Health and Sciences, with priority given to students pursuing a master’s degree in a discipline housed in the College of Health and Sciences at the time of the award. Recipient must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA and be classified as a junior or above. To receive this scholarship, applicants must provide a plan for a research project that will be completed during their junior year and that is verified by a mentoring faculty member. Preference will be given to students providing evidence of research with mentoring faculty during their freshman/sophomore year(s). For the scholarship to be renewed during the students’ senior year, they must complete a research project in collaboration with mentoring a faculty member during their junior year or the student must have presented previous research at a state, regional, national, or international conference during their junior year and provide an acceptable update for the current research project.

**FRANCES AND ELIZABETH SCHMELLING SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the department. Dr. Stephen Schmelling established this scholarship in memory of his wife Elizabeth and her mother Frances. Both were nurses and Elizabeth was a long-time faculty member at ECU.

**JEARL SMART FOUNDATION FINISH STRONG SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to a student during their final semesters as a senior Nursing student not including summer. Recipients must have maintained a 2.7 GPA or above and be enrolled full-time at ECU. Students must have graduated high school in Seminole County in Oklahoma and will be required to provide a statement describing their needs and circumstances, why they believe they are eligible, and how they plan to use their nursing degree to give back to their community. This scholarship is provided by the generosity of the Jearl Smart Foundation of Wewoka, OK.

**TOM AND MADELINE SORRELLS SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will serve students who have met the department requirements to enroll in a required departmental internship, student teaching, or clinical in the last semester at the end of their undergraduate degree program. The internship, student teaching, or clinical requirement must be a full-time semester enrollment. An individual may receive this award for one semester only. The award is intended to help students who cannot otherwise work during that semester. The maximum award for any single student may not exceed $1,000, but a lesser amount may be awarded based on need. This scholarship was established in the last will and testament of Pansy Cradduck Bates. Eligible students must be in the last semester of their senior clinical study. The Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Health and Sciences shall be the recommending committee.

**VALLEY VIEW HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the department

**ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS – PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE HIGHLIGHTEDF IN YELLOW FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**NISHA KARKI INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
(Contact the ECU International Student Office for application.)  
Nisha Karki was born and raised in Nepal and came from a very poor family.  She was an only child and lost her father at a very young age.  Nisha was raised in a one room house and her widowed mother worked tirelessly to give her a better life.  Her mother managed to raise money from relatives and friends to send Nisha to the U.S. to get a nursing degree.   Nisha was a compassionate, intelligent, hardworking, fun loving, and cheerful person.  She passed away on November 16, 2016 at the young age of 20.  To commemorate her life and legacy, the ECU Asian Student Association, alums and friends have established this endowed scholarship fund.

**JUDITH WHOMBLE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
(Contact the ECU International Student Office for application.)  
This scholarship will be awarded by ECU's Global Education Committee. Mrs. Whomble was very involved with the international student community at ECU and this scholarship was established by friends, family, and colleagues in her honor and memory.

**ELIZABETH SCHMELLING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD**  
(Contact Ada Sunrise Rotary Club for application.)  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Ada Sunrise Rotary Club.

* **\*See the ECU Foundation webpage for other available scholarships**
* <https://www.ecok.edu/donate/foundation-scholarship-information>

**ECU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

* **The Foundation scholarship application is due before February 1 of each year for priority consideration.**
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**BARNES KERNS PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to full-time, undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.  Ideal candidates will demonstrate a strong commitment to public service, including, but not limited to health, government, or education at the local, state, tribal, or federal level as to be explained in a succinct, two-paragraph essay describing their motivations for public service.  Essays must be emailed to [foundation@ecok.edu](mailto:foundation@ecok.edu) with a subject line: Barnes Kerns Public Service Scholarship.  Preference will be given to students of color with financial need who are working/have been working a minimum of 20 hours per week to help finance their education.  Jennifer Barnes Kerns (Legal Studies Class of 2002) and Jason Kerns (Nursing Class of 2006) established this scholarship to commemorate the wonderful experiences they had during their times as students at East Central University.

**BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - DONNIE NERO SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to students with at least 12 completed hours at ECU.  Preference will be given to African American students.  Recipients must be full-time ECU students and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75.  **Applicants are required to submit the ECU Foundation Scholarship Application as well as a typed essay, no longer than 2 pages in length that describes the applicant's future goals, commitment to equality, their financial need, and how this scholarship will benefit their level of commitment to African American causes. This essay needs to be emailed directly to the BAA Scholarship Committee at**[ecubaa7@gmail.com](mailto:ecubaa7@gmail.com)**.**  Recipients will be recommended each year by the Black Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, with final decision made by the ECU Foundation Scholarship Committee.  This scholarship was created in 2019 by the 7 founding members of the Black Alumni Association whom all share a passion for ECU and the quality of education they received while students here.

**FRANK AND JOHNNY STEPHENS DREW SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman from one of the smaller school systems in Oklahoma (the size of Roff, Stonewall, or Vanoss for example).  This scholarship was established by Slover Cape, an ECU alumnus who was raised by his aunt and uncle Frank and Johnny Drew.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**ECU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen with a parent, grandparent, or guardian who are current members of the ECU Alumni Association*.*Other guidelines may be established at the discretion of the Alumni Association. ***To join the ECU Alumni Association*** [CLICK HERE](http://ecok.edu/alumni/alumni-association).

**JACK AND GLADYS ELDRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior in good standing and performing satisfactory work toward a degree, with preference to a student from Garvin County.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**FOUNDATION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Applicants must be admissible to East Central University, have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and achieved a minimum ACT score of 22-24 (ACT Requirement for Incoming Freshmen Only).  Full-time enrollment at ECU is required, and a GPA of 3.0 must be achieved during the fall semester in order to qualify for the second half of the scholarship in the spring semester.  Other factors may be considered at the discretion of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, and the amount of the scholarship will also be determined by this committee.

**FOUNDATION SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Applicants must be admissible to East Central University, have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5, and achieved a minimum ACT score of 25-27 (ACT Requirement for Incoming Freshmen Only).  Full-time enrollment at ECU is required, and a GPA of 3.5 must be achieved during the fall semester in order to qualify for the second half of the scholarship in the spring semester.  Other factors may be considered at the discretion of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, and the amount of the scholarship will also be determined by this committee.

**FOUNDATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**   
Applicants must be admissible to East Central University, have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75, and achieved a minimum ACT score of 28 (ACT Requirement for Incoming Freshmen Only).  Full-time enrollment at ECU is required, and a GPA of 3.75 must be achieved during the fall semester in order to qualify for the second half of the scholarship in the spring semester.  Other factors may be considered at the discretion of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, and the amount of the scholarship will also be determined by this committee.

**GIRLS GONE WINE SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to graduates of Broken Bow and/or Waurika High School.  Recipients must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and have a history of community and/or civic involvement and service.  Preference will be given to students that have overcome personal/family hardships to continuing their education.  Financial need will be a prominent criterion. This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.  In 2008 while their friend and fellow wine girl and Broken Bow school teacher, Shawn Hutchings, was battling breast cancer friends Chandra Rickey, Michelle Finch (1986 ECU Alum) and Rhonda Reed, developed the wine, Friends 4 Life.  A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this wine was used to fund scholarships for Hutchings children.  After Shawn lost her battle with breast cancer the girls decided to keep producing the wine to honor her passion for education by donating proceeds each year for scholarships for students that have had to overcome personal hardships to continue their education.

**GLBT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time ECU student classified as a sophomore or above with a minimum 3.25 GPA.  To apply students must complete the Foundation Scholarship Application in its entirety as well as submit a typed essay (400-500 words) describing how they currently foster, or would foster, an understanding and acceptance of GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender) and other diversity issues on the ECU campus.  The essay needs to be typed on a Word document, 12 point, Times New Roman, double-spaced and emailed to [foundation@ecok.edu](mailto:foundation@ecok.edu) by February 1st of each year for priority consideration. This scholarship was established by ECU alumnus, Jim Gray, in order to promote diversity at the collegiate level.

**DON HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee to a full-time student that is gainfully employed for at least 20 hours per week during the semester in which they are awarded.  Don Hill was a hard-worker and very respected member of the Ada Community.  This scholarship was established by his family to continue his legacy at East Central University.

**IVAN AND MARY JO KEATLEY SCHOLARSHIP**  
Both of the Keatley’s are ECU alumni who have recognized the value of higher education.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ADA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship is for full-time students, attending ECU as a first time, incoming Freshman with preference given to students that graduate from a Pontotoc County high school in Oklahoma. The recipient must have graduated high school with a 3.0 GPA or above and must maintain a 3.0 GPA or above to receive the spring portion of the award.  The recipient needs to show leadership abilities through school, civic and/or community involvement.  This scholarship can be used to provide assistance with books, tuition, room and meals, as well as out of classroom experiences.  The recipients will be chosen by the ECU Foundation Scholarship Committee.

**MARGUERITE E. LOWRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**W.E. AND MINNIE CURTIS MARTIN BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to ECU students to assist with book purchases.  The families of Pete Duncan and Don Martin established this scholarship to honor their grandparents, W.E. and Minnie Martin, who are ECU alumni.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**SHIRLEY MIXON "TRAILBLAZER" SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to a student attending ECU full-time the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation with a minimum 3.0 GPA.  Preference will be given to students native to Oklahoma.  The scholarship is for one fall semester.  To apply students must complete the Foundation Scholarship Application in its entirety as well as submit a typed essay (400-500 words) describing how they will contribute to the African American community at ECU. The essay needs to be typed on a Word document, 12 point, Times New Roman, double-spaced and emailed to [foundation@ecok.edu](mailto:foundation@ecok.edu) by February 1st of each year for priority consideration. This scholarship was established by friends and family of long-time ECU Professor, Dr. Shirley Mixon, to honor her quiet, yet tireless efforts to make a difference in the lives of others.

**JOHN BOYCE AND GRACE MCKEEL SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**FLOYD F. AND BEATRICE COLLIER MULLINS SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship may be awarded to a first-time beginning freshman, transfer students or continuing students.  If awarded to first-time beginning freshmen, the student must be eligible for admission to the University.  If awarded to a transfer or continuing student, the student must be in good academic standing and have a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of college credit.  Regardless of the student's eligibility status to be admitted to East Central University, the student must possess unique or exceptional financial needs and academic potential.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**MURPHY BONDURANT SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to ECU students attending full-time that have and maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA.  Applicants must provide a 1-3-page essay regarding - "how their education will impact mental health awareness and drug abuse prevention".  Essays and a current transcript must be submitted to the ECU Brandon Whitten Institute and/or the Department of Professional Programs in Human Services via email to: [bwinstitute@ecok.edu](mailto:bwinstitute@ecok.edu) with subject line: Murphy Bondurant Scholarship. This scholarship was established by alumna Sara Murphy Bondurant and her husband Michael to bring greater awareness to the need for mental health services and drug abuse prevention.

**JACK BATES AND PANSY BATES TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**  
Incoming transfer students from two-year colleges who have completed a FAFSA and meet the need for a Pell Grant will get priority consideration for funds.  Student transfers from four-year colleges as well as those who do not meet the need for a Pell Grant can be considered for funding as long as one half or more of the awards are given to those from a two-year college that meet the need for a Pell Grant.  Priority shall be given to students receiving limited financial aid, including loans.  This scholarship was established in the last will and testament of Pansy Cradduck Bates.

**ONCE A TIGER, ALWAYS A TIGER SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**BRANDON OSBORN AND NICOLE TRIBBLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (Ada High School)  
This scholarship will be awarded to a Pontotoc County student who plans to attend ECU with preference given to a first-generation college student. Brandon and Nicole were seniors of the Ada High School class of 1993 when they were killed in a tragic automobile accident. Family and friends established this scholarship in their memories. This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**MARTHA EUBANK/WALLACE RHYNES SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to a female student between the ages of 25-45, marital status of widowed or divorced, with at least one dependent.  A minimum 3.0 GPA is required, or GED certification is acceptable for an incoming freshman.  Mrs. Rhynes is an ECU alumna, a teacher, and an author who established this scholarship in order to assist young women in their pursuit of a higher education.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**ROARY'S KIDS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded to former participants of Roary's Kids Club Basketball League.  The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a full-time student at ECU.  This scholarship was established by the ECU Athletic Department in conjunction with the ECU Foundation in support of Roary's Kids Club.  The first class of incoming freshmen eligible for this scholarship will be the fall of 2029.  The recipients will be selected by the ECU Foundation Scholarship Committee or their designee.

**MARTHA ELLEN SKINNER SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded preferably to Pontotoc County students who plan to attend ECU, but can be awarded to students outside of Pontotoc County.  Awards will be based on financial need and require all recipients to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.

**CECIL AND SELMA GLADDEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded preferably to Pontotoc County students who plan to attend ECU, but can be awarded to students outside of Pontotoc County.  The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and a minimum ACT score of 22.  The Smith’s son Kenneth established this scholarship in his parents’ memory for financial and academically deserving students from Pontotoc County.  This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee

**UNTERKIRCHER SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.