

SUMMER FREE SCHOLARSHIP



Western Nebraska
Community College

Summer is more fun when you're not swimming in debt, and Western Nebraska Community College can help!

Apply for the **#SummerFreeScholarship** to take a summer class or two at WNCC for **FREE!** It's easy, and you'll be that much closer to completing your educational goals! **#SwimmingInSuccess #GradeASummer**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Current WNCC full- and part-time students
- Current WNCC CollegeNOW! students
- Students who have previously attended WNCC but did not graduate
- Must have a 2.0 GPA or higher

HOW MANY COURSES CAN I TAKE?

Up to two courses, not to exceed eight credit hours total.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Tuition and fees (including course fees), after Pell grant is applied, plus \$200 for textbooks. Instructional materials are not included.

HOW DO I APPLY?

For more details or to apply, visit:
go.wncc.edu/summerfree

For questions, contact:
WNCC Financial Aid
308.635.6011
financialaid@wncc.edu

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 7, 2021

2021 FAQs

Who is eligible for the SummerFree Scholarship?

- Current WNCC full- or part-time students seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate.
- Current WNCC CollegeNOW! (high school dual-credit) students.
- Former WNCC students who did not graduate and are now seeking a WNCC degree.
Students who previously attended WNCC must have been enrolled in credit classes in order to be considered a previous student. Non-credit classes, such as Driver's Education, do not satisfy this requirement.
- Student must be in good standing with the Business Office.
- Students not seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate do not qualify.

Grade requirements/criteria

- Applicants must have a cumulative WNCC GPA of 2.0 or higher at the time Summer 2021 courses begin.
- If the applicant is a Spring 2021 student and the student fails the GPA requirement after final Spring grades are posted, the scholarship award will be rejected and the student will be notified through his/her WNCC email account.
- The GPA requirement may not be appealed.

How is the scholarship award amount determined?

- Federal Pell Grant eligibility will be awarded first, if the student has Pell grant eligibility. The SummerFree Scholarship will then be awarded in an amount to cover the tuition and fees (including course fees) of SummerFree-eligible classes NOT covered by Pell grant.

Examples:

- Pell grant award is \$200 and SummerFree tuition and fee charges are \$600, the SummerFree Scholarship award would be \$400.
- Pell grant award is \$1,000 and SummerFree tuition and fee charges are \$600, the SummerFree scholarship award would be \$0.

Please note, the Pell grant amount used in the determination for SummerFree will be based on the number of credits enrolled, not the total Pell grant for which the student may be eligible.

- All students who apply for and meet SummerFree eligibility requirements, even if not awarded a SummerFree Scholarship due to Pell grant eligibility, will be awarded a \$200 SummerFree Book scholarship to use at Buddy's Books & Bistro for summer classes. This scholarship may be used for books only (not supplies) up to \$200; unused scholarship funds will not be refunded to the student.
- Instruction materials and textbook costs over \$200 are not covered by this scholarship.

What is covered?

- Students may submit no more than two classes, up to a maximum of eight credits. Should the two classes total less than eight credits, only the amount of credits for those two classes will be covered by the scholarship. Should the two classes total more than eight credits, the scholarship will cover the cost of eight credits with the remainder of the balance being the student's responsibility.
- If a student changes his/her enrollment after submitting the SummerFree application, it is the student's responsibility to submit a new application with the updated registration prior to the **May 7, 2021** deadline.
- CLASSES MUST BE REQUIRED FOR YOUR DEGREE as identified in the Student Planning Tool in the ClassLink portal or as determined by a degree audit with the WNCC Registrar.
- Classes offered may be subject to change at the discretion of WNCC.

If I need to retake a class, will that be covered?

- Retaking a class MAY be covered under this scholarship, but does require pre-approval. To obtain a SummerFree Course Retake Appeal Form visit www.wncc.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/financial-aid-pdfs/summerfree-2021-retake-appeal-form.pdf. The retake appeal process provides the opportunity to explain the circumstances requiring the retake, but does not automatically constitute approval.
- Complete the Appeal Form and submit to Career Pathways & Advising no later than **Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Any appeals submitted after this time will not be given consideration.
- Students will be notified of the appeal decision no later than **Friday, May 14, 2021** via their WNCC email account.

Where and when should I apply?

- Applications are available online beginning **April 5, 2021**, the first day summer class registration becomes available, at go.wncc.edu/summerfree or through ClassLink.
- The DEADLINE for applications is **Friday, May 7, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**
- Students who have not attended WNCC for two or more years should contact WNCC Admissions at admissions@wncc.edu or 308.635.6010 to activate their student username and password to gain access to the ClassLink portal.
- Applications must be complete in order to receive consideration. An application is not considered complete until registration for classes has been submitted by the student. There are no exceptions!
- If awarded, only those classes listed on the SummerFree application will be covered. A change in class registration will require a revised application be submitted for consideration prior to the **May 7, 2021** deadline, even if the number of credits remain the same.
- Only classes added as a result of WNCC scheduling changes will be accepted after the **May 7, 2021** deadline.

Please be aware:

Application for this scholarship does not constitute class registration. It is the responsibility of the student to register for classes through the Student Planning Tool in ClassLink. CollegeNOW! students will coordinate class registration with his/her high school counselor.

When will I know if I receive the scholarship?

- Applicants will be notified through their WNCC email account when their application has been received and is under review. After the scholarship is awarded, students will receive another email, also via their WNCC email account, informing them of an update to their financial aid award letter, which may also be accessed through ClassLink. Students should regularly check their WNCC email and Financial Aid Award letter for updates as changes in enrollment or GPA may affect eligibility and award amounts.
- The SummerFree Scholarship will be applied to student accounts the week of **June 7, 2021**.

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