

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to qualified full- and part-time graduate students in the forms of state grants and long-term loans. (A half-time load is six semester hours. A full-time load in a graduate degree program is nine hours. A full-time load in a teacher licensure program is twelve semester hours.) Virginia residents enrolled as full-time graduate students who are pursuing health services programs may qualify for a Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) regardless of financial need. VTAG is a state grant, the amount of which is based on state funding. Application must be made directly to the Office of Financial Aid. A strict July 31 application deadline applies.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be completed and mailed to the Federal Student Aid Programs as soon after January 1 as possible for consideration for need-based financial aid. The preferred deadline for new students is March 1, and the preferred deadline for continuing students is April 1. New students admitted after March 1 should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible to receive consideration for assistance.

The Federal Stafford Loan Program, administered through banking institutions, offers long-term student loans. The interest rate is variable with a cap of 8.25 percent. Money borrowed for educational purposes through the Stafford Loan program does not have to be repaid until the student graduates or ceases half-time enrollment. Repayment may be deferred if the student is experiencing economic hardship.

Persons who have already earned a master's degree at Lynchburg College and seek to take additional courses or pursue a second master's degree may apply for a tuition voucher equivalent to 50 percent of the tuition for one class every year. Eligible persons should contact the Office of Graduate Studies.

Other forms of financial assistance are also available as noted below. Further information on the honorees for these scholarships is available in the College's endowment funds booklet. For specific information, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies. Annual application review begins after April 15.

Thomas C. Allen Fund: To be awarded annually to graduate students in English.

Altavista Scholarship Program: Presented by the Altavista Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Altavista-area businesses, this award is made available to an M.Ed. student currently teaching at Altavista area schools.

Bonnie Davenport Benedict Scholarship Fund: To support graduate students in educational leadership.

Evelyn P. Bickham Scholarship: Awarded annually to graduate students in education.

Center for Family Studies and Educational Advancement: Provides annual scholarship support to graduate students, with preference to those in counseling.

W. W. Ferguson Fund: To provide support to graduate students in history.

Elizabeth M. Forsyth Fund: Provides scholarship support to current staff members of Elizabeth's Early Learning Center and students in early childhood special education.

Mary H. Futrell Scholarship: Provides scholarship support for future teachers.

Donald D. Hammill Scholarship: Funded by the Donald D. Hammill Foundation and awarded annually to students enrolled in the graduate special education program.

William Randolph Hearst Foundation Scholarship: Funded by the Hearst Foundation, the scholarship annually supports African-American students enrolled in education programs.

Belle M. Hill Scholarship: To support graduate students in English.

Marjorie Ellen Proffitt Howard Scholarship Fund: Will be available in the future for graduate students in education.

Anne Marshall Huston Professional Development Fund: Provides annual support for research initiatives for students and faculty and scholarship support to education students, with preference for those in the reading program.

Lily Hutchison Scholarship: Will be available in the future for graduate students in education.

KOVAR Scholarship: Funded by the Knights of Columbus and awarded annually to a graduate student in special education (mental retardation/intellectual disabilities).

Katherine S. Kilcher Scholarship: Will provide support to graduate students in the counselor education program.

Bernadette Kyle Fund: Will support undergraduate and graduate students in the sciences, including the M.Ed. in science education.

Libbie Keeton LaPrade Scholarship: Established in memory of Elizabeth "Libbie" Keeton LaPrade, Class of 1947, and supports annual scholarships to students in English education.

Ronald H. LaReau Scholarship: Will support graduates of E. C. Glass or Heritage High Schools pursuing an M.Ed. (awarded biennially).

Charlotte Evans Lunsford Scholarship: Annually provides support to undergraduate or graduate students in English.

The Walter G. Mason Scholarship Fund: Provides scholarship support to M.B.A. students.

P. Buckley Moss Scholarship: Funded by proceeds from the sale of artist P. Buckley Moss's print of a Lynchburg College scene, this scholarship provides assistance to students in the graduate special education program.

R. Kendall North Scholarship Fund: To provide support to graduate and undergraduate students in the School of Business and Economics.

Raymond E. and Frances Sutton Oliver Scholarship Fund: Provides support to graduate students.

J. Edward Petty Scholarship Fund: This fund supports the annual Petty Scholarship for students in educational leadership.

Helen A. and Edward J. Polloway Diversity Fund: Provides annual scholarship and research support to students in special education.

Powell Foundation Scholarship: Funded by the Powell Foundation of Altavista, the scholarship supports graduate students in special education from Campbell or Pittsylvania Counties.

Presidential Scholarships: Initiated under the auspices of the president of the College to provide support to students who have earned a B.A./B.S. from Lynchburg College.

Katherine C. Radford Scholarship: Provides scholarship support to graduate students in education who work with gifted students or students with disabilities.

George N. Rainsford Scholarship: Supported by the George N. Rainsford Community Partnership Fund and awarded as leadership scholarships to minority graduate students.

Grace B. Richardson Scholarship: Supports students who demonstrate academic merit and who are pursuing a graduate degree in education with preference for the area of reading.

Oreon E. Scott Scholarship: Provides annual support to a graduate student with priority to a student who is a member of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) and who will work as a graduate assistant supporting LC's service-learning program.

Martha M. Sheffler Scholarship: Provides support for graduate students with preference to students pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership.

Mary Ann Smith Scholarship: Provides support to graduate students in the M.B.A. program.

Summers-Clopper Scholarship: Awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an education program.

Roger E. Tetrault Scholarship Fund: Supports graduate students with academic merit.

William Sherer Thomasson Scholarship Fund: Provides support to students from Central Virginia pursuing an M.B.A.

Thompson Entrepreneurial Challenge Scholarship Fund: Awarded annually to students in the M.B.A. program who have demonstrated entrepreneurial interests by work history and self-sufficiency with free enterprise projects and/or by participation in projects of the Mason Center at Lynchburg College.

M. Weldon Thompson Scholarship: Annual grants to admitted M.Ed. students (full- or part-time) who have prior professional experience.

Thomas C. Tiller Scholarship: Awarded to a graduate student who completed his/her undergraduate degree at Lynchburg College.

Hugh C. and Eunice S. Toler Scholarship Fund: Supports graduate and undergraduate students in business, education, and nursing.

Edna Mae Turner Scholarship: Will provide support for female M.B.A. students.

D. L. "Pete" Warren Scholarship: Awarded annually to a student enrolled in an M.Ed. program with preference given to students in counseling.

Dannis E. Williams Scholarship: Will support graduate students in counseling.

Rona L. Adams and Brian Adams Yates Fund: Provides support to graduate students in English or history and for study abroad.

In addition, the College makes approximately thirty-six graduate assistantships available. Specific information about application procedures is available through the Office of Student Employment or online at www.lynchburg.edu/graduate/assistantships. All financial aid information is subject to on-going review and changes.