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.) 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.

In addition, the College makes approximately fifty 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 ongoing review and changes.

Second Graduate Degree Scholarship
Persons who have already earned a master’s degree at Lynchburg College and seek to take additional master’s-level 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.

Graduate Scholarships
More than 50 endowed scholarship funds are available to support graduate students. 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 February 15.

Thomas C. Allen Fund: Supports graduate students in English.

Altavista Scholarship Program: Supported by the Altavista Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Altavista-area businesses, this award is made to an MEd student teaching at Altavista area schools.

Bonnie Davenport Benedict Scholarship Fund: Supports 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 in counseling.

Beth and Stuart Fauber Scholarship: Supports students in the School of Business and Economics with preference given to military veterans.

W. W. Ferguson Fund: Provides support to graduate students in history.

Robert Lee Flowers and Joy Fowler Flowers Scholarship Fund: Supports graduate students preparing for careers in educational administration and/or higher education.

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.

Marjorie Ellen Proffitt Howard Scholarship Fund: Supports graduate students in special education and physical therapy.

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: Provides support for graduate students in education.

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

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

Bernadette Kyle Fund: Will support undergraduate and graduate students in the sciences, including the MEd 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.

Ronald H. LaReau Scholarship: Supports graduate students with preference to graduates of E. C. Glass or Heritage High Schools pursuing an MEd (awarded biennially).

Justine F. Lerch Scholarship: Provides support to students who are or plan to become teachers or administrators.

Paul and Betty Jo Lilly Air Force Veterans Scholarship Fund: Supports Air Force veteran students, with preference given to those who served in the medical field or as an aviator.

Charlotte Evans Lunsford Scholarship: Annually provides support to students in English.
The Walter G. Mason Scholarship Fund: Provides scholarship support to MBA students.

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

R. Kendall North Scholarship Fund: Supports 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: Supports 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 BA/BS 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.

Rehab Associates of Central Virginia DPT Orthopedic Clinical Excellence Scholarship: Annually supports a third-year DPT student.

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.

Walter W. and Josephine Sheffield Ridgway Memorial Fund: This scholarship fund provides support to students who are affiliated with the Virginia Baptist Children’s Home, the Glade Spring Baptist Church, and the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

Oreon E. Scott Scholarship: Supports 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 MBA program.

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

Roger E. Tetrault Scholarship Funds: Supports graduate students with academic merit with preference to military veterans.
William Sherer Thomasson Scholarship Fund: Provides support to students from Central Virginia pursuing an MBA.

Thompson Entrepreneurial Challenge Scholarship Fund: Awarded to students in the MBA program who have demonstrated entrepreneurial interests by work history and self-sufficiency with free enterprise projects.

M. Weldon Thompson Scholarship: Annual grants to admitted MEd 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: Provides support for female MBA students.

D. L. “Pete” Warren Scholarship: Awarded annually to a student enrolled in an MEd program in counseling.

Dannis E. Williams Scholarship: Supports graduate students in counseling.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Wright Scholarship Fund: Provides support to graduate students.