

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2025-26

ENDOWED

The Susan Dalton St. Onge '91 Memorial Scholarship

Susan graduated from Wilkes in 1991 and played for four years on the first-ever Lady Colonels soccer team. She treasured that experience, and Susan's gift for her 25th reunion in 2016 redid the women's soccer locker room. Locker #1 bears her name. June 21, 2025, marked the 7th anniversary of her succumbing to metastatic breast cancer, and her family and friends established the Susan Dalton St. Onge '91 Scholarship in her memory.

The Ronald and Arlene Gamble Honorary Scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior pursuing a career in Business, Engineering, or Management. It is preferred that the candidate is a first-generation student. The student should show financial need and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The Janice A. Saunders Scholarship in the Arts will be awarded yearly to a junior or senior from the Wyoming Valley majoring in Creative Writing, English, Drama, or a directly related field and planning to pursue a career in creative writing, journalism, or scriptwriting.

The Janice A. Saunders Scholarship in Mathematics/Computer Science will be awarded yearly to a junior or senior from the Wyoming Valley majoring in mathematics, computer science, or a directly related field.

The Beverly Bartkovitz Winberry and Kevin Winberry Honorary Scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior pursuing a career in English, Engineering, or Management. It is preferred that the recipient lives in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The student should also show financial need and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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The Henry Borgsmiller Scholarship is awarded annually to a student with demonstrated talent who is completing their final MA or MFA semester. It is given in honor of Henry Borgsmiller, father of alumna Meagan Borgsmiller, who passed away from kidney disease during Meagan's last semester of her MFA. Henry helped problem solve when Meagan came up short financially for the application fee while applying to Wilkes University back in 2022. To honor Henry's aid to Meagan's start in the program, the scholarship is intended to help with the end of a student's journey at Wilkes.

The Earth Conservancy Community Scholarship

Earth Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with local communities, agencies, and educational institutions to restore strong economic, environmental and social value to areas negatively impacted by legacy coal mining. To support this mission, Earth Conservancy has established a scholarship for students in Luzerne County – particularly those from communities directly impacted by the coal mining – to pursue educational paths that benefit their communities and align with Earth Conservancy's goals.

Dr. Nicholas D. Giordano '59 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2025 by his beloved wife, Barbara Giordano, this scholarship honors the life and legacy of Dr. Nicholas D. Giordano, a 1959 graduate of Wilkes College and a compassionate, lifelong physician.

Born in Guardia Lombardi, Italy, Dr. Giordano immigrated to the United States at age 17 and overcame early language barriers to pursue a path of academic excellence, military service, medical research, and patient care. A standout soccer player and member of the Wilkes Athletics Hall of Fame, he graduated from Case Western Reserve University Medical School and practiced internal medicine in Kingston, PA for over 30 years. This scholarship supports Wilkes students pursuing a career in health sciences, particularly biology or pre-med, who embody Dr. Giordano's perseverance, academic commitment, and desire to serve others. The scholarship also reflects Barbara's deep wish to help students with significant financial need, just as her husband once overcame hardship through education.

The Higher Information Group Entrepreneurial Scholarship aims to support and encourage motivated students who aspire to become future business leaders and innovators and is awarded to a student who has a strong commitment to entrepreneurship.

The Judy and William Mainwaring '65, MBA '72 Scholarship was established in 2025 to support a student from Wilkes-Barre to attend Wilkes University. Once awarded, the scholarship will be renewable until the selected student graduates from Wilkes, even in the event of a change in academic program.

The Randy Mark '81 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2025 by his oldest son Matt, this scholarship was created in loving memory of Randy Mark '81. Education was important to Randy, and he provided generous support for his alma mater that had given him some of the tools to his success. Randy was instrumental in the renovations of the Wilkes University engineering building, now named the Mark Engineering Center in his honor. At the dedication, Randy encouraged students to take action, not settle for mediocrity and *"in some way, create excellence everyday"* – virtues he lived by both in business and in life.

The Alanah '21 and Cody Morcom PharmD '20 Pharmacy Leadership Scholarship supports a Doctor of Pharmacy student at Wilkes University who demonstrates financial need and a strong record of leadership. The scholarship recognizes students who actively contribute to the university community through leadership in pharmacy organizations, campus leadership roles, etc. It is intended to support the next generation of pharmacy leaders who embody service, initiative, and a commitment to advancing healthcare. Preference is given to a first-generation student.

FIRST YEAR AWARDED ENDOWMENTS

The Brian J. Dorsey Scholarship supports Wilkes students who come from a disadvantaged background, particularly those who demonstrate financial need and are participating in the PA Act 101 program for students requiring additional academic support. The scholarship will also give preference to students who intend to receive a degree in Communications and/or Theatre Arts.