2016 GCC Foundation Scholarships

- All Foundation scholarships require completion of an online application personal statement.
- Some scholarships require that an additional supplemental statement be written on a specific topic; these are indicated with the ☐ symbol below.
- Some scholarships require letters of recommendation; these are indicated with the ✋ symbol below.
  *It is your responsibility to have your recommendations submitted to the Foundation by the deadline!* Recommendations can be emailed to foundation@gcc.mass.edu or mailed to GCC Foundation, ATTN: Scholarship Recommendation, One College Drive, Greenfield MA 01301
- Some awards have specific criteria for eligibility, like GPA or program of study. You will not be able to apply to certain scholarships if you do not meet the eligibility criteria.
- You can submit one application to apply for multiple awards.
- Applications are available online only at http://web.gcc.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships/
- Application deadline is midnight on March 1, 2016. NO EXCEPTIONS.

25th Anniversary Scholarship 1 at $925
Made possible by gifts to the 25th Anniversary Fund. Students, both full-time and part-time, are eligible to apply. Awards are made on the basis of scholarship, financial need, and character.

General Hap Adams Award 1 at $300
Established by Colonel and Mrs. Carroll Adams as a memorial to General Adams, the award is made to a student who would benefit by financial support and who has some of the qualities exhibited by General Adams: loyalty, concern, discipline, love, and humility.

Alumni Scholarships 2 at $550 each
Established by the GCC Alumni Association to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of GCC graduates. The scholarships are awarded to graduates who have had at least two semesters on the Dean’s list or have a GPA of 3.35 or better, who have earned a minimum of 40 credits, and who are planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. This award will be disbursed to the transfer institution upon proof of attendance at the transfer institution.

Robert and Elinor Bessette Scholarship 2 at $1,900 each
The Elinor and Robert Bessette Scholarship Fund, established in 2013, is a permanently endowed fund providing 2 scholarships to GCC students who are single parents, West County residents and have completed at least 12 credits at the college while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

Jeffrey Bohne Scholarship for Women in Transition 1 at $625
Established in 2003 by Jeff and Nancy Bohne, this award is given to a female student to help her make a transition to academic life and who sees a GCC education as one which will allow her to move on to a new career or to pursue a higher degree.
  ☐ Submit a supplemental statement highlighting your personal transition into academic life.

Brattleboro Nursing Scholarship 1 at $500
Established to honor Beatrice H. Lydiard, RN, grandmother of Judith Lydiard Kinley, RN, GCC retired faculty member, and Sandra Leonas, RN, a graduate of GCC, who persisted in her education and practiced at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. For both of these women nursing was a passion, one they did not separate from their personal life. Applicants must have completed their first year of the nursing program at GCC and plan to continue their studies the following fall semester.
Charles E. Carter Award
Established by family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Carter, the former Dean of Administration at GCC for more than 20 years, this award is to be given to students based on their service to the community and financial need, although they need not qualify for federal financial aid.

Ethel “Risky” Case Award
Established by friends of Mrs. Case and supplemented from time to time by Mrs. Case, the award is made to a student who is a relative of a previous student at the college and who has demonstrated financial need. The award will be used to help pay the student's tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office.

Sara Graham Clarke Award
Given in memory of Sara Graham Clarke '71 by her family. To honor her long career as a nurse this scholarship is to be awarded to a second-year student in the GCC nursing program who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the health field, to be used toward tuition. Sara was a lifelong student and earned a Masters in Philosophy. She applied her interest and passion for ethics, sociology, philosophy, social justice, spirituality, and alternative medicine to her nursing. Recipient must be returning to the GCC nursing program or transferring to another college's program in the fall to receive this award.

Submit a supplemental essay (500-750 words) that describes your decision to pursue a career in nursing in the context of their broader interests and commitment to helping others.

Bernard A. Drabeck, Ph.D. English Composition Award
This award honors Ben Drabeck, a retired GCC English professor. It is given to the student judged to have written the best essay in Composition I.
Submit your Composition I essay.

Saul Ellenbogen Award
Established by son David Ellenbogen (former GCC faculty member) in memory of his father. This scholarship is awarded to students who are transferring to a four-year college and who demonstrate financial need. This award will be disbursed to the transfer institution upon proof of attendance at the transfer institution.

Drs. Frederick & Helen Ellis Scholarship
This scholarship is given to a non-traditional student who is completing the freshman year at GCC, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and is responsible for financing his/her own education. Although it is not a requirement, preference is given for a student who is in the Liberal Arts program or who plans to become a teacher. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who intends to complete a Bachelor’s degree at any of the four (4) designated institutions: University of Massachusetts; Smith College; Springfield College; or the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. The award will be used to help pay the student's tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the transfer institution.

Eleanor Farber Award
Established by her family in memory of Mrs. Farber, this award is made to students with the College's highest GPAs who have graduated from a Franklin County public high school, have completed between 10 and 16 courses and who will be returning to GCC in the fall. The award will be used to help pay the student’s tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar's Office.
Farren Memorial Hospital Guild Scholarship 1 at $725
Made possible by the Farren Memorial Hospital Guild, recipients must be residents of Franklin County who have successfully completed one term at GCC and plan to continue in the Nursing Program at the College. Awarded on the basis of scholarship, financial need, and character, the award will be used to help pay the student’s tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office.

Flora Ferranti Edwards Scholarship 1 at $500
The Flora Ferranti Edwards Scholarship, created in 2014, will be given to a GCC student who has a minimum 3.25 GPA, enrolled in ADN program and is a first generation college student.

First Generation Scholarship 1 at $1,000
The First Generation Scholarship was established in honor of Clare Higgins. It is awarded to a GCC student who is a first generation college student, with a minimum 3.5 GPA, and is studying to either become a public school teacher or begin a career in public service.

Fitzroy Returning Adult Scholarship 2 at $400
Miss Evalyn N. Fitzroy made the Fitzroy Returning Adult Scholarship possible. Recipients will be adults returning to college for an associate degree. This award will be made based on character, academic ability, and enrollment in a degree program.

Alista Gradowski Scholarship 1 at $625
Given in memory of Alista Gradowski '04 by her family, this scholarship is given to a first or second year GCC student who demonstrates effort in his/her studies and demonstrates financial need.

William K. Hefner Scholarship 1 at $525
Given to a Franklin County student who demonstrates involvement in one or more of the ideals of Mr. Hefner: peace, international relations, community needs, or race relations.

Betty Higson Memorial Scholarship 1 at $400
Established in honor of Betty Higson’s belief in education, this scholarship benefits a student who lives in Western Massachusetts.

Jonathan J. Hubbard Memorial Scholarship 2 at $1,400 each
Given to outstanding GCC work-study students. Nominations or applications will be accepted with a supervisor’s recommendation. Students must be active work-study recipients for the current year. Recommendation from work-study supervisor required.

Blanche & John Hukowicz Scholarship 1 at $425
The Blanche and John Hukowicz Scholarship was established in honor and in celebration of Blanche Hukowicz’s one hundredth birthday. It is intended for nursing students who have a strong academic record and significant financial need. The award will be used to help pay the student’s tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office.
Brud and Irmarie Jones Scholarship for International Students 1 at $450
Established in 2007, these scholarships are awarded to ESOL or international students with a minimum GPA of 2.5, in order to make it easier to have additional education and a chance at a better future. The scholarships are given to students who have overcome the barriers of a new language and culture and who have shown eagerness toward learning in the study of English or of other subjects. They are made to students planning to return to GCC in the fall or transferring to another college.

Submit a letter that talks about the goals you have for your education, why you believe you should receive this scholarship, and what you plan to do when you finish college.

Valerie Anne Grant Knowlton Law Enforcement Scholarship 1 at $425
This scholarship was established by family, friends, and colleagues in memory of Val Knowlton, Chief of Security at the College for 19 years. It is provided to a student pursuing the A.S. in Criminal Justice who has completed at least one semester, is returning to GCC the following year to continue the Criminal Justice program, and has a GPA of 3.0 or has been on the Dean's List at GCC. Preference will be given to a female student. The award will be used to help pay the student's tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar's Office.

Steve & Michele Kravetz, Sharon Meyers & Bettie Kravetz Scholarship for Health Occupations Scholarship 1 at $1,200
The Kravetz Meyers Health Occupations Scholarship, established in 2005 by Steven Kravetz '81, Sharon Meyers '78 and Bettie and David Kravetz, is given to a student studying in a Health Occupations program who has attended at least one semester at GCC, has good academic performance and demonstrates financial need. The award will be used to help pay the student's tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar's Office.

Sharon L. Lorenz Award 1 at $600
This award will be given to a GCC Practical Nursing student who will be transferring into the college's Registered Nurse Program. This student must have been a resident of Franklin County for three or more years and have proven academic abilities. Candidates must have applied for financial aid. The award will be used to help pay the student's tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar's Office.

Virginia Low Women's Studies Award 1 at $600
The Virginia Low Women's Studies Award was established in honor of Professor Emerita Virginia Low, pioneering spirit and founding mother of Women’s Studies at Greenfield Community College. The student must have completed one or more of the following electives included in the GCC Gender and Women’s Studies curriculum (see http://web.gcc.mass.edu/gws/): Gender & Women's Studies (GWS 115), Queer Literature (ENG 228), Women in Literature I (ENG 247), Women in Literature II (ENG 248), Gender & the Environment (EVS 121), Women in American History (HIS 131), Psychology of Women (PSY 225), Sociology of Human Sexuality (SOC 206), and Sociology of Gender (SOC 208).

Submit a two-page double-spaced supplemental statement discussing the ways in which your work in gender and women’s studies impacts your academic pursuits and life experiences.
Archibald MacLeish Liberal Arts Scholarship 1 at $625
The Archibald MacLeish Liberal Arts Scholarship was established in 2012 by Margaret E.C. Howland, Curator of the Archibald MacLeish Collection at Greenfield Community College. MacLeish, who lived locally and personally authorized the Collection, was a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry and drama. He served his country as a captain of artillery in World War I and later as the Librarian of Congress, and he chaired the first UNESCO conference in Paris. The MacLeish Scholarship is awarded annually to a returning student enrolled in an Associate of Arts degree program who demonstrates general academic excellence and competence in writing. The award will be used to help pay the student’s tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office.

Submit a supplemental statement of approximately 250 words, responding personally and/or critically to one of these three MacLeish poems.

- The Old Gray Couple
- Ars Poetica
- To The Young Dead Soldiers

To read the poems: [http://www.gcc.mass.edu/foundation/files/2014/01/MacLeish.Poems_.pdf](http://www.gcc.mass.edu/foundation/files/2014/01/MacLeish.Poems_.pdf)

Adam Markowski Scholarship 1 at $325
The Adam Markowski Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated an interest in Political Science or Sociology. Applicants must be residents of Franklin County, students from single-parent families, and be entering their sophomore year in the fall. While not a requirement, applicants who have an athletic background and an interest in physical fitness, have had an association with the Big Brother/Big Sister program, or have expressed an interest in supporting the ideals of GCC may be given preference. The scholarship will be paid directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office toward the fall semester.

Allan “Bucky” McGuane Scholarship 1 at $1,075
The Allan McGuane Scholarship has been established to assist a single parent who is pursuing an associate degree and who demonstrates financial need.

Melanson Heath Greenfield Community College Accounting Scholarship 1 at $1,000
As a full-service CPA firm licensed in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont, Melanson Heath offers an unwavering commitment to meeting and exceeding the expectations of not only our clients, but also our dedicated employees, and the betterment of our communities as a whole. With experience in virtually every aspect of business and financial management, Melanson Heath is one of the most trusted and highly recommended professional service firms in New England.

The Melanson Heath Accountants-Auditors scholarship program was established to provide scholarships to individuals pursuing a Bachelor and/or Master’s degree in Accounting. A scholarship of $1,000 will be awarded to a deserving GCC student hoping to find a career in public accounting and who also shares in Melanson Heath’s core values of honesty, kindness, fairness, perseverance, bravery and judgment. This award will be disbursed to the transfer institution upon proof of attendance at the transfer institution.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Greenfield Community College graduating students with an associate’s degree in Business Administration-Transfer
- Are enrolled (or will be enrolled) at least half-time at public or private colleges and universities
- Pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting
- Extra-curricular activities and leadership activities are taken into consideration
Phyllis Meyer Scholarship
Friends and family established the Phyllis Meyer Scholarship in memory of Mrs. Meyer. This award will be given to a student majoring in a Health Occupation program, and who will be entering the second year at GCC with a minimum 3.5 GPA for academic work completed at the College. The award will be used to help pay the student’s tuition and fees, with the amount sent directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office.

Phyllis Rubin Nahman Scholarship
The Phyllis Rubin Nahman Scholarship was established by colleagues, friends, students, and family of Professor Emerita Nahman. Guided by her belief in the transformative power of the written word and the responsibility we each hold to use what we learn to improve the world, she empowered generations of students to access literacy in its broadest sense as a key to their own intellectual, political, and spiritual freedom and sense of equality. The Phyllis Rubin Nahman Scholarship is for a currently enrolled GCC student from any academic area who is a passionate reader committed to continuing her or his education and who demonstrates financial need.

Submit a supplemental statement describing the ways in which reading has been transformative for you—how it has impacted your life, how it has motivated you, how it has enlightened you, etc.

Susan Packard Kalentek Scholarship
The Susan Packard Kalentek Scholarship is awarded to a full or part time student who is a single parent, demonstrates financial need, and has a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Harrison Parker Scholarship
Given to students from Franklin County who have demonstrated financial need, with a preference given to West County residents.

The Constance and Julius Roth Scholarship
The Constance and Julius Roth Scholarship is awarded to a student in the Early Education Program who has completed 30 credits at GCC and maintained a 2.5 GPA.

Deborah L. Rubenzahl Award
The many friends of Deborah L. Rubenzahl made the Deborah L. Rubenzahl Scholarship Award possible. The award will be made to a returning woman, 24 years of age or older, who is a parent. Applicants must have completed 30 credits by the end of spring semester with a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate excellent academic work, an interest in a career in social services, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice.

Art & Marjorie Ruggles Scholarship
This scholarship will be given to an outstanding student in Early Childhood Education who exhibits excellence in related courses as well as their work with children. Applicants must show a commitment to work with children upon graduation.

Submit a supplemental statement answering the question, “Who am I in the lives of children?”

Teddy Bear Pools, Inc. Scholarship
Established in 2012, this scholarship was made possible by Theodore and Barbara Hebert. Awards are made to full-time students who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, are employed at least 20 hours per week, are pursuing a career in a health occupations field, and will be returning to GCC in the fall. The scholarship will be paid directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office toward the fall semester.
The Traprock Center for Peace and Justice/Wally & Juanita Nelson Scholarship

The Traprock Center for Peace and Justice/Wally and Juanita Nelson Scholarship was established to support and encourage study in the field of peace and social justice. The award will be made to a student whose goals and intentions are to work for peace and social justice in the world, whose academic competencies are above average, and whose commitment to peace and social justice extends beyond college experience. An applicant must have taken or is currently taking at least one of the following courses: PSJ 101, PSJ 120, PSJ 225, PSY 214, EVS 101, EVS 121 and/or be a member of the Peace, Justice and Environmental Action Alliance.

Submit a supplemental statement describing how your work in peace studies impacts your academic pursuits, academic curiosity, and commitment to peace and social justice.

Gretchen S. Watson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, established by family, friends, colleagues, and students in memory of Gretchen S. Watson, Professor of English at Greenfield Community College from 1985 to 2006, is awarded to a student who embodies the qualities Professor Watson brought to the college. Intellectual curiosity, a passion for learning, and a sense that everyone benefits when we are all responsible and respectful members of the world community marked Gretchen's identity as a person and a teacher. Ever mindful of the need to work for social justice, she believed that individuals must become well informed and then act to improve the world. Travels in Latin America and Europe and teaching experiences in Belarus and Beijing enriched her global awareness and strengthened her commitment to our local community. With characteristic zest, good humor, and belief in the power of knowledge and the potential of her students, Gretchen taught a range of courses including College Reading Strategies, Latin American Literature, Film and Literature, and Media and Popular Culture. One of the pioneers in online learning at GCC, Professor Watson motivated and helped other faculty to integrate technology into their teaching. The Gretchen S. Watson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who embodies the qualities Professor Watson brought to the classroom: intellectual curiosity, a passion for learning, and responsible membership in the world community. Preference is given to a student who is returning to the GCC in the fall.

Submit a supplemental statement in the form of a copy of a “Letter to the Editor” on a topic of your choice that you sent or intend to send to a newspaper.

The Ethel Dow Wells Scholarship

The Ethel Dow Wells Foundation awards scholarships annually to students from Franklin County who are attending Greenfield Community College. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, have a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and demonstrate good citizenship. The scholarship will be paid directly to the GCC Bursar’s Office for the fall semester 2015.

To be eligible to apply, Applicants must have:
1. Resided in Franklin County for at least 2 years,
2. Completed the FAFSA and GCC financial aid applications,
3. Completed one full term at GCC prior to this semester, and
4. Have an accumulated a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better

Submit a supplemental statement addressing the following questions:

1. Describe your past and current volunteer work or service to the community.
2. What clubs, teams, extracurricular and/or school activities do you participate in at GCC?
3. If you are currently working, where are you working? How many hours per week? What are your responsibilities?
4. Will you be a full or part-time student next fall semester?
5. What are your educational plans, your career goals, and the steps you plan to take to reach them?
6. How will you use your GCC degree to help members of your community?

▷ In order to complete your application, we require a letter of recommendation from a person who has supervised you in volunteer or paid work. Please ask your recommender to email the recommendation to foundation@gcc.mass.edu. Be aware that your application will not be considered without it.

Anne M. Wiley Gender and Social Justice Scholarship

The Dr. Anne M. Wiley Gender and Social Justice Fund, established in 2013, is a permanently endowed fund providing scholarships to Greenfield Community College students who have completed at least two courses in the liberal arts and who have demonstrated a commitment to gender, social justice and activism to make change for greater social justice and gender equity.

▷ Submit a two-page double-spaced, supplemental statement discussing the ways in which your work in gender and women’s studies impacts your academic pursuits.

Women Investing in Women Scholarship

The Women Investing in Women Scholarship was established in 2007 by Kathy Lemay and Jean Simmons together with eight founders: Terry Boyce, Amy Jamrog, Caroline Mack, Sharon Meyers, Tina Stevens, Kathy Vranos, Nikki Welsh and Molly Wood. This financial gift is given to a woman who is a student at GCC and is planning to enter a career in service or business. The female recipient must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

▷ Submit a resume and letter which includes why GCC was selected for study and the rationale for selection of their career goal or plans.

Robert "Rob" Mugar Yacubian Transfer Award

The Robert "Rob" Mugar Yacubian Transfer Award was established by Mr. Yacubian. The Award is made in the spring to a GCC student who is graduating and transferring to a four-year college. Applicants should have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA. This award will be disbursed to the transfer institution upon proof of attendance at the transfer institution.

▷ Recommendation from faculty member required.