



**Garinger Education Foundation**  
**GEF Scholarships and GEF/CPCC Joint Scholarship Program**

*Garinger Education Foundation (GEF) is a nonprofit organization with the primary mission of offering Garinger High School (GHS) graduates scholarships to pursue post-secondary education at 2-year and 4-year colleges/universities, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), and other accredited schools.*

**2021 GEF SCHOLARSHIPS**

GEF offers multiple scholarships to GHS graduates. Most can be used at any 2-year and 4-year college/university, CPCC, and other accredited schools and all are renewable for 4 years based upon the recipient’s academic performance. Four scholarships are restricted to the University of NC at Charlotte (UNCC) College of Computing and Informatics and are part of a scholarship partnership with Red Ventures that is administered by UNCC. More information about GEF scholarship programs visit the GEF Scholarships page for “[GHS Students & Parents 2020-2021](#).”

Scholarship	Awards Per Year	Term	Annual Award	Total Award
<b>Any 2-Year and 4-Year College/University</b>				
John Burnette Memorial (GHS alumnus & CMPD Officer killed on watch) – Class of 1986	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
Robert Smith Memorial (GHS alumnus & CMPD Officer killed on watch) – Class of 1978	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
Jimmy Edwards Memorial (Outstanding GHS Teacher and Coach)	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
Bobby Elmore Memorial (Outstanding GHS alumnus) – Class of 1964	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
Wildcat Scholarships	5	4 yrs	\$1,000	\$4,000
<b>UNCC Only – GEF Scholarship Component of UNC Charlotte/Red Ventures/GEF Computing and Informatics Scholarship Partnership Total funding per recipient up to \$24,843 per year or \$99,372 over 4 years</b>				
*Drew Hager Memorial – GEF Donor	1	4 yrs	\$2,500	\$10,000
*Lewis Hooper Memorial (Outstanding GHS alumnus) – Class of 1963	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
*Wildcat-49er Scholarships	2	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
<b>CPCC Only</b>				
Name TBA	1	2 yrs	\$1,000	\$2,000

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A GEF SCHOLARSHIP**

[Click here](#) to access the 2021 GEF scholarship application. The GHS College Adviser, Ms. Odaly Rivas, will also post the [2021 GEF Scholarship Application](#) link on GHS college digital platforms. You can start your application at any time. Once you submit your application you will receive a confirmation email with a link that allows you to keep updating and revising your application until the **April 1, 2021 deadline**.

**UNC Charlotte/Red Ventures/GEF Computing and Informatics Scholarship Partnership Program**

This scholarship package offers *full 4-year funding to 4 GHS graduates each year* who attend the UNC Charlotte [College of Computing and Informatics](#). The package comprises scholarships from Red Ventures, GEF, and the UNCC-CCI as well as well a Federal grants and work-study funding based on your FAFSA. GHS candidates for this program must participate in the [Red Ventures Road to Hire Pathways](#) program while at GHS.

- Step 1:** Visit [cms.k12.nc.us/ghscareers/roadtohire](https://cms.k12.nc.us/ghscareers/roadtohire) to sign-up for the [Red Ventures Road to Hire Pathways](#) program at GHS and to find out how to apply for the Red Ventures scholarship
- Step 2:** Complete your [FAFSA® \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#)
- Step 3:** Submit your [application to UNC Charlotte](#)
- Step 4:** Submit your [GEF Scholarship Application](#)
- Step 5:** Complete the UNC Charlotte scholarship application on the [NinerScholars Student Application Portal](#)
- Step 6:** Selection notifications will come from UNCC Scholarship Office and Red Ventures



### **2021 GEF/CPCC JOINT SCHOLARSHIP (JS) PROGRAM**

In partnership with the Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), GEF offers a joint scholarship program for GHS graduates. Any student who graduates from GHS and attends CPCC is eligible to receive this scholarship if you meet the requirements. This scholarship is based on your academic performance at CPCC not GHS.

To receive this GEF/CPCC scholarship, you must:

- Step 1:** Be a GHS graduate and be admitted to CPCC ([CPCC Admissions Application](#))
- Step 2:** Make sure that CPCC receives your *final transcript* that confirms you graduated from GHS
- Step 3:** Register for a minimum of 6 hours at CPCC
- Step 4:** Complete a minimum of 6 hours at CPCC (CPCC Summer Bridge and Career and College Promise courses may fulfill the 6-hour requirement) with a 2.0 GPA or higher, and register for a minimum of 6 hours for the next semester and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

**Scholarship Award:** If you have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA, you will receive \$250/semester. If you have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, you receive an additional \$250/semester for a total award of \$500/semester (\$1000/year). Funds are deposited directly into your CPCC student account.

**You do not have to submit a GEF scholarship application to be eligible for this program.** However, if you are considering transferring to a 4-year college or are interested in the additional funding offered by the 4-year scholarships, GEF highly recommends that you complete the [GEF 2021 Scholarship Application](#).

*NOTE: GHS students who are awarded a CPCC Opportunity Scholarship may not be ineligible for the GEF/CPCC Joint Scholarship Program.*

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, CONTACT:**

- Ms. Genkins, GEF Scholarship Committee, at [scholarshipinfo@garingereducationfoundation.org](mailto:scholarshipinfo@garingereducationfoundation.org)
- Ms. Rivas, GHS College Adviser, [odaly98@live.unc.edu](mailto:odaly98@live.unc.edu), Google Voice: 704-593-6634
- Ms. Bell, GHS CTE Coordinator, [renee.bell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:renee.bell@cms.k12.nc.us), Google Voice: 980-202-1533

**GENERAL REMINDERS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

- Visit the [GHS College Adviser](#) webpage.
- Complete the [FAFSA® \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) form to be eligible for a wide variety of federal and state financial aid for college including federal grants like the Pell Grant (2021-2022 maximum is \$6,345) and work-study programs as well as many scholarships and student loans.
- Don't hesitate to ask for help from Ms. Rivas. Applying for college and scholarships is a new experience for you, having questions is expected.
- Complete your college applications as early as possible.

**GEF Scholarship Terms and Conditions**

- *The GEF scholarship selection process considers applicant academic performance, personal merit and experiences, and financial need.*
- *GEF selects the recipients of the scholarships that GEF administers.*
- *GEF does not require a FAFSA for the scholarship application process.*
- *Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation.*
- *All GEF scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's school to pay tuition and fees.*
- *GEF reserves the right not to award all or some of the identified scholarships and to revoke or reduce scholarships when recipients receive larger scholarships.*
- *All GEF scholarships are contingent on availability of GEF funds.*