



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

*Garinger Education Foundation (GEF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the primary mission to provide scholarships to Garinger High School (GHS) graduates to pursue post-secondary education at 2-year and 4-year colleges/universities and other accredited schools.*

**2021 GEF SCHOLARSHIPS**

GEF offers multiple scholarships to GHS graduates. Some can be used at any 2-year and 4-year college/university and other accredited schools and some are restricted to specific colleges. Most are renewable for 4 years based upon the recipient’s academic performance. For 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>				
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	4	4 yrs	\$1,000	\$4,000
<b>UNC Charlotte (UNCC) College of Computing and Informatics (CCI) Only</b> <b>GEF Scholarships in UNCC/Red Ventures/GEF Computer Science and Informatics Scholarship Program</b> <i>Total funding per recipient up to \$24,843 per year or \$99,372 over 4 years</i>				
*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>UNCC Only</b>				
John Burnette Memorial (GHS alumnus & CMPD Officer killed on watch) – Class of 1986	1	4 yrs	\$2,000	\$8,000
Wildcat Scholarship	1	4 yrs	\$1,000	\$4,000
<b>Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) Only</b>				
Ed Sanders Scholarship	1	2 yrs	\$1,000	\$2,000

**HOW TO APPLY FOR GEF SCHOLARSHIPS**

To apply for a GEF Scholarship, open this link to the [2021 GEF Scholarship Application](#). If you have difficulty opening this link on the CMS server, use the [2021 GEF Scholarship Application without Upload Feature](#) (you will have to email your supporting documents per application instructions). The GHS College Adviser, Ms. Odaly Rivas, will also post both application links on GHS college-info platforms. You can start your application any time. Once you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to update and revise your application until the **April 1, 2021 deadline**. For UNCC-restricted scholarships, candidates must also apply on [NinerScholars Student Application Portal](#).

**UNCC CCI/Red Ventures/GEF Computer Science and Informatics Scholarships**

This scholarship package offers *full 4-year funding to 4 GHS graduates each year* who attend the UNCC [College of Computing and Informatics](#) (CCI). The package comprises scholarships from Red Ventures, GEF, and UNCC-CCI as well as Federal/state grants and work-study funding based on your FAFSA. 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 GHS Road to Hire Pathways program and to find out how to apply for the Red Ventures/Road to Hire scholarship
- Step 2:** Complete your [FAFSA® \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#)
- Step 3:** [Apply to UNCC](#) and complete UNCC scholarship application on [NinerScholars Student Application Portal](#)
- Step 4:** Submit your [GEF Scholarship Application](#)
- Step 5:** Selection notifications come from UNCC Scholarship Office and Red Ventures/Road to Hire



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

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 and 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

**Step 4:** 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 earn 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.

**No scholarship application is required to be eligible for the GEF/CPCC JSP.** However, if you are considering transferring to a 4-year college or are interested in the additional funding offered by GEF scholarships, GEF highly recommends that you complete the [GEF 2021 Scholarship Application](#) or the [2021 GEF Scholarship Application without Upload Feature](#).

*NOTE: GHS students who are awarded GEF scholarships or CPCC Opportunity Scholarships may also be eligible for funding from the GEF/CPCC JSP.*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

### **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 COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

- Visit the [GHS College Adviser](#) webpage.
- Complete the [FAFSA® \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) form as early as possible 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 other scholarships/grants and student loans.
- Do not hesitate to ask for help! The college and scholarship application processes are complex, so questions are to be expected.
- Complete your college and scholarship applications as early as possible.

### **GEF SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- *GEF scholarship recipients are selected based on academic achievement, community/extracurricular involvement, leadership, awards/recognitions, work history, and personal attributes, and consideration of financial need.*
- *GEF scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation.*
- *GEF does not require a FAFSA for the scholarship application process.*
- *GEF scholarship funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university account.*
- *GEF reserves the right not to award all or some of the identified scholarships and to revoke or reduce scholarships.*
- *All GEF scholarships are contingent on availability of GEF funds.*