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SCHOLARS
PROGRAM

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2025-2026 Panda Cares First-Year Scholars Program

The Panda Cares First-Year Scholars Program is a one-time postsecondary scholarship and college success program for students in their first year of college.

ELIGIBLE STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Possess a demonstrated financial need as verified by the student's college or university.
- Possess a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be enrolled as a full-time freshman in fall 2025, attending a U.S.-located, four-year or two-year, accredited college or university.
- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants must submit the following in order to have a completed application considered:

- A personal statement to demonstrating their grit in their pursuit of a college education;
- A copy of their financial aid award letter from the college they are attending;
- A full copy of their most recent FAFSA student aid report;
- Final high school transcript with graduation date;
- A statement describing their extracurricular activities, honors and awards, and community service

DEADLINE: 10/30/2025 at 5:00pm EST

To learn more and apply please scan the QR code or email **PandaCaresFirstYear@uncf.org**.



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