

Don & Delphine Yelen Scholarship FAQ

The Yelen Scholarship is among the most significant and prestigious awards offered by Washburn University. It is awarded to incoming high school students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and a strong sense of purpose in their educational and career goals. The scholarship honors Drs. Don and Delphine Yelen, who devoted many years of service to Washburn University as faculty members and administrators. Their enduring commitment to student success and academic excellence continues through their extraordinarily generous estate gift.

The amount of the award will vary year-to-year, as it provides “full-ride” tuition coverage, as well as:

- Books and other classroom materials
- Room and board: either on-campus housing and meal plan, or an equivalent stipend for students living off-campus
- Opportunity for a faculty-led Study Aboard trip during Senior year, including airfare and accommodations for up to two weeks
- An allowance for incidental expenses

Once a scholarship is awarded to an incoming, first-year student it will continue through their sophomore, junior and senior years, providing eligibility requirements are maintained.

Who Is Eligible:

Prospective Washburn students intending to pursue a degree in the College of Arts & Sciences who have a strong GPA and/or ACT/SAT score may apply. To maintain eligibility, a student must:

- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 their first year, and maintain an average minimum GPA of 3.5 in subsequent years
- Complete a FAFSA application each year

How to Apply:

To apply, students must submit:

- The Yelen Scholarship Application form – a paper application may be submitted, or download the pdf application online at washburn.edu/scholarship. Under the “Alumni, Science, Leadership, Honors and Athletic Scholarships” drop-down menu, select the Yelen Scholarship application.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or other high school representative.

Please email the application, and have the letter of recommendation sent to: monique.robins@washburn.edu
or print and mail to:

Monique Robins
College of Arts and Sciences, Washburn University
1700 SW College Ave.
Topeka, KS 66621

Due Date:

All applications must be received by Monday, March 2, 2026.

Applications must be complete; applications without accompanying letters of recommendation will not be considered.