* WVU will continue to award centralized, and select department awards, automatically to qualifying students (deadlines apply). However, criteria have changed for both test scores and GPA. Our new awarding criteria allow for a higher value in either GPA or test scores to compensate for a lower value in the other. With this change, more students will be eligible for a [Scholarship of Distinction](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fadmissions.wvu.edu%2Ffiles%2Fd%2F276df541-ce85-47b4-9a2c-a2eaab71c37a%2Fscholarship-handout-web.png&data=02%7C01%7CGartimez%40k12.wv.us%7Ce237924b64444d191e7408d648ac62ab%7Ce019b04b330c467a8bae09fb17374d6a%7C0%7C0%7C636776302698831428&sdata=OiI4H7VIKK6pYmbHHWZzGUD5oRQkQnplNFdO5bkjMFU%3D&reserved=0)!  [https://admissions.wvu.edu/files/d/276df541-ce85-47b4-9a2c-a2eaab71c37a/scholarship-handout-web.png](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fadmissions.wvu.edu%2Ffiles%2Fd%2F276df541-ce85-47b4-9a2c-a2eaab71c37a%2Fscholarship-handout-web.png&data=02%7C01%7CGartimez%40k12.wv.us%7Ce237924b64444d191e7408d648ac62ab%7Ce019b04b330c467a8bae09fb17374d6a%7C0%7C0%7C636776302698831428&sdata=OiI4H7VIKK6pYmbHHWZzGUD5oRQkQnplNFdO5bkjMFU%3D&reserved=0)
* Our most prestigious merit awards for West Virginia residents, the Neil S. Bucklew & Foundation Scholarships, have also changed. The GPA will remain the same at 3.8, but the minimum ACT and/or SAT super scores are a 31 composite and 1390 M+EBRW, respectively. Students must meet both benchmarks to qualify – test score and GPA. With this adjustment, students eligible for the Scholarship of Distinction Level 1 are not guaranteed an invite to apply for the Bucklew and Foundation awards. If you have any questions regarding the Bucklew & Foundation Scholarships, please contact [Brian Hoover](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.honors.wvu.edu%2Fabout%2Fstaff%2Fdevelopment-officer&data=02%7C01%7CGartimez%40k12.wv.us%7Ce237924b64444d191e7408d648ac62ab%7Ce019b04b330c467a8bae09fb17374d6a%7C0%7C0%7C636776302698841445&sdata=5bMV%2Bnw%2Fm3O4L6UnnG3ducnwMxrVwXwsuyb4LPisSS4%3D&reserved=0) in the WVU Honors College.   [https://www.honors.wvu.edu/about/staff/development-officer](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.honors.wvu.edu%2Fabout%2Fstaff%2Fdevelopment-officer&data=02%7C01%7CGartimez%40k12.wv.us%7Ce237924b64444d191e7408d648ac62ab%7Ce019b04b330c467a8bae09fb17374d6a%7C0%7C0%7C636776302698851449&sdata=zGgPLKxlQ6O1q%2BWwv0wfp7IRKcoEMdmX4sDPtTPIgF8%3D&reserved=0)

We encourage you to visit our Scholarship and Financial Aid website  at [https://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/scholarships/freshmen/residents](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffinancialaid.wvu.edu%2Fhome%2Fscholarships%2Ffreshmen%2Fresidents&data=02%7C01%7CGartimez%40k12.wv.us%7Ce237924b64444d191e7408d648ac62ab%7Ce019b04b330c467a8bae09fb17374d6a%7C0%7C0%7C636776302698851449&sdata=38cDgQJyPSEnteHjYiLnGJIUaL0fJSX5xnpXSLwC3lQ%3D&reserved=0) for up-to-date information and to learn more about our comprehensive listing of WVU merit opportunities.