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Wilkes University To Award Founders Scholarships To First Students In Arizona Business Programs

First 30 Qualified Students To Enroll Receive \$5,000 Scholarships

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As a sign of its commitment to Mesa and the greater Phoenix area, Wilkes University will award \$5,000 scholarships to the first 30 qualified transfer students to be accepted and enroll in its business bachelor's degree programs. The Founders Scholarships, good for two years, build on a newly signed transfer agreement with the Maricopa Community Colleges and further the missions of both institutions to provide access to quality education at an affordable price.

Wilkes also is offering additional scholarships, making it among the most affordable colleges in the region. In addition to the Founders Scholarship, the following scholarships also are available for transfer students from Mesa and the surrounding region who are admitted and enroll:

- \$1,900 Maricopa Community College Transfer Scholarship awarded to admitted transfer students,
- \$1,000 Mesa Community College Honors Scholarship, awarded to up to five students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa,
- and the \$5,000 Mesa Counts on College Scholarship awarded to four students who are Mesa residents.

Wilkes University Provost Anne Skleder said the Founders Scholarships reflect the tradition of providing access to educational opportunity that has been its mission.

“Wilkes was founded to provide access to a college education to first-generation college students,” Skleder said. “We want to provide those same opportunities in Arizona. Wilkes is once again committed to providing opportunities for those seeking to improve their lives through education. These scholarships support that commitment.”

“These scholarships represent a great opportunity for 30 students and a real commitment from Wilkes University,” said Samuel Dosumu, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs at the Maricopa Community Colleges. “We are pleased to have Wilkes as one of our transfer partners.”

A Founders Scholarship will be given to students who meet all of Wilkes University's admissions

requirements as a transfer student. To qualify, they must have an associate degree or the equivalent credits earned, be a full-time student seeking a first bachelor's degree, and have a transfer credit evaluation.

The scholarships will be renewable for a second year for students who maintain adequate academic progress. Scholarship recipients must participate in at least two service or leadership activities a year as approved by Wilkes director of Arizona business programs.

Wilkes will begin offering bachelor's degrees in business in January 2015. Majors include accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing, and sports and event management.

Skleder also said that transfer coordinators will work with individual students to ensure that each receives the maximum amount of scholarships for which they qualify.

Tuition for undergraduate degree programs offered in Mesa, Ariz., will be \$14,875 per year for full-time enrollment at 12 to 18 credits per semester (fall and spring only). Part-time tuition will be \$621 per credit.

For more information about transferring to Wilkes University's business degree programs, contact transfer recruiter Ryan Hess by emailing Ryan.Hess@Wilkes.edu or (480) 878-4407.

Wilkes was one of four colleges invited to participate in the H.E.A.T. (Healthcare, Education, Aerospace, Technology/Tourism) Initiative for Economic Development in Mesa, designed to increase college opportunities and spur economic growth. Wilkes began offering its MBA program in Mesa in 2013. Wilkes is located in the Mesa Center for Higher Education, 245 W. Second St. in Mesa.

About Wilkes University:

Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence through mentoring in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional programs. Founded in 1933 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the University is on a mission to create one of the great small universities, offering the programs, activities, and opportunities of a large, research university in the intimate, caring, and mentoring environment of a small, liberal arts college, at a cost that is increasingly competitive with public universities. In addition to its 39 undergraduate degree programs, Wilkes offers the doctor of nursing practice, doctor of education and doctor of pharmacy degrees and more than a dozen master's degree programs, including the master of business administration and master of fine arts in creative writing. Learn more at www.wilkes.edu.

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