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Western Governors University Offers Scholarships for Online Degrees in Special Education

SALT LAKE CITY -- Becoming a special education teacher is now easier because of Western Governors University's (www.wgu.edu) flexible, online degree programs in special education. The Bachelor of Arts in Special Education and the Master of Science in Special Education will prepare individuals to teach students with mild to moderate disabilities.

Western Governors University is pleased to offer the [WGU Excellence in Special Education Scholarships](#). These scholarships are designed to help aspiring special education teachers attend college online to earn their licensure or endorsement in special education and fill a vital role in their communities. Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500.

Multiple scholarships will be awarded and each scholarship will be awarded based upon a candidate's academic record, readiness for online study, and current competency, plus other considerations.

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WGU's competency-based education approach makes it possible for students to accelerate their program and complete the requirements in as little as two to four years for a bachelor's degree or two years for a master's degree. The actual time to completion will depend on the incoming student's prior experience, academic background, and time commitment to study.

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