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AARP Foundation and Western Governors University to Enhance Scholarship Program for Students Over 40

Online university adds more than 100 scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 per student

Salt Lake City — Western Governors University and the AARP Foundation announced today that they have expanded the WGU Educational Assistance Program to offer an additional 114 scholarships to students over 40.

Online and competency-based, WGU was created in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to higher education. The private, non-profit university, which now has more than 17,000 students, offers accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs that are rigorous and challenging but flexible and affordable enough for adults with work and family responsibilities.

The AARP Foundation — WGU Educational Assistance Program provides a scholarship valued up to a maximum of \$5,000 per student, awarded at the rate of \$1,000 per six-month term for up to five terms. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be at least 40 years of age, complete an application for admission to WGU, and demonstrate financial need.

