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News Brief - 8/12/14

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**Online, competency-based university offers up to \$3,000 scholarship for transfer students facing unemployment, school closures**

SALT LAKE CITY — For the millions of Americans with some college credit but no degree, finally finishing that bachelor's or master's degree can truly be a lifesaver. But many students enroll in college only to find themselves in need of rescue once again—from rising tuition rates, excessive loan debt, unemployment, or, recently, college closures. Western Governors University ([www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu)), an online university recognized for its quality and affordability, is offering those students a lifeline: the [WGU Lifesaver Transfer Scholarship](#).

Valued at up to \$3,000 per student, this scholarship has been created for individuals who face challenges, such as unemployment, financial hardships, or the closure of their current college—challenges that transferring to WGU can help them overcome. The scholarship will be applied at the rate of \$750 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms, toward WGU's tuition of about \$3,000 per term. Up to 10 scholarships will be awarded, and applications are currently being accepted at [www.wgu.edu/lifesaver](http://www.wgu.edu/lifesaver).

"Many WGU students and alumni have told us that finding WGU has been a 'lifesaver,'" said Nick Rothacher, WGU's Scholarship Program Manager. "This scholarship is aimed at helping students get the extra push they need to overcome obstacles and finish a degree."

To be eligible for the Lifesaver Transfer Scholarship, applicants must be able to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Unemployment
- Financial hardship
- Closure of current college or university

Interested students must submit an application for admission and be accepted to WGU, submit their previous transcripts, and complete an interview with a scholarship counselor.

WGU offers more than 50 bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and health professions, including nursing. The online university uses an innovative approach to learning called [competency-based education](#), where students earn their degrees by demonstrating mastery of subject matter. Designed to meet the needs of adult learners, competency-based education allows students to take advantage of prior learning and experience to move quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn. WGU faculty members work one-on-one with students, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction. While WGU's degree programs are rigorous and challenging, competency-based learning makes it possible for students to accelerate their progress to their degrees, saving both time and money. For more information about WGU, visit [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).

While multiple scholarships will be awarded, the Lifesaver Transfer Scholarship is a competitive program. Scholarships will be awarded based on the student's academic record, readiness for online study, and current competency, as well as other considerations. The application deadline is November 30, 2014. For more information about the Lifesaver Transfer Scholarship, visit [www.wgu.edu/lifesaver](http://www.wgu.edu/lifesaver).

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—Tom Costello  
NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

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Find out why Fast Company calls WGU one of the world's 50 most-innovative companies, CNN says we're "a school without boundaries," and major news outlets from NPR to Bloomberg BusinessWeek are touting WGU's "potential to transform the higher education industry."

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### Why We Are Different

WGU has an innovative learning model for helping working adults earn bachelor's and master's degrees. Learn more about how it can help you.

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