Salem College offers merit awards to students of exceptional talent. These awards generally go to students with excellent GPAs and SAT/ACT scores along with significant achievements in athletics and service. Music scholarships are also available for incoming students with outstanding musical ability who intend to major in music. All students from the United States are eligible for Salem College scholarships. In addition, all scholarship recipients may apply for need-based aid. Students must apply and compete for these awards. Final candidates will be invited to the Salem College campus for interviews with the selection committees during Scholarship Weekend, Sunday and Monday, February 24-25, 2005. All recipients of scholarships will be notified by March 15. To be considered for Salem’s full-rotation awards, applications must be postmarked by January 3, 2005. Applications for all other scholarships must be postmarked by January 15, 2005. Applications received after January 15 will be considered for rolling admissions.

- **Full-Tuition Awards**

  The Legacy Chairperson Scholarship is Salem’s most prestigious full-tuition award and is offered each year in two entering freshmen. The MacKay, Worchester, and Whittaker awards are also full-tuition scholarships. These scholarships are designed to recognize and encourage young women of outstanding achievement and ability. Students are chosen on the basis of superior academic performance and evidence of leadership, responsibility, and caring for others. The following characteristics are also considered: initiative, motivation, creativity, measured risk, and character. Approximately 15 finalists will be invited for the top scholarship competition, which begins on Saturday of Salem’s Scholarship Weekend, February 16, and continues through Monday, February 18. Each award is a full-tuition scholarship ($14,975 in 2004-2005) and is renewable annually if the recipient maintains a 3.0 college GPA and is a full-time resident student.

- **Governor’s School Scholarship**

  Governor’s School scholarships are awarded up to five freshmen who have attended a Governor’s School summer session. Each award is worth $11,000 and is renewable annually if the recipient maintains a 3.0 college GPA and is a full-time resident student.

- **Heritage Scholarship**

  Heritage scholarships are awarded in recognition of excellent academic achievement and significant extracurricular involvement during high school. The awards are worth $10,000 annually, with preference given to minority students. Recipients must be full-time resident students and must maintain a 3.0 college GPA to renew the scholarship each year.

- **Salem Academic Scholarship**

  Academic scholarships are awarded to several students each year who have demonstrated academic achievement. The awards are worth $10,000 to $12,000 each year and are renewable with a 3.0 college GPA.

- **Graham Leadership and Service Scholarship**

  Graham scholarships are awarded to several students each year who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in leadership and service. Students’ academic records are also considered. Each award is worth $8,000 to $10,000 per year and is renewable with a 3.0 college GPA. Recipients are also expected to participate in campus and community activities.

- **Music Scholarships**

  Music scholarships of $1,000 to $7,500 are awarded to incoming students who intend to major in music in recognition of their outstanding musical ability. Applicants must participate in auditions on Salem’s campus during Scholarship Weekend or by appointment. In exceptional circumstances, applicants may submit a recorded video tape. A reference from the student’s music teacher is also required. Applicants are judged on the basis of general musicianship, technical proficiency, and level of experience as well as academic achievement and citizenship. Each of the scholarships is renewable annually provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA in her music course and a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

  - The Music Couple’s and Belle scholarships of $6,600 to $7,500 are awarded to new students each year.
  - The Christensen Scholarship of $5,000 is awarded to several new students each year.
  - The Durfee Music Scholarship of $3,000 is awarded to several new students each year.

- **Transfer Scholarship**

  As an of $1,000 to $12,000 are offered each year to entering transfer students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement at their previous institutions. Scholarships are renewable annually if the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA at Salem.

- **Application Process**

  Applications for Salem College scholarships are due on February 15, 2005. All applicants must complete the scholarship application and submit along with the following: an essay not exceeding 500 words, a letter of recommendation from a music teacher, a letter of recommendation from a school principal or guidance counselor, an official high school transcript, and a SAT or ACT score. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2005, and all materials must be postmarked on or before that date.