

## NON TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE

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***Beware of Scams: Every year, several hundred thousand students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams. Be wary of scholarships with an application fee, scholarship matching services that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams, and sales pitches disguised as financial aid "seminars." If you are asked to provide a credit card number, bank information, or social security number, these are red flags. Consider whether you know and trust the organization that is requesting the information. Use your best judgment and consult with your parents or guardian about what information you are willing to share for the chance at a scholarship.***

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- **Scholarships.com** (<https://www.scholarships.com>) - The free scholarship search is one of the most established and robust, tracking a reported \$19 billion in scholarships. After you fill out a profile, the site will use your criteria to filter through all scholarships to generate a short list.
- **Fastweb.com** (<https://www.fastweb.com>) owned by parent company Monster.com, is also a free scholarship search provider that claims to have more than 1.5 million scholarships in its database. Like scholarships.com, the site will find scholarships in its database and email you

matches, deadlines and newsletters. *Expect a flood of emails as you begin your scholarship search, Recommend creating an email address specifically to field scholarship searches.*

- **The Penny Hoarder - Top 100 Scholarships** (<https://www.thepennyhoarder.com/save-money/100-college-scholarships/>) Here's a list of tons of awesome scholarships to get you started on your search. Application rules and deadlines can change, so be sure to read all of the eligibility requirements on the funding organization's website before applying.
- **TMLF Scholarships (Tennessee)** - (<http://tmlf.us/scholarships.html>) The objective of the scholarship is to increase and retain the number of new professionals entering the human resources or labor relations field as a career in order to sustain growth and cooperation in the labor-management industry within the State of Tennessee. *(Added 6/12/23)*
- **National Scholarship Providers Association** (<https://www.scholarshipproviders.org/>) The mission of the National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA) is to advance the collective impact of scholarship providers and the scholarships they award. *(Added 3/23/22)*
- **Community Foundation of Chattanooga** (<https://cfgc.org/scholarships/>) The mission of the Community Foundation is to encourage giving and inspire action to improve lives in the Chattanooga area. The Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga is a trusted community partner, serving at the intersection between ideas and action, needs and resources, donors and nonprofits.
- **The Hagan Foundation** (<https://haganscholarships.org/>) The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship designed to help rural students graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides up to \$48,000 over four years to attend college and other benefits. Recipients must graduate from an eligible public high school. Hagan Scholars are currently attending 378 colleges and universities located in 48 states. *(Added 3/23/22)*
- **Community Foundation of Greater Memphis** (<https://cfgm.iphiview.com/cfgm/Scholarships>) The Community Foundation is proud to offer more than \$115,000 in 25+ categories each year in scholarship funds to students from the Memphis area. Most scholarship opportunities we offer were created to honor a different person, profession, school, or educational goal. Most are for graduating high school seniors.
- **Ascend Federal Credit Union** <https://ascend.org/scholarships> Our mission is to make a difference in the financial lives of our members. And what better way to do that than to help our members further their education? Over the past 20+ years, we've awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to our members. *(Added 1/4/24)*
- **Scarlett Family Foundation (Tenn)** <https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/students/> In 2015, the Foundation expanded the scholarship program to include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors. Since 2006, the Scarlett Family Foundation has awarded over \$16M in college scholarships, helping more than 650 students pursue higher education degrees. These students are attending public and private colleges and universities throughout the United States and represent 147 high schools in 37 counties across middle Tennessee. *(Added 9/17/21)*
- **FinAid.org** (<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>) FinAid was established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. This award-winning site has grown into the most comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools -- on or off the web. Access to FinAid is free

for all users and there is no charge to link to the site. FinAid has earned a stellar reputation in the educational community as the best web site of its kind. It's comprehensive, it's informative, it's objective -- and it's the first stop on the web for students looking for ways to finance their education.

- **CollegeData** (<https://www.collegedata.com/scholarship-finder>) Find scholarships that match the eligibility criteria you enter for GPA, gender, residency, ethnicity/heritage, religion and area of study — some of the most common eligibility criteria. Add keywords to find scholarships with eligibility requirements in other areas.
- **CollegeRank.net** (<https://www.collegerank.net/scholarships/>) Our mission is to rank everything college, and dissect every aspect of student life, because you never really know what will make a difference once you begin your college journey. You can search scholarships by state.
- **Scholarships123.com** <https://www.scholarships123.com/> Scholarship search is easy as 1-2-3. No login required.
- **Broke Scholar** (<https://www.brokescholar.com>) Broke Scholar doesn't require any personal information to search for opportunities, and the search criteria is easy to use. They also have information on grants and fellowships, giving your student more options to explore.
- **Chegg.com** (<https://www.chegg.com>) Chegg is a textbook website that has a scholarship search function, offering more than 25,000 scholarships. The site also offers online tutors to help students with their scholarship essays.
- **Cappex.com** (<https://www.appily.com/scholarships>) Cappex allows students to search both schools and scholarships, with a database of more than \$11 billion in scholarships. A proprietary calculator also allows students to gauge their chances of getting into prospective schools with user-generated data.
- **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**  
<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/> The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. In addition to the monetary award, Cooke Scholars receive comprehensive educational advising, significant cohort-based programming, and graduate school funding, as well as a thriving network of nearly 2,500 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni
- **JLV College Counseling** (<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2/>) Jessica Velasco, a former admissions officer, started JLV College Counseling, which offers information on various scholarships. Velasco also posts scholarships every Saturday on her Facebook page with upcoming application deadlines. Via her blog, Velasco offers scholarship and college admissions tips and advice.
- **SohoSphere Scholarship Contest** (<https://www.sohomd.com/sohosphere-contests>) - At SohoMD we enjoy learning about people's different perspectives and unique experiences on their mental health and wellness journey. So, we've created an opportunity for others to share and express themselves, along with their personal stories, through creativity. Henry Matisse once said, "creativity takes courage." Indeed it does, and so we challenge you with our contests to be vulnerable, to be authentic, and to be your beautiful self. (2/23/23)

- **Scholarshipowl.com** (<https://scholarshipowl.com/>) Our mission at ScholarshipOwl is to help students afford college by making scholarships easier to obtain and more accessible. That's why we created our own scholarship, The You Deserve It Scholarship. This scholarship is one of hundreds in our database that students may be eligible for. You can read more about the scholarship and hear from its winners here. On the same page, you can also register for ScholarshipOwl's service for a chance at winning The You Deserve It Scholarship.
- **CollegeScholarships.org** (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/financial-aid/>) The following list of education grants is expansive in the scope of the programs it covers, but it is by no means exhaustive. Some of the 101 listings are for single grant programs, while others are a gateway to a list of further financial aid programs.
- **The College Board** (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>) The College Board's comprehensive BigFuture site helps students look up information about colleges and how to pay for school. Its scholarships search engine provides information on more than \$6 billion in scholarships, financial aid and internships
- **Niche.com** (<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>) On Niche.com, students can gain a sense of each school's "personality," Hartley says, by reading student reviews. They can also search for scholarships. Niche pairs students with scholarships that match their qualifications, with student-friendly categories like no-essay scholarships.
- **Unigo.com** (<https://www.unigo.com>) Unigo hosts millions of available scholarships and makes it easy to search by type, including athletic scholarships, college-specific scholarships, company-based scholarships, minority scholarships, major-specific scholarships, state-specific scholarships and more. You can search by category or create a personal profile to get more specific results that match your needs. Unigo also offers scholarship contests and sweepstakes.
- **MoolahSPOT.com** (<http://Moolahspot.com>) Everything we offer is completely free. We invite you to explore the site. Find some free money and participate in our moolahSPOT forums. As you connect with others who are working hard to find the money to make their educational or career dreams a reality, you, too, may decide to call yourself a moolahSPOTTER. This is our code word for those of us who share the values of hard work and education when it comes to making and saving money.
- **Access Scholarships** (<https://accessscholarships.com/blog/weird-scholarships/#weird-scholarships-the-list>) Students often think that you need to have straight-A's or demonstrated financial need in order to qualify for scholarships. This couldn't be further from the truth! In this post, we're diving into unusual and weird scholarships! (4/27/23)
- **Tristar Reads** (<http://tristarreads.com/>) (Added 7/30/20) Tristar Reads invites Tennessee students' grades K-12 to spend at least 20 minutes each day reading a book from May 1 – September 7, 2020. At the end of the summer, we'll award three major prizes to the students who read the most: one elementary school student (K-5), one middle school student (6-8) and one high school student (9-12) will each receive a \$1000 college scholarship!
- **The Mega List of Scholarships You Should Apply For** (<https://collegesofdistinction.com/advice/the-mega-list-of-scholarships-you-should-apply-for-class-of-2019-2020/>) (Added 9/19/2024) There are lots of scholarship opportunities out there, but

it can be hard to know where to start looking. Some might even find it too intimidating to begin looking at all! That's where we come in. We at Colleges of Distinction have compiled a list of scholarships for a given year to help get the ball rolling.

- **Funding for US Study** (<https://www.fundingusstudy.org/>) (Added 3/18/20) Funding for US Study Online is an extensive database of scholarships, fellowships and grants organized and maintained by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Funding for US Study includes all types of funding programs, for all levels of post-secondary study, across the full range of academic areas.
- **Lockhead Martin Scholarships** (<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/stem-education/lm-scholarship-program.html>) We are continuing to award scholarships of \$10,000 per student – renewable each year. The program will continue to add up to 200 new recipients each year, and will be open to individuals studying engineering or computer science that demonstrate financial need and come from underrepresented or underserved communities.
- **CareerOneStop.org** - part of the U.S. Labor Department's Free Search Tool (<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>) According to the official Student Aid website, this free tool is a great resource for students to search more than 7,500 scholarships, grants and other various types of financial aid award opportunities.
- **MilitaryScholar.org** (<http://www.militaryscholar.org/>) Scholarships for military children.
- **Mometrix - Top 175 Scholarships for College Students** (<https://www.mometrix.com/blog/scholarships-for-college/>) (Added 3/18/20) *'you're in for a treat because I've put together a list of the top 175 college scholarships based on web search data.'*
- **SallieMae.com** (<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>) is a well-known education and student loan provider. The site's College Planning page has a scholarship portal where you can search based on your field of study, hobbies and other parameters. Create a personal profile in order to get the most accurate matches that fit your needs.
- **Student Scholarships** (<https://studentscholarships.org>) Student Scholarships uses a variety of categories to organize their information, and a search bar also gives your child to search by their criteria. Handy career-oriented Q&A's are also available, letting your child learn more about a range of professions (which is helpful if your child is undecided about their major).
- **U.S. Air Force ROTC** (<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/>) We are dedicated to developing leaders of tomorrow who will go on to fulfill the Air Force MISSION, represent our CORE VALUES, and live up to the rich HISTORY of Air Force ROTC.
- **EducationUSA** (<https://educationusa.state.gov/financial-aid>) (Added 3/18/20) EducationUSA is a network of advising centers, supported by the U.S. Department of State, that assists prospective international students interested in studying in the U.S.
- **ScholarshipPoints.com** (<https://www.scholarshippoints.com/>) The ScholarshipPoints program was created in 2006 to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays. By participating in the ScholarshipPoints.com community, high school and college students can earn points and enter scholarship drawings through their daily internet activities. ScholarshipPoints.com is owned and operated by Edvisors, a company dedicated to helping students plan and pay for college. To date, Edvisors

has given away more than \$1,000,000 through the ScholarshipPoints program, and we can't wait to give out more. Head on over to the Scholarship Wall to see what we're giving away next!

- **Nursing Scholarships** (<https://nurse.org/scholarships/>) A great list of nursing scholarship links
- **Tuition Funding Sources** (<https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com>) While they tout millions of scholarships, we find the list quickly dwindles down when you put in your child's search criteria. Still, even if you find a few legitimate scholarships, the search engine makes it quick and easy to narrow down the list. It's worth checking out.
- **Nitrocollege.com** (<https://www.nitrocollege.com/scholarship-resources>) Here are thousands of scholarships available for college students that can be narrowed down based on background, major and financial need. Use our guide to sort through scholarship opportunities based on eligibility and check out our resources for more information on how to pay for college.
- **LendEdu.com** (<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarships/>) This was [www.weirdscholarships.net](http://www.weirdscholarships.net) and they merged with LendEdu.com. This search tool is handy to break scholarships down by category.
- **Going Merry - 32 weird scholarships** (<https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/weird-scholarships/>) Scholarships are one of the top options for funding college because they never need to be paid back. There are hundreds of thousands of different scholarships out there for all types of situations...even wacky and weird scholarships you never would've thought existed! Whether you're left-handed, a Pokemon master, or passionate about laser tattoo removal, there's a scholarship for you. *(Added 10/05/21)*
- **1Dental Scholarship** (<https://www.1dental.com/scholarship/>) At 1Dental.com, we understand the value of investing in education. That's why we've created the 1Dental Scholarship. Each year, we award one student \$500 to apply toward their Spring or Fall semester. Would you like to win the award next year? Apply for our scholarship below. *(Added 11/5/21)*
- **McDonald's® HACER® National Scholarship** (<https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>) Your generation is making the world a better place, and McDonald's® wants Hispanic students to be front and center in that transformation. That's why we're giving you and your community more opportunities to make a difference.
- **Savingforcollege.com [Scholarships for those with any type of cancer]** <https://www.savingforcollege.com/article/cancer-scholarships> More than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. An even greater number of parents of college-age children die of cancer. Cancer is a source of stress on a family, both financial and non-financial. Cancer drains family resources that otherwise could help send their children to college. Cancer scholarships can help alleviate some of that stress.
- **Forbes [Ten Scholarships for Average Students Who are not Athletically Inclined]** (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/financialfinesse/2012/02/23/ten-scholarships-for-average-students-who-are-not-athletically-inclined/#21fdf4327298>) A good article with links to 10 of these types of scholarships.
- **SuperCollege.com** ([www.supercollege.com](http://www.supercollege.com)) Search our free database of scholarships, grants and contests.

- **LendEdu** (<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-bee-merges-with-lendedu/>) LendEDU (formally Scholarship Bee) was founded by college students, for college students. Dedicated to helping students reduce the costs of higher education by helping them find and win scholarships. All of the scholarship guides created on this website are the property of LendEdu. LendEdu was born to share this catalog of scholarships with other students. We hope that you find the guides useful and they help you earn some scholarship funds. Please let us know if you find any awesome scholarships that aren't on our website yet.
- **Scholarship America** (<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>) There are tons of scholarships out there, designed to help students like you get to—and stay in—college. Start exploring and start the application process with the click of a button.
- **Edvisors** (<https://www.edvisors.com/scholarships>) Looking for money for school that you don't have to pay back? You've come to the right place. College scholarships are a form of gift aid that doesn't have to be repaid, and free scholarships – scholarships that don't require a fee to apply – are the best kind.
- **Disabilities Scholarships** (<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/disability-scholarships/>) Passed in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act has required schools to accommodate the needs of their disabled students, breaking down many barriers that prevented students from accessing educational resources, and enabling more people to enjoy the full benefits of a college education.
- **National Federation of the Blind's Annual Scholarship** (<https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/scholarships-and-awards/scholarship-program>) The National Federation of the Blind's annual scholarship program is the largest of its kind in the nation. Every year, we award more than \$120,000 to blind scholars across the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in recognition of their achievements and professional aspirations.
- **Free-4U.com** (<http://www.free-4u.com/>) The national database of scholarships. All types.
- **FreeCollegeScholarships** (<https://freecollegescholarships.net/>) FreeCollegeScholarships, LLC is a small, private company located in San Francisco, California. FreeCollegeScholarships, LLC was founded in 2005 and operates an education and media online business. We have been awarding \$10,000 scholarships through various promotional websites since 2005, and in this time we have awarded over \$1,200,000 in scholarships. We are able to award the scholarship money because we show advertisements for colleges, universities and educational services on our websites.

## OTHER RESOURCES

- **High School Websites** - Don't overlook your own high school's website, which may have a list of local scholarships. These scholarships can have less competition than those posted to national databases, Matthews says. Stezala adds that if your high school doesn't have a list, you should check the websites of other area high schools. "Some will post it publicly, and some won't," she says.

- **Community Foundation Websites** - Like your high school website, families should check local community foundations' websites, which may also host a list of area scholarships. *“You have to look at what is available in your local community, which may not show up on these large national websites,” Stezala says,* adding that there are lots of local scholarships from social organizations, like the Elks Lodge, or veterans groups such as the American Legion.
- **College Websites (where you’re applying)** - Although not all schools award merit-based scholarships, those that do are very valuable because they’ll likely renew all four years. But the process for giving out scholarship money varies from school to school. You should also check the department of the major you’re considering, which may have its own scholarships and process for awarding them.

## STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

- **AIFS Study Abroad** <https://www.aifsabroad.com/financial-aid/> AIFS recognizes the challenges today’s students face with meeting the cost of their education. We believe a study abroad experience is an essential component of well-rounded university education and we are committed to providing financial assistance to as many students as possible in support of their goal to study abroad. AIFS funding, combined with other sources of financial support you can access, will help make study abroad attainable.
- **GoAbroad.com** <https://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad> Truly, there are no good reasons not to pursue meaningful travel, and financial restraints should definitely not be one of them. After all, it's not a bad idea to consider financial aid for your travels—especially now, with academic and higher education program costs increasing every year. That's where travel scholarships abroad come in!
- **GoOverseas.com** <https://www.gooverseas.com/scholarships> Programs and community reviews aren't the only things we offer here on Go! We are also a scholarship resource. We want to help as many people as possible travel abroad and experience a new culture -- you included.
- **StudyAbroad.com** <https://www.studyabroad.com/study-abroad-scholarships> A study abroad scholarship is a monetary award for students to use toward the expenses of their program such as travel, course, credits, books and lodging. Students must apply for scholarships and some can be very competitive while others are underutilized.
- **LLS Scholarship for Blood Cancer Survivors** <https://www.lls.org/lls-scholarship-blood-cancer-survivors> As survivors navigate life after diagnosis or treatment, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is here to help jumpstart their future career goals. The **LLS Scholarship for Blood Cancer Survivors** is now open and accepting applications! (Added 11/21/23)
- **Revalencia Scholarship Program** - <https://www.revalencia.com/come-see-spain-scholarship/> Welcome to Revalencia, where opportunities for educational exploration and cultural enrichment converge! We are delighted to introduce the “Come See Spain” scholarship, an exclusive initiative designed to grant one fortunate student the chance to study and experience culture, arts, language and more in their studies in either the US or in Spain (US Universities Welcome!). As a Valencia-based company, Revalencia is committed to fostering cross-cultural



understanding and academic growth. This \$500 scholarship aims to support a deserving U.S. student in their educational journey, providing a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich heritage and vibrant atmosphere of Spain. Embark on a transformative experience with Revalencia as we open the doors to a world of learning and discovery. (Added 01/31/24)

**MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS** Many of the following scholarships are listed in the general list above. Searching by keyword 'Minority' may pull them up in those lists as well as the specific links below.

- **Ron Brown Scholarships** <http://www.ronbrown.org/> The Ron Brown Scholar Fund is a 501(c)3 public charity, managed by an independent Board of Trustees. The Program, which was named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences.
- **United Negro College Fund Scholarships** <https://uncf.org/scholarships> For more than seven decades, this principle has remained at the heart of UNCF, enabling us to raise more than \$5 billion and help more than 500,000 students and counting not just attend college, but thrive, graduate and become leaders.
- **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships** <https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/> For more than 42 years, the Jackie Robinson Foundation has continued Robinson's commitment to equal opportunity by addressing the achievement gap in higher education
- **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund** <https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships> TMCF offers four types of unique scholarships that are merit, plus need-based designed to address the financial needs of students attending TMCF member-schools. The awards process is highly competitive and the awards are given to outstanding and qualified students who plan to earn a baccalaureate, graduate or law degree from an accredited college or university. Occasionally, we may offer scholarships to students not attending one of our member-schools.
- **Gates Millennium Scholarships (Annual)** <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship> The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Starting in 2018, the scholarship will be awarded to 300 top student leaders each year with the intent of promoting their academic excellence through college graduation, and providing them the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- **FinancialAidFinder.com** <https://www.financialaidfinder.com/category/scholarships/> The management team of Financial Aid Finder has been producing top rated financial aid resources since 1993. A couple of years ago, we decided to bring these resources to the public for free. Financial Aid Finder believes that in today's economic market students need all the help they can get in finding and evaluating college financial aid options to help them pay for their college and university education.
- **National Merit Scholarships Corp** <http://www.nationalmerit.org/> Established in 1955, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. NMSC is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to NMSC are tax deductible by the

donor. NMSC conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

- **NAACP Scholarships** <https://www.naacp.org/naacp-scholarships/> Each year the NAACP, through generous donations, is able to provide scholarships to outstanding students. It is the duty of our dedicated Scholarship Committee to determine the most outstanding individuals to receive these awards. The NAACP does not provide financial aid to individuals, only scholarships through this process.
- **American Indian College Fund** <https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/> The American Indian College Fund invests in Native students and tribal college education to transform lives and communities.
- **International Students Scholarships & Aid Help** <https://www.iefaf.org/> IEFA is the premier resource for college scholarship and grant information for students wishing to study abroad. You'll find the most comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings.
- **Sachs Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship** <https://www.sachsfoundation.org/undergraduate-scholarships.html> Since its founding in 1931, Sachs Foundation has endeavored to fulfill the vision of Henry Sachs. In a time when social and racial boundaries were clearly defined, that vision could be considered ahead of its time. Mr. Sachs understood the difficulties of being different and the importance of education in erasing those difficulties. The fact that Henry Sachs established the Foundation as a result of the kindness of two special people, Gertrude Lee and Jim Jeffries, is a testament to the power of individuals. They would not live to see the extent of their impact on the lives of so many people but it demonstrates the power of individual kindness paid forward. Through careful stewardship, the Foundation has grown and been able to help educate and support thousands of Black and African-American Colorado residents.
- **Student Inventors Scholarships** <https://www.invent.org/collegiate-inventors> Each year, the nation's most creative college students come together to compete while networking with world-class inventors.
- **Coca-Cola Scholarships** <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports more than 1,400 exceptional college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.55 million awarded through 3 nationally recognized programs.
- **Ayn Rand Institute** <https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/> ARI has held worldwide essay contests for students on Ayn Rand's fiction for more than thirty years. This year we will award over 230 prizes, totaling more than \$70,000.
- **Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students** <https://www.aicpa.org/career/diversityinitiatives/aso.html>
- **The Elks National Foundation Scholarships** <https://www.elks.org/scholars/> Our scholarship programs are for undergraduate study only. A student may not receive more than one Elks National Foundation scholarship award or grant in any one academic year
- **African American Scholarships** <http://littleafrica.com/resources/scholarships.html> LittleAfrica.com is committed to linking African Americans with opportunities in higher education. Below is a list of links and scholarship list downloads to aid individuals in their search for money to fund their dreams.

- **Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarships** <https://akaeaf.org/scholarships> Scholarships are the primary means by which EAF carries out its mission. The Foundation awards Merit, Financial Need and Youth Partners Accessing Capital (Y.P.A.C.) scholarships.
- **Burger King Scholars** <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/> The BURGER KING<sup>SM</sup> Scholars program assists employees, employees' spouses or domestic partners, employees' children and high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada in continuing their education. To date, the program has awarded more than \$40 million in scholarships to more than 36,000 students. Last year alone, \$4 million in scholarships were awarded to nearly 3,000 deserving students.
- **Lagrant Scholarships: Minorities, Public Relations & Other** <https://www.lagrantfoundation.org/Scholarship%20Program> The scholarship recipients will receive a trip to New York City, New York where they will participate in career building activities. This includes a welcome dinner with a keynote speaker, three day-long career development workshops and a scholarship & donor recognition reception. During these activities, students will have the opportunity to meet industry professionals, network and gain exposure to the advertising, marketing and public relations world.
- **Scholarship Mentor** <https://scholarshipmentor.com/> If you want to get advice, tips and a list of scholarships, sign up for our newsletter. Just send an email to ScholarshipMentor@gmail.com.
- **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund** <http://www.davisputter.org/> Funding students working for social change
- **The Big Sun Scholarships (Students on Sports Teams)** <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/> The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part we are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.
- **American Chemical Society Scholarships** <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships.html> ACS sponsors scholarship programs for qualified applicants who want to enter the fields of chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemical technology and teaching. The programs aim to encourage diversity among applicants and build awareness of the value and rewards associated with careers in science and technology.
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship> The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a university degree
- **Open Education Database - African-American Grants** <https://oedb.org/african-american-grant/> African-Americans applying to college experience a host of unique challenges, and finding ways to pay for it may be chief among them.
- **Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Scholarship** <http://scholarshipmentor.com/girls-going-places%C2%AE-entrepreneurship-award-program> During the conference, students will meet with prominent women business owners and business professionals who will act as Conference Mentors for the day. These women will lead the students through a series of interactive activities and discussions centered on starting and

running a business, facilitate small roundtable group discussions, answer questions, and share information about their challenges and successes in running a business or working in the business world.

- **Astronaut Scholarship Foundation** <https://astronautscholarship.org/scholarshipprogram.html>  
The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation was created to ensure that the United States would maintain its leadership in science and technology by supporting some of the very best science, technology, engineering and math college students.
- **ELA Foundation Scholarships (disabled)** <https://www.scholarshipsforwomen.net/disabilities/>  
The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation provides scholarships only for female students. Such students must be enrolled in a university or college in the United States. Those awarding the money aim to be objective and to not discriminate. The amount awarded can be between \$500 to \$2,000 per year.
- **Jeanette Rankin Grant/Scholarship For Low-Income Women (over 35)** <https://rankinfoundation.org/> Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund (JRF) provides scholarships and support for low-income women ages thirty-five and older across the US to build better lives through post-secondary education.
- **Shell Oil Scholarships** <https://www.shell.us/careers/students-and-graduates/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities-for-high-school-seniors.html> The Shell Oil Company Technical Scholarship and Shell Incentive Fund Scholarship have been created to provide financial and career assistance to graduating high school seniors who have expressed an interest in the energy industry and demonstrated an aptitude in mathematics and science.
- **AES Engineering Scholarships (Essay)** <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> AES Engineering is pleased to be able to continue offering scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education.
- **The Roothbert Fund Scholarships** <https://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships> The Roothbert Fund was created in 1958 by Albert and Toni Roothbert to help men and women in need of financial aid to further their education. The principal focus of The Fund is its Scholarships Program, through which it makes grants for undergraduate or graduate study at accredited colleges or universities. Scholarships may only be applied to study at an accredited institution based in the United States. The Fund seeks candidates who are "motivated by spiritual values," and works to foster fellowship among them.
- **New York Women in Communications Foundation** (<https://scholarships.nywici.org/sponsored-scholarships>) Each year, New York Women in Communications — a 501(c)(3) — awards 15 to 20 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students who intend to pursue or further a career in communications.
- **Art and Writing Awards** (<https://www.artandwriting.org/scholarships/>) The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers partners with colleges and universities to earmark scholarships for college-bound Scholastic Awards recipients.
- **Edison International Scholars Program** (<https://www.edison.com/home/community/edison-scholars.html>) Each year, Edison International awards \$40,000 college scholarships to 30 high school seniors to help them

follow their dreams in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and empower them to change the world.

- **Chicana/Latina Foundation** (<https://chicanalatina.org/programs/scholarships/>) Scholarships form the cornerstone of the Chicana Latina Foundation. We award merit-based scholarships valued at \$1500 to 30-40 powerful Latina students each year.
- **Civil Rights Defense Fund** (<https://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>) The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund sponsors a scholarly writing contest for grades K-12. The theme for the essay is "What Does The Second Amendment Mean to You?"
- **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute** (<https://chci.org/>) The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, providing leadership development programs and educational services to students and young emerging Latino leaders. Search 'Scholarships' in the search box.
- **APIA Scholarship Program** (<https://apiascholars.org/scholarship>) Our vision is to see that all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have access to higher education and resources that cultivate their academic, personal and professional success regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means.
- **Anita Borg Memorial Scholarships** (<https://www.womentechmakers.com/scholars>) Google is proud to honor Anita's memory and support women in technology with the following scholarship programs
- **Asian American Journalist Association**  
(<https://www.aaaja.org/scholarships-internship-grants>) The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational and professional organization with more than 1,500 members across the United States and Asia. Since its founding, AAJA has been at the forefront of change in the journalism industry.
- **American Assoc. of University Women**  
(<https://www.aauw.org/tag/scholarships-and-awards/>) AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.
- **Orphan Foundation of America**  
(<https://ittakesanohana.org/2011/01/orphan-foundation-of-america-scholarship-program/>) Annually, the Orphan Foundation of America and the Casey Family Scholars Program award \$1.5M in scholarship funds to foster youth in colleges, universities and training programs across the country.
- **Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarships**  
(<https://www.hydro.org/awards/past-presidents-legacy-scholarship/>) NHA created the Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship in 2008 to encourage students to consider becoming part of the U.S. hydropower industry. Our growing industry has professionals in many different fields, including engineering, IT, biology, environmental sciences, forestry, hydrology, animal sciences, management, financial services, communications, and other areas. Many companies also offer high-paying skilled labor and technical positions.
- **American Fire Sprinkler Scholarship Contest** (<https://www.afsascholarship.org/>) The American Fire Sprinkler Association created the college scholarship program to help with the

educational and training pursuits of students just like you. In addition, AFSA wants to educate the public-at-large about the life-saving properties of automatic fire sprinklers. So, if you meet the contest requirements and want to learn a little during the process, please enter and good luck!

- **Mensa Scholarship Essay Scholarship**

(<https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>) The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program awards more than \$140,000 in assistance every year to college-bound students around the globe. Scholarships are awarded based solely on 550-word essays expressing applicants' academic and professional goals and how their personal experiences will help them to accomplish those goals.

- **Davidson Fellow Scholarships** (<https://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows-scholarship>) The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships to extraordinary young people, 18 and under, who have completed a significant piece of work.

- **The National Society of High School Scholars** (<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/>) Take advantage of college scholarship opportunities to help you reach your potential and pay for college, international study abroad, summer programs, and even graduate school. High school and college scholarships are available to all students in the areas of academic excellence, entrepreneurship, leadership, literature, medicine, music, STEM, sustainability, visual arts, and more.

- **Horatio Alger Association Scholarships** (<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>) As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.

- **Collegiate Inventors Competition** (<https://www.invent.org/collegiate-inventors>) The Collegiate Inventors Competition® is a unique competition that can take your invention to the next level through networking, marketing exposure, mentorship and more! Since 1990, with the help of our sponsors, we have awarded more than \$1 million to students nationwide.

- **National Federation of The Blind Scholarships**

(<https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/scholarships-and-awards/scholarship-program>) I scholarship program is the largest of its kind in the nation. Every year, we award more than \$120,000 to blind scholars across the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in recognition of their achievements and professional aspirations.

- **Scholarships for Students with Disabilities**

(<https://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>)

- **Minority Nurse Gateway of Scholarships** (<https://minoritynurse.com/?s=scholarships>) There are many scholarships available and they are not all dependent on having a 4.0 GPA. Of course, the Minority Nurse scholarship list is a great place to start, but there are also other places you can find funds to offset what you owe.

- **NAACP Scholarships** (<https://www.poisefoundation.org/naacp-scholarships>) POISE Foundation is proud to provide scholarship administration for the National NAACP Scholarship

Program. Each year the NAACP, through generous donations, is able to provide scholarships to outstanding students.

- **Red Cross Presidential Intern Program**

(<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/careers/university-programs/internships.html>) Red Cross interns are involved in projects critical to the day-to-day work of our non-profit organization, gaining an insider's perspective on the Red Cross humanitarian mission as well as service delivery at the local and national levels. We offer internships year round (Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring) at our National Headquarters in Washington D.C. and at regional chapters across the country.

- **American Nuclear Society Scholarships** (<http://www.ans.org/honors/scholarships/>) The American Nuclear Society believes in rewarding its members for their academic, services and leadership excellence. To do so, scholarships are granted to qualified student members of ANS who have demonstrated a high commitment to the standards set by the Society. All scholarships are funded by contributions from the ANS Board, professional divisions and individual donations. The number and amount of scholarships granted are based upon the funds available each year, which varies each year.

- **Questbridge College Prep Scholarships**

(<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>) The QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship prepares outstanding low-income high school juniors to become successful applicants to leading colleges. The scholarship helps to level the college admissions playing field by offering recipients opportunities that many other college applicants already receive.

- **National Association of Negro Musicians Scholarships**

(<https://www.nanm.org/scholar-main>) The National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. is this country's oldest organization dedicated to the preservation, encouragement, and advocacy of all genres of the music of African-Americans.

- **The National Society of High School Scholars** (<https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/>) Since 2002, the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has been supporting young academics on their journey to college and beyond as they prepare to become the leaders of tomorrow. Co-founded by the great-nephew of Alfred Nobel, NSHSS is inspired by the mission of the Nobel Prize to support academic achievement and world betterment. NSHSS pursues this mission by connecting members with scholarships, college fairs, internships, career and leadership opportunities, partner discounts, and more.

- **Japanese American Citizens League Scholarships**

(<https://jacl.org/jacl-national-scholarship-program/>) The JACL has been helping students achieve their educational dreams with the National Scholarship and Awards Program since 1946. The program currently offers over 30 awards, with an annual total of over \$70,000 in scholarships to qualified students nationwide.

- **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships** (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships>)

Rotary clubs offer scholarships for secondary, undergraduate, or graduate study. Rotary club scholarships are given by individual clubs and are open to anyone except Rotary members and their families. Contact your local club for application information and eligibility requirements.

## SKILLED TRADES INDUSTRIES

- **The Refrigeration School Scholarship:**  
<https://www.refrigerationschool.com/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- **American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Scholarships:**  
<https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/student-zone/scholarships-and-grants/under-graduate-engineering-scholarships>

## HOMELESS / FOSTER STUDENTS

- **NCHE scholarship webpage:** <https://nche.ed.gov/scholarships/> (includes links to specific scholarships, reputable scholarship search engines, and information on financial support for college for undocumented students)
- **SchoolHouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program:** ( \*specifically for homeless or formerly homeless youth\*):  
<http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/scholarship-program/>
- **Horatio Alger Association:** <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/>
- **Scholarships for foster youth:**  
<http://www.fc2success.org/programs/scholarships-and-grants/>
- **EEqual Scholarship Awards Program:** The EEqual Scholarship Awards Program is designed to highlight the incredible potential of young people in the United States who are struggling with homelessness, housing instability, or extreme poverty. This scholarship covers tuition costs, up to \$2,000, for students experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Selected scholars will also be paired with a mentor who will guide them throughout their years in higher education.  
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/special-attributes/homeless-formerly-homeless/eequal-scholarship-awards-program>
- **NAEHCY Scholarship Fund** - Encourage and invest in scholarship recipients while establishing an affirmative support network in order to prevent future homelessness and promote academic success. <https://naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/>

## DACA OR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

- **MALDEF- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund**  
<https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/> - An extensive list of scholarships, including many that do not inquire about immigration status (29 pages)
- **Conexion** - Our mission is to build a welcoming community and create opportunities where Latino families can belong, contribute and succeed  
<http://tnedequity.org/undocumented-friendly-schools-in-tennessee/> - Undocumented Friendly Schools in Tennessee



- **The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute:** <http://www.latinocollegedollars.org>
- **Equal Chance for Education (Added 2020.11.01) -**  
<https://www.equalchanceforeducation.org/criteria-to-apply/> To provide an equal chance for all to achieve the American Dream by offering scholarships to "DREAMers" in Nashville, TN who are not eligible for student loans or financial aid because of their legal status.

## MORE TIPS FOR FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Education recommends using the following free resources to find more information about scholarships and other financial aid opportunities:

- The financial aid office at a college or career school
- A high school or TRIO counselor
- Federal agencies
- Your state grant agency
- Your library's reference section
- Foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups
- Organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- Ethnicity-based organizations
- Your employer or your parents' employers

## LOCAL PLACES TO ASK...

Local businesses and organizations often have scholarships available for students. These can include, but are not limited to, the following: Banks; Business Chains (supermarket, clothing, financial institutions, drug stores, restaurants, soft drink companies, insurances and others; nonprofits like Rotary, Lions Club, Pace Setters, Shriners, etc; Funeral homes & Memorial scholarships; Military (ROTC, Veterans Assoc); Fairest of the Fair; PTO; Newspapers & Radio stations;

\*Note - Just looking through the yellow pages (online and phone book), you can find numerous local businesses that are chain companies that may offer scholarships.

## HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP/BOOKS ARTICLES / LINKS

- **CollegeRaptor.com** (<https://www.collegeraptor.com/>) College Raptor is the best way for high school families to find college matches, discover colleges that may offer them the best financial aid, find the ideal student loan, and simplify the college search process—all for FREE!
- **US NEWS -**  
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2017-09-14/10-sites-to-kick-off-your-scholarship-search>
- **SAVING FOR COLLEGE -**  
<https://www.savingforcollege.com/articles/5-secrets-to-winning-a-college-scholarship-740>  
Saving For College is an unbiased, independent resource for parents and financial

professionals, providing them with information and tools to understand the benefits of 529 college savings plans and how to meet the challenge of increasing college costs.

- **Opportunity Guide & Workbook -**

- <https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html>

- **TN State Colleg Pays -** <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college.html>

- **Bookscouter.com** <https://bookscouter.com> - BookScouter helps you sell textbooks and used books for the most money by comparing offers from over 35 book buyback vendors with a single search.

- **US NEWS -**

- [https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/how-to-find-and-secure-scholarships-for-college?src=edu\\_advice7](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/how-to-find-and-secure-scholarships-for-college?src=edu_advice7)

- **The Frugal College Experience**

- <https://www.frugalwoods.com/2015/07/15/our-guide-to-a-very-frugal-yet-still-awesome-college-experience/> Some tips to lessen the financial impact of college

- **Dave Ramsey - How to find scholarships**

- <https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/how-to-find-scholarships>) But with so many different scholarships out there, it's hard to even know where to look.

- **Unique Scholarships** (article

- <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/unusual-college-scholarships/0> There are countless scholarships out there designed to reward athleticism, a high GPA, or community engagement, but what about all the students who do not fall into these categories? Are they supposed to work through college without financial support? Of course not! Here's your chance to finally cash in on the quirky, weird, and unique traits that make you your own person: someone who is entirely their own. Stressed about finding these scholarships? Not to worry, because we've already done the work for you and gathered the top unique and unusual scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.

**SCHOLARSHIP MOBILE APPS** - Many of the scholarship resources offer mobile apps for smartphones & tablets. Some are standalone as well. See a list of some of the most popular ones below.

- **Scholly** (<https://myscholly.com/>) Scholly was created by Christopher Gray, who won \$1.3 million in scholarships through grit, sweat, and hustle. In realizing how broken and time consuming this process was, he created Scholly to make things much easier.
- **ScholarshipOwl** (<https://scholarshipowl.com/>) Our mission at ScholarshipOwl is to help students afford college by making scholarships easier to obtain and more accessible. That's why we created our own scholarship, The You Deserve It Scholarship. This scholarship is one of hundreds in our database that students may be eligible for. You can read more about the scholarship and hear from its winners here. On the same page, you can also register for ScholarshipOwl's service for a chance at winning The You Deserve It Scholarship.