

## 100+ Funding Search Engines, Scholarships & Grant Opportunities

The following financial opportunities are offered to students who intend to pursue and complete college degrees. Although most of these scholarships have stated deadlines for submitting them and some of them have passed, we encourage you to apply as early as possible for the next available award cycle. When reviewing equivalent applications, sometimes the award will be given to the earlier one received.

**Track your Applications and Correspondence!** – As you apply for multiple scholarships, you will notice similarities among them that will make the process easier if you use the same content repeatedly—but keep a record of what you send and to whom. It is entirely possible to obtain full funding for all of your college experience from undergraduate entry to earning your doctorate. It is purely a numbers game—the more scholarships you apply for, the better your chances.

**Guidance Resources** – Many of the websites in the first section will offer tutorials, videos, and even tracking software to prepare for scholastic tests, apply for scholarships, upload requested documentation once, and track deadlines for submissions and applications. Because they will tend to have access to the same scholarship details, it is overkill to use more than a few, but if you don't get the results you want, add another and drop the ones that you don't find helpful.

Several online financial aid calculators like the FinAid's QuickEFC calculator and CollegeBoard's College Financing Calculators can help you better understand the costs and guide your steps for successfully getting from where you are to where you want to be.

**Ask your way to success!** – In addition to the listings below, remember to ask locally among your school advisors, family members, employers (your parent's and yours), church groups, sororities, fraternities and your family's social and political organizations. There are funds out there—your challenge will be to *find them!*

### Last Tips:

- Create a text file where you keep the information you'll need (grades, extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, clubs, sports, awards, hobbies, personal reference contacts (ASK them first and ask what they'll SAY!), essays, and career-related experiences you have had. Send it to yourself with each major update to create a copy of each version as backup. This will be the document of your own responses that you can copy and paste from when filling out scholarship applications.
- If you already know which institution(s) you'd like to attend, search their website and ask a counselor about scholarships that are only at those individual schools.
- Be SURE to have your advisor and a grammar teacher read through it for spelling or phrasing errors. Again, if two applications are equal, one of the things that can kill your chances is bad grammar or spelling.
- Pace yourself! There are a LOT of possibilities for funding! Set a specific amount of time that you will spend on searching, then take a break to stretch and walk around!

## SEARCH SERVICES \*WARNING\*

A measure of *caution* is *VERY* wise when using less known scholarship search websites. As with all websites, only *some* of them are legitimate, and of the ones that are, some will only provide their service at a cost. Remember, just like any website that requests personal information, you need to take a good look at who is offering the service. If there is something odd about the website or it was not one you have heard recommended by trusted sources, take a closer look. "Phishing" is a kind of online fraud that involves getting you to disclose secure information under false pretenses, usually promising big rewards.

### Important: Fraudulent websites will:

- *Charge a fee or ask for banking information.* There are enough free and legitimate scholarship websites to finance multiple degrees, and the paid services frequently have exactly the same information. Legit scholarships do not need a credit card number to verify your identity or hold a scholarship for you, nor will they ask for payments by Western Union, gift cards or bitcoin (untraceable).
- *Tell you that you won a scholarship that you never applied for*—then ask for processing fees. Another scam is to send you a check for more than is needed (a forgery), but ask you to send them payment for the excess by a faster method. The forgery, would later be rejected by your bank with an added fee for the bad check.
- *Suggest that they are a tax-exempt scholarship foundation*, but when you look, they are not in the IRS list ( <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search> ).
- *Claim to have high success rates, guarantees, or exclusive access to scholarships.*
- *Often have a lookalike addresses with ads, popups, and fake links in them* (like "collegeboard.ra" or "stanford.edu.com" or "fafsa.com" instead of "collegeboard.org," "stanford.edu" or "fafsa.gov"). The legitimate organizations and agencies will tend to be more among the .org, .gov, .edu, and some .com domains. Combination domains (scholars.edu.za) are often fake—the “edu” being in the middle does NOT mean it is actually a school. ONLY what follows the last dot matters, and that “edu” before the last dot was *intentionally added to mislead you*. Websites created under web addresses of foreign countries (like ones ending in .za, .ra, .ne, etc.) should NOT be easily trusted.
- *Usually have misspellings and bad phrasing*, suggesting that the page was created by someone who is not very familiar with American English.
- *Ask you to download a certain file* (not a .doc or .pdf) which will request your computer's password to activate. These can contain micro-programs to collect information from your computer and from the keys you press on the keyboard, including your banking passwords.
- *Frequently use disposable email addresses* like bob@yahoo.com or annie@clickmail.net for their contact information, instead of setting up a paid email service with the site's domain name, like legitimate companies and agencies do (Example: info@collegeboard.org).
- *Not bother to set up multiple ongoing social media accounts* where people can visibly complain about bad experiences to others.
- *Use pressure or threats to make you to act quickly* (not to be confused with regular deadlines for applications).

*Legitimate* websites will have *secure pages* (their addresses begin with "https://"), or at least it will be secure on the web page where your information is requested. They have a "closed

padlock" icon to the left of the https address in the browser. Do NOT trust your private information with a web page that is not secure!

Services that claim to be free like fastweb.com and moolahspot.com (note the ".com") will often *sell your contact information* to third-party companies for marketing purposes. Know this before you sign up. For this, you might also *create an alternate email account* for use with these websites so that you can use their resources without clogging the inbox of your main career/correspondence email account.

**Things you'll need to do to prepare**— As early as the summer before your junior year, begin to collect your best essays, and discuss them with English & Grammar teachers. DO ask them to make suggestions for you to make when you rewrite them—more than once. Unless you have access to a scholarship judge, your teachers will be the best sources for useful critiques. Consider them your “*Power Posse*”—the ones who are most likely to know what you need to succeed academically and will nudge you when needed.

**Expect that essays are required or recommended** for scholarship and college applications, and that you will be asked to write about a problem, failure or turning point that taught you an important life lesson, something that captivates you for hours, or about an event or person in your life that helped make you who you are and realize who you want to be. It should demonstrate significant introspection, or perhaps a pivotal point in your maturity. Even if the question focuses on why you want to attend that school, the essay should tell how it connects to your interests and life goals. Ask your Power Posse to tell you if it sounds too ordinary, cliché, or not sincere enough.

**Write new essays regularly** on different topics that come from suggestions at the different websites, and have them reviewed by your Power Posse. Be extremely organized in keeping and labeling each file and versions. As an essay is developed, you don't want to risk sending an older undeveloped one with errors.

**Consider working in a group!** – There are many funding resources and going through them can be done faster by more people. Remember, sharing information means that you can find more scholarships in less time. As your group reads the details, they can sort out which ones connect with each other's interests faster.

**Allow Enough Time to Do It Well** – Give yourself at least a week or two for writing an essay, having it reviewed, rewriting, having it reviewed again, and completing the rest of the application. Rarely will you have any opportunity to correct anything after the first submission, and you will lose the appearance of being prepared and careful. Assume that the people who receive and review your applications and documents have long memories.

**DO NOT COPY AND PASTE CONTENT YOU FIND ONLINE** into your submitted documentation—*especially* with essays, reports, or your sample research papers! There are now several software applications that can “read” your essay submissions, search millions of websites for phrasing that even *sounds* similar, and rate each entry on how likely it is *original content* and not plagiarized. Any of the several [types of plagiarism](#) is reason to be disqualified from their consideration *forever* (*Understand it well* before using any words other than your own).

***Now that you've read all the warnings, you're ready to get started!***

(If you find a dead or fraudulent link, please let us know, and we will revise the list. Even if a link doesn't work, it can tell you the name of a company, bank or organization that you can Google for current scholarship information.)

**The FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)— is the BEST overall starting point for qualifying for scholarships and grants, and it is usually a required step in college financial aid processes. Your Social Security Number, your family's IRS returns, bank statements, and government-issued ID will be required to create an account.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICES** *(An asterisk (\*) means better known sites)*

\*Federal Student Aid Portal

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

\*College Board Test Prep & Scholarship Search - AP Exams, scholarship searches, advice

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> and

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

\*College Foundation of North Carolina (planning, funding, applying)

<https://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>

Career One Stop (Dept of Labor) facilitates job search, but has a scholarship directory

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

FinAid: The Smart Students' Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>

Financial Aid Finder - Scholarship Search by category

<https://www.financialaidfinder.com/student-scholarship-search/>

JLV College Counseling Scholarships (Multiple)

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

NICHE Search & Reviews

[www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/](http://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/)

[www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/](http://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/)

\*North Carolina Community Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships>

\*Open Education Database (OEDb), Scholarships for various areas of NC

<https://oedb.org/scholarships/>

\*Peterson's College search, Prep, & Scholarship search  
<https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>

\*Princeton Review College Advice (Test prep, essay, homework help)  
<https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice#s3>

Scholarship America Search  
<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>

Student Scholarship Search  
<https://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/>

Unigo Scholarship Search (formerly, scholarshipexperts.com)  
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

\*United Negro College Fund Scholarships (multiple available)  
<https://uncf.org/scholarships>

FastWEB Scholarship Search  
<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Free4u National Database of Scholarships  
<http://www.free-4u.com/>

\*Wells Fargo College Steps  
<https://collegesteps.wf.com/planning-paying-for-college/>

Alphabetical List of Scholarships by Field of Study  
<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/subject-specific.htm>

Scholarship of the Month (by field of study, heritage, religion, disability, etc.)  
<https://www.collegescholarships.com>

SuperCollege Scholarship database (more obscure awards and paid services)  
<http://www.supercollege.com/>

\*Sallie Mae Grants and Scholarships (search w/chance to win \$1000)  
<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

Scholarships.com scholarship & grants search engine (+Ads)  
<https://www.scholarships.com/>

National Society of Black Engineers Scholarships (NSBE Jr. or Collegiate membership required)  
<https://www.nsbe.org/collegiate/education/scholarships>

\*U.S. Federal Scholarships and Career Resources (Primarily Student Loans)  
<https://search.usa.gov/search?affiliate=usagov&query=scholarships>

## 100+ SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANT RESOURCES

(Keep in mind that most colleges will also have *their own* institutional scholarships that you can pursue during the admission application process):

Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students

<https://www.beanactuary.org/>

Adobe Creativity/Design Scholarships (March)

<https://www.adobe.com/corporate-responsibility/creativity/scholarship-programs.html>

AES Engineering Scholarships (Essay-based)

<https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

AICPA Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students

<https://www.thiswaytocpa.com/education/scholarship-search/>

Alpha Gamma Rho Educational Foundation Scholarships (undergrad Brothers of AGR)

<https://www.alphagammarho.org/scholarships>

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.

<https://akaeaf.org/scholarships>

Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship

<https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/>

American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)

<https://scholarship.aabe.org/>

American Bus Assn Scholarships (transportation, travel and tourism majors)

<https://www.buses.org/aba-foundation/scholarships>

American Chemical Society Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards.html>

American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship Program

<https://www.afsascholarship.org/>

American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA)

<https://www.ahlafoundation.org/scholarships>

American Meteorological Society (AMS) Scholarships

<https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/>

American Political Science Association

<https://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Internship-Resources>

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Assn (AFCEA) Scholarships

<https://www.afcea.org/site/foundation/scholarships>

APS Minority Scholarship (Physics)

<https://www.aps.org/programs/minorities/>

Art Institute of Atlanta

<https://www.artinstitutes.edu/atlanta/tuition-aid/scholarships>

Assistance League of the Triangle Area (for UNC system schools, +graduate) (Feb)

<https://scholarship.altriangle.org/>

Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.astronautscholarship.org/>

Ayn Rand Institute

<https://aynrand.org/students/>

Benjamin F. Ward Scholarship

<https://trianglecf.org/award/benjamin-f-ward-scholarship/>

BMI Music Foundation

<https://bmifoundation.org/programs>

Build your future with Google Scholarships+

<https://buildyourfuture.withgoogle.com/scholarships/>

Burger King<sup>SM</sup> McLamore Foundation (Employees & General tracks)

<https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/information.php>

Cameron Impact Scholarship

<https://www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org/scholarship>

Careers in Music Scholarship Links

<https://www.careersinmusic.com/music-scholarships/>

Charles Shelton Foundation for African American Veterinarians >\$2k (March)

<https://www.thecharlessheltonfoundation.org/scholarship>

Coca-Cola Scholars Program (\$1000 > \$20,000) Aug > Oct

<https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

College-Bound High School Seniors - Scholarships

<https://scholarships.fatomei.com/college.html>

Community Foundation Scholarship Program (Multiple)

<https://www.cfmt.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/>

Congressional Black Caucus Scholarships - must reside in a CBC district (Feb)  
<https://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships/>

Development Fund for Black Students in Science and Technology  
[http://www.dfsbstscholarship.org/dfb\\_sch.html#Obtaining\\_Appl](http://www.dfsbstscholarship.org/dfb_sch.html#Obtaining_Appl)

Disabled World financial aid search service for the disabled and minorities  
<https://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>

Elks National Foundation Scholarships  
<https://www.elks.org/scholars/>

Federal Aviation Administration Scholarships (DoT)  
[https://www.faa.gov/education/grants\\_and\\_scholarships/aviation/](https://www.faa.gov/education/grants_and_scholarships/aviation/)

Foster Care to Success (FC2S) - College funding and support for foster youth  
<https://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/>

Gates Millennium Scholarships (Annual)  
<https://gmsh.org/>

GlaxoSmithKline Opportunity Scholarships (Orange, Wake, Durham counties) (Feb)  
<https://trianglecf.org/award/gsk-opportunity-scholarship/>

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships  
<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

Imagine America Foundation (IAF)  
<https://www.imagine-america.org/applyforscholarships/>

Institute for the International Education of Students (Study Abroad Funding)  
<https://www.iesabroad.org/scholarships-aid>

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program (high-achieving high school seniors) Sep-Nov  
<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/>

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships  
<http://www.jackierobinson.org/>

Jazz Education Network Scholarships, Jan > Mar  
<http://jazzednet.org/advancing-education/scholarships/>

Lagrange Foundation Scholarships (public relations, marketing, & advertising)  
<https://www.lagrangefoundation.org/>

Life Lessons Scholarship Program (death of a parent or guardian) (Feb)  
<https://lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/>



Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/stem-education/lm-scholarship-program.html>

Mae and Mary Legacy Foundation

<https://www.maeandmarylegacyfoundation.org/apply>

Minority Fellowship Graduate Program (MFP)

[https://www.aamftfoundation.org/Foundation/What\\_We\\_Do/Minority\\_Fellowship\\_Program.aspx](https://www.aamftfoundation.org/Foundation/What_We_Do/Minority_Fellowship_Program.aspx)

Minority Nurse Gateway of Scholarships (contact separate scholarship organizations for updates)

<https://minoritynurse.com/?s=scholarship>

Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation

<https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Environment.aspx>

NAACP Scholarships

<https://www.naacp.org/naacp-scholarships/>

National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Scholarships & Internships

<https://www.nabj.org/>

National Association for Music Education (NAFME) Scholarships

<https://nafme.org/scholarship-resources-for-music-students/>

National Association of Negro Musicians Scholarships (contact branches)

<https://www.nanm.org/scholar-main>

National Black Nurses Association Scholarships (NBNA)

<https://www.nbna.org/content.asp?contentid=82>

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarships

<https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/how-to-apply.html>

National Honor Society Scholarships (membership required)

<https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship/>

National Hydropower Association Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarships

<https://www.hydro.org/awards/>

National Merit Scholarships

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

National Press Club Scholarships, Feb > May

<https://www.press.org/scholarships>

National Society of Arts and Letters Scholarships

<https://www.arts-nsal.org>

National Society of High School Scholars

<http://www.nshss.org/scholarships/>

National YoungArts Foundation (performing arts) (June > early Oct)

<https://www.youngarts.org/competition>

NC Special Education Scholarship Grants for Children with Disabilities

<http://www.ncseaa.edu/CDSG.htm>

NC Safewater Endowment Fund Scholarships (environmental sci, water resource education)

<https://www.ncsafewater.org/page/Scholarships>

Opportunity Scholarship Program (income-based)

<http://www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm>

Optimal (formerly SR Education Group) quarterly need-based scholarships (Sept)

<https://www.optimal.com/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarship>

Piedmont Electric Scholarships (PEMC member children, grandchildren)(Sept–March)

<https://pemc.coop/community/scholarships/>

PMI Educational Foundation Academic Scholarship Program (various majors)

<https://pmief.org/scholarships/academic-scholarships>

PUSH Excel Scholarship Programs >\$25k (dates vary)

<http://www.pushexcel.org/scholarships/> or <https://pushexcel.smapply.io/>

Questbridge Quest for Excellence College Prep Scholarships & Awards

<https://www.questbridge.org/>

Red Cross Scholarships and Presidential Intern Program

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-a-blood-drive/learn-about-hosting/why-host-a-blood-drive/leaders-save-lives.html>

Robert Franklin Black Scholarship Fund (Mar)

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/robert-franklin-black-scholarship-fund>

Robertson Scholars Leadership Program (UNC & Duke)

<https://robertsonscholars.org/domestic-students/>

Ron Brown Scholars Program

<http://www.ronbrown.org/>

The Roothbert Fund Scholarships

<https://www.roothbertfund.org/>

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships>

Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students (Feb)

<https://us.aicpa.org/career/diversityinitiatives/smas>

Scholarships for Students Working for Peace and Justice

<http://www.davisputter.org/>

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

<https://www.artandwriting.org/scholarships/>

State Employees Association of NC (SEANC) Scholarship Foundation – Members & Families (May)

<https://www.seanc.org/about-scholarship>

Shell Oil Scholarships

<https://www.shell.us/careers/about-careers-at-shell/shell-graduate-program/scholarships.html>

Sigma Scholars Program (Students of Wake County Public Schools) (Feb)

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/9898/Sigma%20Scholars%20Inc%20Scholarship%20%20%20%20Application%202020%20.docx>

Society for Science Talent Search & Competition

<https://www.societyforscience.org/> and <https://www.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts/>

Sports Scholarships and Internships

[http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\\_center/Student\\_Resources/CBSA.pdf](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf)

Student & Collegiate Inventors Competition

<https://www.invent.org/collegiate-inventors/apply>

Taco Bell Foundation "Live-Mas" Scholarship, Opens in the Fall

<https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

<https://tmcf.org/>

UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Award

<https://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/minority/>

United Negro College Fund Scholarships

<https://uncf.org/scholarships>

USDA Veterinary Services Renewable Internships & Career Opportunities  
[www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_health/2013/fs\\_wilson\\_internship.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2013/fs_wilson_internship.pdf)

VFW Voice of Democracy >\$30k, Patriot's Pen (grades 6-8) >\$5k Audio-Essay Contests  
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship  
<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs/program-on-philanthropy-and-social-innovation-psi/william-randolph-hearst-endowed-fellowship-for-minority-students/>

Foundation For The Carolinas Online Scholarships Portal  
<https://fftc-scholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

The Women of BECA, E.R. Anthony Scholarships (Crim. Justice, Journalism, Nursing or Healthcare (HBCU students) (Mar) (Note: May need to verify status of scholarship during pandemic)  
<https://womenofbeca.com/scholarship>

...AND a few MORE:

### **Scholarships for Hispanic & Blended Heritages**

Asian-American Journalist Association  
<https://www.aaaja.org/news-and-resources/scholarships-internships/>

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (+ general Minority scholarships)  
<https://www.chcinextopp.net/scholarships#.XropQhNKh7o>

First Generation Latinx Student Scholarships  
<https://telacu.com/telacu-education-foundation/college-success-program/toyotatelacu-scholarship/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
<http://www.hsf.net/>

International Students Scholarships & Aid Help  
<http://www.iefaf.org/>

LULAC - National Scholastic Achievement Awards (LatinX Heritage)  
<https://lulac.org/programs/education/scholarships/>

### **FOSTER CHILDREN FELLOWSHIPS**

NC Reach (students from North Carolina foster care)  
<https://www.ncreach.org/apply/>

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIPS** (*various disabilities covered*)

AAHD Scholarship Program

<https://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

Mays Mission for the Handicapped Scholarships (June)

<https://www.maysmission.org/history/programs/>

National Federation of the Blind Scholarships

<https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/scholarships-and-awards>

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.disabled-world.com/disability/education/scholarships/>

Students With Epilepsy Scholarships

<http://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/>

## **ESSAY CONTESTS**

ACF Visionary Scholarship – \$1k>\$5k (Apr)

<https://americancollegefoundation.org/college-planning-visionary-scholarship-details/>

American Foreign Service Assn - National High School Essay contest (Mar)

<http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest>

American Society of Human Genetics DNA Day Essay Contest >\$1000 (Feb)

<https://www.ashg.org/discover-genetics/k-12-education/dna-day/>

Americanism Essay Contest (\$1k-\$5k) Three for each grade) (Nov)

[https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events\\_and\\_Programs/7\\_12th\\_Grade\\_Essay\\_Contest/Web/Content/Essay\\_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a](https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a)

Apprentice Ecologist Scholarship >\$1750, ages 13-21(Dec)

[http://wildernessproject.org/volunteer\\_apprentice\\_ecologist.php](http://wildernessproject.org/volunteer_apprentice_ecologist.php)

A Voice for Animals Contest - (Essay, video, photo) March

<https://www.hennet.org/contest.php#contestrules>

Ayn Rand Institute essay contest >\$2k (May)

<https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#atlasshrugged-1>

Congressional Black Caucus Essay Contest - >\$1500, must reside in a CBC district (Feb)

<https://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships/>

The Don't Text and Drive Scholarship - Best 140-character message (Sep)  
<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship/>

In the Driver's Seat – Annual Scholarship Opportunity (3 Rounds, Jan-Nov)  
<https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/>

Josh Gibson Foundation Scholarship (Baseball Essay)(April)  
<https://www.joshgibson.org/educational> and <https://www.joshgibson.org/college-internship>

Optimist Clubs International Essay Contest >\$2500  
<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>

Profile in Courage Essay Contest \$100>\$10k (Jan)  
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest>

ServiceScape Scholarship – \$1k (Nov)  
<https://www.servicescape.com/scholarship>

We the Students Essay Contest (Dec-Apr) \$500>\$7500  
<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>

## **POSTER & VIDEO CONTESTS**

Courageous Persuaders Scholarships Video Contest (Check for updates)  
<http://www.courageouspersuaders.com/>

Lions International Peace Poster Contest  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>

## **MILITARY & GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Air Force ROTC Scholarships

<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>

Navy ROTC Scholarships

<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html>

National Guard Education Benefits

<https://www.nationalguard.com/education>

Army ROTC Scholarships

<https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html>

Army Scholarship Foundation (family of active duty or veterans)

<http://www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org>

Coast Guard Education Benefits

<https://www.gocoastguard.com/reserve-careers/officer-careers>

Federal Bureau of Investigation Internships

<https://www.fbijobs.gov/students>

Central Intelligence Agency Student Opportunities

<https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-programs/>

National Science Foundation Scholarships & Fellowships

<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

Military Scholars (Families of military)

<https://www.militaryscholar.org/>

## **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Assoc. of University Women

[http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)

Google Women Techmakers Scholars Program (formerly Anita Borg Scholarships)

<https://www.womentechmakers.com/scholars>

Jeanette Rankin Need-Based Grants/Scholarships (Women over 35)

<http://www.rankinfoundation.org/>

## **EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCES** (More can be found by contacting institutions directly)

The Princeton Summer Journalism Program (SJP)

<https://psjp.princeton.edu/about-program/faqs>

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

BELL Labs Fellowships for Underrepresented Minorities

<http://www.bell-labs.com/connect/opportunities/>

Davidson Fellow (Graduate-level) Scholarships (Early Feb)

<http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows-scholarship>

### **\*How to Report a Scholarship Scam**

If you encounter a scholarship scam, report it to the following law enforcement authorities. By reporting a scholarship scam in a timely manner, you may help save other students from becoming victims of scholarship scams. Report the scam to the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) at 1-800-654-7060 or visit [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org).

The NFIC shares information with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorney generals. You can also report the scam directly to the FTC by filing a complaint form or calling 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The FTC published an article about scholarship and financial aid scams, as well as an annual report to Congress about scholarship scams.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service considers scams sent by postal mail as mail fraud. You can report such scams using the Postal Crime Hotline online complaint form at [USPS.com](http://USPS.com), or by calling 1-877-876-2455 (say "fraud") or call 1-800-654-8896.

To report fraud involving federal student aid funds, such as FAFSA fraud rings, contact the Office of the Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Education by calling 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733) or filing a report using the OIG Hotline.

The College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-420) created enhanced penalties for scholarship fraud to encourage law enforcement to prosecute scholarship scams.

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