

MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND FINANCIAL AID FOR

MINORITY STUDENTS

EXPERT BIOS



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Paying for college can be tough for anyone. Tuition, room and board, parking, lab fees and other expenses put constant pressure on paychecks and set up students for years of lingering loans. According to the U.S. Department of Education, undergraduate students at four-year institutions paid an average of \$13,927 per year for tuition and fees in 2012.

For certain segments of the population, however, a number of unique opportunities exist to help defray these costs. Fortune 500s, state governments, advocacy groups and other entities with educational interests offer scholarships to students based on merit, need and/or personal characteristics. Microsoft's "Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship", for example, offers qualifying African-American high school seniors up to \$5,000 per year to complete their undergraduate education.

Student and faculty diversity at the college level is vital to the quality of higher education in the United States. That said, the purpose of this guidebook is two-fold:

1

To discuss, in detail, minority scholarships, grants and other financial aid available to African-American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, LGBTQ and female students.

2

To help minority students look for and land scholarships through resources and expert advice.

Before diving into scholarship information and resources, it's important to look at the continued diversification of post-secondary students in the United States.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that the number of 18-to-24-year-old African-American students enrolled in postsecondary education reached 32 percent in 2008. This was an increase from 1980 when just 20 percent of such students sought an education. Full-time African-American students also received the most financial aid among all minority groups, reports the NCES.

NATIVE AMERICANS

This ethnic group accounts for two-tenths of one percent of the entire U.S. population. Just 15 percent of Native American adults had a postsecondary degree as of 2008, and they were among the ethnic groups that received the least amount of funding, although still close to the other groups, from federal financial aid.

HISPANIC/LATINO AMERICANS

Eighty-five percent of these minority students received financial aid as of 2008, according to the NCES. Hispanic students, along with Asians/Pacific Islanders, had the greatest enrollment increases from 1976 to 2008, the 2010 NCES report shows, but just 13 percent of Hispanic adults had a bachelor's degree.

LGBTQ

Colleges across the country are increasing support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students. Although federal financial aid is not tracked for this group, progressive support is showing through in other ways. For example, more than 100 LGBTQ Centers now exist on college campuses.

ASIAN AMERICANS

The U.S. Census Bureau shows that of 2012, this group of minorities was the fastest growing in the U.S., increasing by 530,000 that year. They received the second highest amount of financial aid and, along with Hispanics, had greatest enrollment increases from 1976 to 2008.

FEMALES

Women account for justly slightly more than half of the population in the U.S., and their numbers have grown rapidly in education, too. Females are now earning more degrees than males, and, in 2008, African-American women obtained more than double the number of degrees as African-American men.

These minority groups can find many ideas in this resource-rich guide about applying for scholarships to help afford a college education. Remember that education does pay, and those with a college degree earn more over a lifetime than those without -- and this is true not just for minorities but also for all adults in the U.S.

Many different types of scholarships are available to minorities, LGBTQ, and women. These scholarships can be used as a supplement to financial aid or to assist students who are not eligible for federal or state financial aid. Minorities can receive more than one scholarship, so it may be worthwhile to investigate the different organizations having scholarships available. In this section, we take a look at scholarships offered through these groups, including charitable organizations, corporations, institutions, advocacy groups, government and professional associations. We can't cover them all, however, so look to our scholarship list for more ideas.



Charitable Organizations

From Ronald McDonald House Charities to the Jackie Robinson Foundation and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, charitable organizations are stepping up to the plate to advocate for the educational rights of minority groups. Recognizing that students of all races can succeed through support and recognition, these organizations speak volumes with their scholarship offerings, indicating they value diversity in education and the workplace. For example, since 1985, the Ronald McDonald House alone has offered \$52 million in scholarships through its local affiliates and global offices.

- Ronald McDonald House Charities provides three separate scholarship awards for students of African-American, Asian, or Hispanic race. These are denoted the RHMC/African American Future Achievers, RHMC/Asia and RHMC/HACER scholarships, respectively. Applicants must be high school seniors, have at least one parent of the specified heritage, and plan to attend school full-time at a two-year or four-year college.
- The Jackie Robinson Foundation offers four-year scholarships of up to \$7,500 each year to high-school seniors from a minority background that want to attend an accredited college or university. Recipients are invited to attend an annual four-day mentoring and leadership conference in New York City.
- The William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students provides fellowship opportunities in Washington D.C. with a stipend of approximately \$2,000 following completion. The opportunity is available to all students of color whether at the undergraduate or graduate level of education.

Corporate

Small and large companies alike have many scholarships available to minority students. These include Microsoft, Southwest, and Xerox and others, but students looking for resources outside of these can simply do a search on a company name along with the phrase 'minority scholarship' in the search box. Many times, these scholarships are available to minority dependents of workers at a company, but this is not always the case so don't give up on your search.

- The Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) Scholarship provides scholarships to minority high-school seniors who are interested in pursuing postsecondary education in technology. Applicants must be of African American, African, or Ethiopian descent and pursuing a four-year education in a field such as computer science, computer information systems, engineering, or accepted business programs.
- Southwest Airlines partners with many different organizations to make scholarships available to minority groups. These partners include the Latin American Education Foundation, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and the Hispanic National Bar Association. The website provides more details on partnerships and scholarships.

- Xerox provides a Technical Minority Scholarship ranging in award from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to students seeking a technical degree at the four-year level or above. Applicants must have a B average or better and be enrolled in school full time.

Institutional

Educational institutions have a vested interest in promoting diversity on their campuses and programs. Not only is diversity one ranking component in U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Colleges, but educators also recognize the inherent value that is brought through students of different backgrounds and perspectives. We list some institutional scholarships below, but more college and university-specific offerings can be found in our comprehensive scholarship list.

- The Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Ohio State University offers numerous scholarships to students from diverse backgrounds. These include the John S. Rosemond Memorial Scholarship for an African-American male student, the Latin Ladies Organization Scholarship for a student of Hispanic descent, the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Endowed Scholarship for any student of color, and many, many others.
- Tuskegee University offers its Minority Serving Institution Scholarship Reservation to a high-achieving high school senior or students already enrolled in an undergraduate program.
- The Yale School of Business Management offers an extensive number of scholarships to minority students interested in enrolling in its MBA program. These include three scholarships for students of either African-American or Hispanic descent as well as two scholarships specifically geared toward women.

Advocacy Group

Organizations including the National Association of Colored People, the Pride Foundation, and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund advocate for the advancement of minority groups and the establishment of equal opportunity. Advocacy groups like these may give substantially to scholarship programs, even partnering with corporations and businesses to increase opportunities. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, for example, has partnered with companies since 1975 and now offers more than 150 scholarships through partners like AT&G, Goya, Marathon Petroleum, Wells Fargo, and others. Below are three scholarships available from different advocacy groups, but you can find many more listed in our scholarship resource section.

- A long-time NAACP member in the San Francisco area who wished to support members of the NAACP in completing an education by establishing the Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship. Award amounts are \$2,000 to full-time students who are enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- More than 50 scholarships are available through the Pride Foundation to advance educational opportunities among LGBTQ students. The scholarship amounts and application criteria vary, but money is available for students interested in a college education in the arts and music, health and wellness, science and technology, social work, and many others.
- The Hispanic Scholarship Fund/Marathon Oil Scholarship Program offers up to \$15,000 in scholarship money to students who are of a minority heritage and majoring in a field like chemical engineering, geology or petroleum engineering. Selected recipients will be able to participate in an internship program at one of various Marathon Oil locations.

Government

From local to national government agencies, support for education is being provided to minority, LGBTQ and female students. Many of these governmental agencies understand the value of a diverse workforce, and believe their organizations should reflect the demographics of the people they serve. Particularly at the state and local level, government advocacy for educational opportunities may be strong as people work together to identify what can be done to promote education within their communities.

- The State of Indiana offers a minority teacher scholarship to student of African-American or Hispanic heritage who intend to teach in the state upon graduation.
- The Kansas Board of Regents provides a Kansas Minority Ethnic Scholarship to students who are of specified minority groups, in financial need, and have obtained at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- The Maryland Higher Commission has senatorial scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$10,100 to those who demonstrate financial need. Although not minority specific, general-based scholarships like this should not be discounted by minorities.

Professional Associations

Professional organizations are doing their part to become involved, too. By helping students from diverse backgrounds gain skills and knowledge in a specific academic field, they aid in the generation of new ideas and fresh perspectives. Another result, as pointed out by the American Anthropological Association, is that research can be targeted toward issues that concern minority and less-represented groups. Whether its architecture, anthropology, engineering, or yes, even meteorology, students can find scholarships and funding available from academic associations to put them on the path toward accomplishment. Below we provide several examples of association-backed scholarships, but be sure to look at our extensive list of minority scholarships further below to find more scholarship resources.

- The American Institute of Architects offers a Minority Disadvantaged Scholarship to students from a minority or financially disadvantaged background who plan to pursue a five-year professional accredited program in architecture. High school seniors, college freshman and community college students who plan to transfer to an NAAB accredited architecture program can apply.
- The American Anthropological Association has established a dissertation fellowship program to encourage students of minority backgrounds to complete doctoral level training in anthropology. The association makes on \$10,000 award annually available to a graduate-level student.
- The American Meteorological Scholarship Society provides funding to students who are traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, particularly African-American, Native American and Hispanic students. The \$3,000 two-year scholarships are funded from member donations into its 21st Century Campaign.

Minority, LGBTQ, and female students can look to many resources for scholarships. Of course, one of the quickest ways to find scholarships is to research online. Students looking to attend a particular school or already accepted into one can see what type of institutional scholarships are available. Church, civic, and dramatic arts organizations in the area a student lives may also provide scholarship opportunities. However, the fundamental premise behind finding a scholarship is to keep your nose close the ground, ask lots of questions, and do the required research.



Where to Look

Among the many resources available to students who are looking for scholarship opportunities are financial aid offices at community colleges and universities and online websites specializing in scholarship search. Below we list three resources to get your wheels turning. They are merely listed as examples, but could give you ideas on how to generate your own unique scholarship search.

- The Center for Student Diversity at the University of Nevada, Reno lists more than 30 scholarships that are available to minorities including those of color, women, LGBTQ, first-generation and more. A similar center of diversity at your school or college could also have resources.
- The Financial Aid office at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. has details for more than 20 scholarships listed on its website, including the Wilbur May Memorial Scholarships that are available to minority students. Financial aid offices will always have information on scholarships. These may not always be posted on the website, but most often are, even though you may need to call for more details.
- The website finaid.org allows students to do searches by ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, religious background, and more. Students who are left-handed, tall, and short or even have the last name 'Zolp' can also find scholarships available. Click on 'scholarships' on the left rail and then enter your search terms in the search box. However, many other scholarship search websites are available on the Internet, and it's just a matter of finding the one that works for you.
- The Human Rights Campaign, an organization committed to LGBTQ rights, lists partner organizations it offers scholarships with. Finding a foundation or association particularly geared at your ethnic background, degree field, sexual preference, or more can help you narrow down your search.

Who to Talk to

Outreach is an essential detail in identifying those scholarships that will be appropriate for you. Below are some ideas for finding those niche scholarships that may be fitting but remain undiscovered by you. The idea of this section is to encourage you to talk to people in your community while also searching for scholarships available through your school of choice and listed online.

- Your high school counselor should have their fingertips available on many different scholarships
- The financial aid personnel at your local community college or university should also be able to point you in the right direction
- Human resource staff at large local companies that that provide business services in your area of interest may have specialty scholarships available
- Administrative staff at your parent's or parents' place of business that can tell you about scholarships available through the company

Unique or Little-Known Sources

Many community organizations want to support rising high school graduates, particularly those who may be of minority background, in their endeavor for a college graduation. After all, the more students who head off to obtain an education, the more who can return to create an educated, vibrant community. Don't just take our word for it. Turn to your own arts community, county board, or local public school district to see what resources are available. In fact, many elementary schools now even offer scholarships to their former students who have grown up and are heading off to college. Here are some unique examples meant to get your wheels turning.

- The Diocese of North Carolina Episcopal Church Women offers scholarships to diocese women, age 23 or older, who seek continuing education courses, vocational training or any level of undergraduate education.
- Our True Colors of Hartford, Conn., which provides sexual minority youth and family services, lists a number of scholarships available to LGBTQ students.
- Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, Ill., provides scholarship money to area high school students through the Hispanic/Latino Coalition of Will and Grundy Counties.

HOW TO LAND A SCHOLARSHIP

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Many elements are essential in putting together an application and obtaining a scholarship. Among these are the ability to maintain a certain GPA (often at least a minimum 3.0 GPA, but sometime a 2.0 is acceptable), submission of test scores such as the PSAT, SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT and even the inclusion of an essay. Below we take a brief look at each of these areas, providing suggestions and resources for succeeding in each.



GPA

A GPA is a significant component for most scholarship applications. Although most of the scholarships included on their resource guide are not achievement based, a baseline GPA between 2.0 and 3.3 is typically expected. This simply shows a student is making some level of effort in their learning and has an investment in their education.

- The "Why is My GPA Important?" tip sheet provided through Texas A&M University gives numerous reasons for why students want to keep their GPA high and also explains how to calculate a GPA.
- The article on Possibility U called "How to Calculate Your 'Real' High School GPA" suggests that how your achievement scores compare to those of others is more important than your actual high school GPA.
- Once in college, if your GPA is not maintained, you could be placed on academic probation, and, as CareerBuilder notes, many employers use a minimum 3.0 GPA as an acceptable guideline for hiring.

Test Scores

There are many different test score types that a student may be asked to submit with a scholarship application. These include scores for the Pre-Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT); Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT); the American College Test (ACT); Graduate Record of Examination (GRE); and Graduate Management Admissions Test. Briefly, the PSAT is a preliminary test for the SAT and gauges critical reading, math solving and writing skills. Students who do well on this test may become eligible for the National Merit Scholarship. The SAT is the most widely used college-admissions aptitude test and now has a national student test average of 1500, according to the Princeton Review. The ACT tests student achievement in five areas. The GRE is a general test to gauge applicants' readiness for graduate education and the GMAT looks at preparation for a business school program.

- The College Board explains how the PSAT is used to gauge qualification for the National Merit Scholarship. Students who do well may enter the scholarship competition in their junior year of high school.
- An article on actstudent.org takes a brief look at the difference between the ACT and SAT, which students may want to understand before applying to college or for a scholarship.
- The Princeton Review provides details about the ACT, which now has a national test score average between 20 and 21, and why is important for college entrance. Some scholarships will allow students to submit either their SAT or ACT.
- GRE scores or GMAT scores will be applicable when students are seeking scholarships for graduate education. The Kaplan Test site provides an article called "What is a Good GRE Score?" that may interest students seeking a graduate-level scholarship.

Extracurricular Activities

Many scholarship applications require evidence that students are engaged in extracurricular activities or their community or demonstrate some level of leadership. These types of details show that a student is well-rounded and has reached a certain level of motivation. Don't take our word for it, though. Below we provide a list of additional sources explaining why these activities are so important.

- Extracurricular activities show additional dimensions of a student that test scores do not reveal, The College Board points out.
- Scholarships.com says that extracurricular activities can "translate" into scholarships and, additionally, activity and group leaders can be sought to write compelling reference letters.
- Extracurricular activities teach students values, such as "teamwork, individual and group responsibility, physical strength and endurance, competition, diversity, and a sense of culture and community," according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Essays

Some scholarship applications seek essays to help judges gain a fuller picture of a student and to understand why they may be a top candidate for an award. Often, these essays ask students to talk about their college and career goals, but at other times seek a student response on a specific essay topic. Put your best foot forward when writing an essay and be sure to have someone proof it before submitting with your scholarship application.

- U.S. News & World Report published a piece called "4 Ways to Make Your Scholarship Essay Stand Out", which includes the suggestion to start early on your essay and make it "personal and passionate."
- The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at San Diego State University has four sample scholarships essays that students can read through on its site. One of these essays focuses on a student's move from Mexico to the U.S. with their family.

- An article called "Tips for Scholarship Applications and Personal Essays" suggests that students make a list of their accomplishments and their extracurricular activities before they start writing.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters from a professor, coach, or activity leader can make you shine in a positive light. They can tell things about you that you might never say about yourself or point out attributes you never thought worthwhile to mention. Since most scholarships only seek one to three letters of recommendation, it's important to sit down and think about whom you might want to ask.

- Finaid.org provides several tips for obtaining good letters of recommendation. These include picking people who can write letters relevant to your goals.
- U.S. News & World Report suggests that you should start the process early, giving people plenty of time to write a letter so that you will not be turned down.
- Provide a person with detailed information about yourself so that they can write an effective letter of recommendation, the Office of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Utah suggests.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Scholarships are just one way that minority, LGBTQ, and female students can look for college funding opportunities. But what is a grant anyway, and just how does that other thing, a fellowship, work? The Student Loan Finance Corporation defines a grant as:

“A type of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Generally, grants are for undergraduate students, and the grant amount is based on need, cost of attendance, and enrollment status.” Cornell University Graduate School defines a fellowship as "an arrangement in which financial support is given to a graduate student to pursue his or her degree without any obligation on the part of the student to engage in teaching and/or research in furtherance of the university's academic mission.



Of course, many different types of grants and fellowship are available to minority students and below we take a look at a few of each.

Grants

One of the most well-known grants is the Pell Grant, which is available to assist students from low-income families. Minority students may be eligible for the Pell Grant, which does not have to be re-paid, but has a maximum amount offering that changes each year, and is \$5,645 for the 2013-2014 year. Grants are also available to support research, projects and the development of programming, any of which can be a part of the work on a graduate degree.

- The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, Inc. provides support to faculty fellows and graduate students through funding with grants, partnerships, and additional programming.
- The American Association of University Women provided more than \$3.7 million in grant and fellowship funding for females and non-profit organizations in 2013-2014. Career development, community action and international project grants are available.
- The Institute for LGBTQ Studies has small grant opportunities available to support interdisciplinary research studies and programming, particularly as related to LGBTQ health and well-being.

Fellowships

Fellowships can be the backbone for many students continuing their upper-level education. Of course, graduate level training is more expensive per credit hour than at the undergraduate level and a master's degree can be required in many fields just to be able to obtain work. A fellowship can be key to many minority students.

- The National Science Foundation makes fellowships available to all qualified students, and strongly encourages women and minorities to apply. Fellowships are available in areas such as chemistry, the life sciences, psychology, and many others.
- The Provost Diversity Fellowship at Cornell University is available to students who are one or more of the following: a student of minority descent, a first-generation college student, or a single parent.
- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force provides information on two fellowships that are available to LGBTQ students, including the Academy for Leadership and Action Fellowship and Holley Law Fellowship.

FINANCIAL AID FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

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Minority students may have unexpected barriers to cross when looking for information on financial aid. At a very fundamental level, this can mean students who speak another language need to hunt down translations of official documents or instructions in their native language. Having access to needed translation tools may be particularly important for Hispanics who are now the largest minority group in the U.S., comprising 16.9 percent of the population (for 53.4 million Hispanics), according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Of course, once in school, these students can turn to an office of minority affairs or diversity on campus to seek additional support.



- The U.S. Department of Education website provides instructions for filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid entirely in Spanish, tips to prepare for college, and a link to begin work on the FAFSA form.
- Worried about whether your residency status will affect your opportunities for federal aid? This U.S. Department of Education website addresses the question of qualification, including whether non-U.S. residents within the U.S are eligible for financial aid.
- The National Immigration Law Center provides details about in-state tuition for undocumented immigrant students, which could provide substantial savings to these minority students. For example, 16 states now have laws allowing undocumented education seekers to pay in-state tuition if they attended and graduated from the state's primary and secondary schools.
- Being knowledgeable is important to making sure you receive the best financial help for your education. Minority students may want to keep tabs on the federal legislation called The Dream Act, which would allow states to offered financial aid to undocumented students. A similar act was passed through the senate in Washington State in February 2014.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS BY MINORITY AND SUBJECT



Students want access to scholarships at their fingertips. After all, they are busy, and looking for the right kinds of scholarships and filling out applications is time consuming. We've compiled a list of 100 minority scholarships below, which are sortable by subject area and award amount. Minorities, LGBTQ, and female students will all find scholarship leads that could be applicable to them. Short details are offered about each scholarship, but by clicking on the associated URL, students will discover more guidelines specified for application.

SCHOLARSHIP URL	AWARDING ORGANIZATION	TYPE	AWARD AMOUNT
100 Black Men of America's Future Leader Scholarship	100 Black Men of America, Inc.	Any College Degree	\$1,000 to \$2,000

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is offered to qualified male students each year who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program or to high school students who will be enrolled as first-year students. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and have done 50 hours of active community service during the previous 12 months. As well, they must submit a 600-word essay as part of their application packet.

ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund	American Bar Association	Law School	\$15,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Twenty incoming law students receive \$5,000 annually over three years of law school to support diversity in the profession by helping students of diversity afford the expensive cost of law school.

ACS Scholars Program	American Chemical Society	Chemistry	Up to \$5,000 per year
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

African American, American Indian and Hispanic high school students or college freshmen, sophomores, or juniors completing a chemical sciences or chemical technology degree can apply. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA in chemistry or the sciences to qualify. Scholarships can be renewed.

Advisors of American Scholarship	Hmong American Education Fund	Any College Degree	\$500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants of Hmong descent can apply for this non-renewable scholarship. Requirements include the applicant be a high school senior or GED holder who has been accepted into a two-year or four-year program and that has at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Applicants must also submit a 1,500-word essay and demonstrate financial need or hardship.

AGI Minority Geoscience Student Scholarship	American Geological Institute	Other	Not Indicated
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Candidates for this scholarship must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program and be of Black, Hispanic, or Native American descent. The latter includes American Indian, Eskimo, Hawaiian, and Samoan applicants. Students should be studying geosciences or a related field such as geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, meteorology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth science. Students of other natural science programs are not eligible.

Ahmanson Foundation Scholarship 2013

United Negro College Fund

Any College Degree

Up to \$5,000

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students attending a UNCF-affiliated college in the greater Los Angeles are eligible to apply. Scholarship guidelines require candidates to have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Recipients who have received this scholarship in the past must re-apply for consideration.

AIChE Minority Scholarship AwardAmerican Institute of Chemical
Engineers

Chemistry

\$1,000 per student

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Up to 10 incoming college freshmen who are minority students receive this scholarship each year. Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to start a science or engineering degree, with preference given to those students who plan to pursue a four year chemical engineering degree.

AICPA Scholarship

American Institute of CPAs

Accounting

Up to \$5,000 per
year**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Created in 1969, this scholarship is intended to promote diversity in the accounting field. The application process includes submitting two rounds of materials, and selected students must complete eight hours of community service each semester.

Allison E. Fisher ScholarshipNational Association of Black
JournalistsJournalism or
Communications

\$2,500

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Requirements for this scholarship include at least a 3.0 GPA and pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree in journalism or a communications field. Applicants must have a record of community service and respond to an essay topic. The scholarship was set up in honor of a 28-year-old African American journalist who lost a battle to breast cancer.

Alphonso Deal Scholarship AwardNational Association of Black
JournalistsLaw Enforcement or a
Related Field

\$500

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to a male or female student who wants to pursue education at a two-year college or university and study law enforcement or a related program. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA, a recommendation from a school administrator or counselor, and be of good moral character.

American Dental Association Scholarships

American Society of

Dental

\$2,500

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The American Dental Association offers 25 dental awards to minority students through its Underrepresented Minority Scholarship. These are allotted in amounts of \$2,500 each, for a total of \$62,500 given annually.

Anthony A. Welmas Scholarship

American Indian College Fund

Any College Degree

\$1,000

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants must be pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited public school or a tribal college or university and be of Native American or Alaskan Indian heritage and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

APALA Scholarship	Asian Pacific American Libraries Association	Library or Information Science	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of Asian or Pacific background who have been accepted into a master's or doctoral level program in the library science or information science can apply. They must be an APALA member and be willing to serve on the APALA scholarship committee the following year.

APIASF/BBCN Bank Scholarship	Asia & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund/BBCN Bank	Any College Degree	One time \$2,500 award.
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants must be of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage, and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Scholarships are given to first-year students in a two-year or four-year degree program who are residents of selected counties within California, New York, New Jersey, Washington and others states.

APIASF/Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship	Asia & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund/Coca-Cola	Any College Degree	One time \$2,500 award
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Scholarship awards are available to first year students enrolled full-time in a degree seeking program who are of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage and the first in their immediate family to seek a college degree.

APIASF/FedEx Scholarship	Asia & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund/FedEx	Any College Degree	Four-year scholarship at \$2,500 a year.
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Asian and Pacific Islander students can apply for this scholarship as long as they have a minimum 3.0 GPA and will be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program in the upcoming year.

Arizona Public Service Navajo Scholars Program	American Indian College Fund	Any College Degree	Up to \$8,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Any Navajo Nation student maintaining at least a 2.8 GPA and interested in attending either Dine College or Navajo Technical College can apply. Applicants must be pursuing a STEM field and participate in a leadership conference.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund	OCA National Center	Any College Degree	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of Asian or Pacific Island descent can apply for this scholarship. They must have maintained a 3.0 GPA in high school, and be a first-year student in a postsecondary institution in the fall.

Asian & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund/AT&T Scholarship	Asia & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund/AT&T	Any College Degree	One time \$2,500 award
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarships is available to a first-year student enrolled in a four-year degree-seeking program. Applicants must be Pacific Islanders or of Asisan ethnicity and have a cumulative 2.7 GPA or GED.

Asian Pacific Islander Organization Scholarships	Asian Pacific Islander Organization Scholarships	Agriculture	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in agriculture, the natural sciences,, computer science or engineering are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

AT&T Foundation Scholarship	United Negro College Fund	Business or Engineering	\$1,500 to \$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

African-American students who are dependents of AT&T employees and its subsidiaries can apply for this scholarship award, although dependents of senior managers and officers are not eligible. Applicants can be high school seniors or students already enrolled in a two-year or four-year program and that have maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund College Scholarship	Asian Pacific Fund	Multiple Subject Areas	\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to applicants who are of at least 50 percent Filipino heritage and will be incoming students pursuing a degree in engineering, mathematics, computer science, environmental or physical science. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate financial need, and be from certain listed counties within California.

Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship	Microsoft	Multiple Subject Areas	\$5,000 for up to four years
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

African-American high school seniors who have at least a 3.3 GPA may qualify for this Microsoft scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled in a four-year program and plan to work on a degree in one of the following areas: engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or business. The latter includes finance, business administration, or marketing. Applicants must be in need of financial assistance and also demonstrate leadership skills.

Boeing IET Minority Enhancement Scholarship	Central Washington University	Industrial Technology Engineering	To Be Determined
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship requires applicants to be a member of an underrepresented minority group, enrolled full-time at Central Washington University, and have a declared major of industrial technology engineering.

Boots & Ray Reed Scholarship	PFLAG Phoenix	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to any gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender student, or any straight student that has provided outstanding LGBT support, who lives in Phoenix, and attends or plans to attend an institution of higher learning.

Carole Simpson Scholarship	National Association of Black Journalists	Journalism or Communications	\$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in journalism or communications with an emphasis in broadcast may qualify for this scholarship. They must have a 2.5 GPA and respond to a given essay topic and should have career goals for working in broadcast news.

Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship	U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce	Any College Degree	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants must be of Asian Pacific Islander descent and be a senior in high school with a 3.3 GPA to be eligible for this scholarship. Students must also show leadership and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Diamond Wipes Scholarship	Diamond Wipes/Asian Pacific Community Fund	Other	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Economically-disadvantaged students from Los Angeles or nearby areas can apply for this scholarship as long as they seek a degree in an approved major, such as business management, statistics, or web design, and plan to attend Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Fullerton, or Cal State San Bernardino.

Dowers Family Scholarship	PFLAG Phoenix	Any College Degree	\$1,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Any gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender student enrolled or planning to enroll in a postsecondary institution is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Erie Insurance Scholarship	United Negro College Fund	Multiple Subject Areas	Up to \$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students attending a UNCF school in the states of North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Virginia may meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship. They also must be a full-time sophomore, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be majoring in mathematics, business, communications, MIS/Information or insurance/risk management.

Esperanza Scholarship	New York Women in Communications	Other	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

New York Women in Communications offer 15-20 scholarships to students seeking communication careers with its Esperanza Scholarship specifically geared toward an Hispanic student seeking financial support.

Eugene Moore Memorial Scholarships	PFLAG Tucson	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Any gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender student who has been accepted into an institution of higher learning can apply for this scholarship.

Frederick and Demi Seguritan Scholarship	Asian Pacific Fund	Any College Degree	\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

First-generation Asian American students can apply for this scholarship as long as they are enrolled in a four-year college or university program. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA, have a passion for business, and be from one of several listed counties within California.

Gamma Mu Foundation Scholarship	Gamma Mu Foundation	Any College Degree	\$1,500-\$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Gay men under the age of 35 who have demonstrated leadership abilities within the gay community can apply for this scholarship. Applicants may be gauged on financial need, community engagement, extracurricular activities, and more.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Multiple Subject Areas	Not Indicated
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship was created in 1999 to provide African American, Hispanic, Native American and Pacific Islander American students the ability to complete an undergraduate program in any subject area. Eligibility requirements include a minimum 3.3 high school GPA and demonstration of leadership abilities.

GE Funds LULAC Scholarship Program	League of United Latin American Citizens	Business or Engineering	\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of any minority background can apply for this scholarship as long as they are sophomores through seniors in college. The scholarship has been developed to help minority students in completing their education particularly if they want to pursue a career in business or engineering.

Generation Google Scholarship	Google	Computer Science or Computer Engineering	
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants must be enrolled in a undergraduate or graduate program, demonstrate a passion for computer science and technology, be a high academic achiever, and be of an underrepresented heritage, including African American, Native American, Hispanic, or female

George Choy Memorial / Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) Scholarship	Gay Asian Pacific Alliance	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender Asian or Pacific Americans can apply for this scholarship award as long as they plan to attend or are enrolled in a postsecondary education program. The scholarship is named after an activist who supported gay rights in the San Francisco area.

Golden Gate Section Scholarship of the Society of Women Engineers	Society of Women Engineers	Multiple Subject Areas	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Female high school seniors pursuing a four-year degree in the areas of engineering, computer science, physical science or mathematics are eligible to apply. Applicants must live within San Francisco or surrounding areas and will be judged on extracurricular activities, scholastic achievement and an essay they submit.

Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship	Google	Technology	\$10,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Female undergraduate and graduate students majoring in technology can apply for this award. Recipients will be selected based upon their academic strengths and demonstration of leadership.

Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship	American Geosciences Institute	Geosciences	\$5,000 per year
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Women seeking a master's or doctoral degree in the geosciences are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must be entering or enrolled in a graduate program, and, if awarded the scholarship, can seek renewal for a second year.

Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarships	Hawaii Community Foundation	Not specified	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hawaiian students hoping to attend a postsecondary institution of any type can seek funding through the Hawaii Community Foundation. The organization gave \$4 million in funding to deserving students in 2013.

HSF/AT&T Foundation Scholarship	Hispanic Scholarship Fund	Any College Degree	\$1,500-\$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hispanic dependents of AT&T employees can apply for this scholarship to use for a two-year or four-year college education. Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA, must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited institution and be younger than 26 years of age.

HSF/Marathon Oil Scholarship	Hispanic Scholarship Fund	Other	Up to \$15,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students who are of minority background and a sophomore in college are eligible to apply for this award. They must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be pursuing an education in a field such as accounting, chemical engineering, computer engineering, or other field that is specified.

HSF/VAMOS Scholarship	Hispanic Scholarship Fund	Any College Degree	\$3,000-\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

High school seniors with an Hispanic heritage can apply for this scholarship as long as they are from Cameron, Hidalgo, or Starr counties in Texas. They must plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited U.S. institution, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and be eligible for the Pell Grant.

Hsiao Memorial Economics Scholarship	Asian Pacific Fund	Economics	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students who are of at least 50 percent Asian heritage and pursuing a graduate degree in economics can apply. Eligibility requirements include at least a 3.0 GPA and financial need. Preference will be given to students of Chinese descent and those wanting to teach or do research.

Institute of Management Accountants Scholarship	Institute of Management Accountants	Accounting	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to women who are working toward a bachelor's degree in accounting. Scholarship recipients will also receive a one-year student membership to the AMA as well as funding for Part 1 and 2 Certified Management Accountant exam registrations, valued at approximately \$380

Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship	Daughters of the American Revolution	Psychiatric Nursing	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Preference is given to female applicants, when fully qualified, for this scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate level program in psychiatric nursing and seek scholarship renewal as long as they maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Islamic Scholarship Fund Scholarships	Islamic Scholarship Fund	List of Approved Degrees	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Numerous scholarship are available to Muslims or active members of the Muslim community. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA to qualify, be enrolled in an ISF-approved major and enrolled in an accredited university.

Jack Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarship Fund	The Miami Foundation	Business	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants need to be of African-American heritage, be enrolled in a graduate business degree program in a south Florida university and plan to pursue a career located in south Florida. They also need to submit a one-page essay and be a south Florida resident.

Japanese American Citizen League Scholarships	Japanese American League	Multiple Subject Areas	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Japanese American Citizens League has provided over \$70,000 in scholarships to students nationwide. Applicants must be enrolled members of JACL and can be pursuing education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund	Jeannette Ranking Foundation	Multiple Subject Areas	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Females applying for this scholarship must be 35 or older, considered low income and pursuing a technical or vocational education or associate or bachelor's degree. Selection will be based in part on applicants' goals and how they plan to give back to their community.

Judy Mann DiStefano Memorial Scholarship	Oregon State University	Womens Studies	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Undergraduate or graduate students in women studies at Oregon State University can apply for this scholarship. Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, commitment to feminist ideals, community activism and financial need.

Kay Longcope Scholarship Program	The Association of LGBT Journalists	Journalism	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

LGBT students of color who are committed to pursuing an education in journalism can apply. The scholarship was named in honor of the co-founder of the Texas Triangle, an LGBT newspaper in Texas.

Lapiz Family Scholarship	Asian Pacific Fund	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to any farm worker or child of a farm or migrant worker who is an incoming student or a current full-time student at a University of California school, with preference given to Davis and Santa Cruz applicants. Students of any ethnic or racial background can apply and

League Foundation Student Scholarship	The League Foundation	Any College Degree	\$1,500 -\$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Any LGBT student interested in postsecondary education can apply for this scholarship, which is supported by The League Foundation. The foundation has awarded nearly 100 scholarships, and students can be pursuing vocational training or a college or university education.

LGBT Heart Scholarship	LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals	Health Sciences	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

LGBT students who are pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in the health sciences and have a demonstrated record of excellence in the health science field and LGBT community are eligible to apply.

Mackey–Byars Scholarship for Communication Excellence	University of North Carolina	Journalism or Mass Communications	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship for UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication students is primarily available to applicants who are minorities or disadvantaged. The scholarship is named after two graduates of the school.

MALDEF Law School Scholarship	MALDEN	Law School	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Law students interested in expanding the civil rights of Latinos are invited to apply for this scholarship program. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited law school, and submit a 750 word of essay talking about their accomplishments and contributions to the Latino community.

Margaret R. Brewster Scholarship	Society of Women Engineers	Engineering or Computer Science	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Female high school seniors who reside in the Twin Tiers section (primarily in New York) of the Society of Women Engineers are eligible for this scholarship award. The female must be accepted into or enrolled in a engineering or computer science degree at an accredited university as defined by the SWE.

Maria Elena Yuchengco Memorial Journalism Scholarship	Asian Pacific Fund	Journalism	\$1,000-\$3,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Incoming freshman or current undergraduate students who are at least 50 percent Filipino and seeking a journalism degree are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA, reside in the San Francisco Bay area, and be enrolled or plan to enroll full time.

Marsha D. Roberts Scholarship	United Negro College Fund	Medicine	\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants for this scholarship must be of African American, American Indian, Alaskan Indian, Pacific Islander or Hispanic descent and attending a four-year school in California full-time. Candidates must be juniors or seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are majoring in biochemistry, physics, biomedical engineering, microbiology, chemistry, pre-medicine, biology, or the biological sciences.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program	Mutual of Omaha and the Interdenominational Ministerial	Any College Degree	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of African-American descent must explain in an essay how they are following the values of Martin Luther King, Jr. They must live within the Omaha area and attend a vocational school or college institution.

Michael Jackson Scholarship for the Communication Arts	United Negro College Fund	Multiple Subject Areas	Up to \$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants to this scholarship must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be attending a UNCF-affiliated college. Students can be of undergraduate or graduate standing and should be majoring in one of the following: vocal performance, visual arts, mass communications, communications, performing arts, music, art, fine arts, or theater arts/drama.

Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship	DePaul University	Multiple Subject Areas	\$6,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Minority students attending DePaul University and in the upper part of an undergraduate degree or pursuing a graduate degree in government accounting, public administration, political science, or other related fields can apply.

Minorities in Government Scholarship	Government Finance Officers Association	Multiple Subject Areas	\$6,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students must be of a minority ethnic group and working in the upper levels of their undergraduate degree or on a graduate degree in areas that include public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration.

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship	Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.	Education	\$4,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of color must be in their junior year of college, a resident of Florida, and attending one of the prescribed schools to be eligible for this scholarship. Recipients must attend a teacher recruitment and retention symposium sponsored by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.

MnACC Student of Color Scholarship	Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color	Other	\$500 to \$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants to this scholarship must be a student of color and a graduate of a Minnesota high school entering as a first-year student to an MnACC institution. A 500-word essay on one of several given topics is also part of the application process.

Monsignor Philip Kenney Scholarship	New Hampshire Charitable Foundation	Any College Degree	\$500-\$2,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hispanic or minority students who are attending a two-year or four-year[school are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The award is named after a Catholic priest who had a commitment to civil rights for more than six decades.

Mothers Pursuing Dreams	Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Psi Chapter	Any College Degree	\$250 per semester
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Unwed mothers between the ages of 18 and 30 can apply for this scholarship to help them complete an education at a trade school, two-year institution, college or university. They must write a short autobiographical essay with their application and maintain a 2.0 GPA while in school.

Mutual of Omaha Actuarial Scholarship for Minority Students	Mutual of Omaha	Actuarial or Math-Related Degree	\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship award is paid in equal increments over the school year and available to students of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, or Alaskan Eskimo descent. Applicants must already be enrolled in an undergraduate program and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

NACME Scholarships	National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering	Engineering	Varies
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering partners with organizations and institutions to make scholarships available to minority students. The organization has awarded more than \$124 million in scholarship funding and programming to assist 24,000 minority students.

Nashville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship	Nashville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	Other	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Graduating high school seniors who are minority male students can apply for this scholarship. The applicants must have a C+ average or above, be enrolling in a four-year degree program, and attend school within Metro-Davidson County.

National Association of Hispanic Journalists Scholarship	National Association of Hispanic Journalists	Journalism	\$1,000-\$4,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This association has a variety of scholarships available to students pursuing a degree in journalism especially as focused in English or Spanish language media or both. NAHJ has awarded more than \$1.6 million in scholarship funds since 1988.

Palantir Scholarship for Women in Technology	Palantir	Technology	\$1,500 to \$10,00
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is for women interested in pursuing a computer science degree. Recipients also fly out to Palo Alto to work with female employees during a two-day workshop at the company.

PFLAG National Scholarship	National PFLAG	Any College Degree	\$1,000-\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Any gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender student, or ally of the LGBT community, can apply for this scholarship as long as they will be a first-year student in a postsecondary program and have showed an interest in serving the LGBT community.

Point Foundation Scholarships	Point Foundation	Varies	Varies
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

LGBTQ students looking for scholarship opportunities can turn to the Point Foundation to find at least 25 available. The scholarships listed on its site are available due to partnerships with organizations that include Estee Lauder, HBO, Johnson & Johnson, and others.

Pride Foundation Scholarships	Pride Foundation	Varies	Varies
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Pride Foundation has more than 50 scholarships available for LGBTQ students. The same application, which is used for all of the scholarships, can be found on the organization's website. Scholarships are available for many different subject areas.

NACME Scholarships	National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering	Engineering	Varies
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering partners with organizations and institutions to make scholarships available to minority students. The organization has awarded more than \$124 million in scholarship funding and programming to assist 24,000 minority students.

Quincy Sharpe Mills Scholarships	University of North Carolina	Journalism or Mass Communications	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship at UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication was established in memory of a journalist in France who died during World War I. Preference is given to minority and disadvantaged students.

Rising Star Scholarship	Star and Crescent Society	Any College Degree	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Muslim women who have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA and are active in their North Carolina community are eligible for this award.

Samuel Schulman Memorial Scholarship	National Council of Jewish Women-Los Angeles	Any College Degree	Two payments of \$500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Single mothers who are entering or continuing in an accredited college program are eligible for this scholarship. The applicant must be working toward obtaining an economic skill that will be useful in reaching economic self-sufficiency.

Sia Yang Memorial Scholarship	Hmong American Education Fund	Any College Degree	\$500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students of Hmong descent who have lost a parent or both parents to death can apply for this scholarship. Applicants must be attending a two-year, four-year or graduate level program, and show outstanding academic achievement. A 1,500-word essay is also required as part of the scholarship application.

Simmons Scholarship for Unitarian Universalist Women	Unitarian Universalist Association	Not specified	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Female students in their first year of education at Simmons College, a private college for women in Boston, can apply for this scholarship. The scholarship may be renewable for up to three more years.

Sisters in Solidary to Educate, Respond and Serve Scholarship	Sisters in Solidary to Educate, Respond and Serve	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Three scholarships are awarded to Muslim women within the Washington D.C. community who are civically engaged and have academically achieved. One award each will be given to a high school senior, undergraduate student and graduate student.

Society of Women Engineers Lehigh Valley Section Scholarship	Society of Women Engineers	Engineering	Up to \$10,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Females graduating from high school and living within specific zip codes in Pennsylvania are encouraged to apply. Women must be entering as a freshman into an engineering program at an engineering school or university. Activities, leadership, teamwork, and a written essay constitute the judging

Sophie Greenstadt Scholarship for Mid-Life Women	National Council of Jewish Women-Los Angeles	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to women 35 years of age or older who will achieve economic independence through an education at California State University at Long Beach. The applicant can either be single or married and with or without children, but should be returning to school to pursue a marketable skill.

South Asian Journalist Association Scholarship	South Asian Journalist Association	Journalism	\$2,500-\$5,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students who are a high school senior or undergraduate or graduate student can apply for this scholarship. More than a dozen recipients received scholarship awards in 2013.

South Ohio Science Fair Scholarship	Society of Women Engineers	Engineering	\$250
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

High school senior females who have participated in the Ohio District Science Fairs in the south Ohio section can apply for this scholarship that can be used to pursue an engineering or related degree. Consideration for the award is automatic once girls progress from their high school science fair to a

Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund	American Indian College Fund	Any College Degree	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Native Americans or Alaskan Indians can apply for this scholarship, but must be attending graduate school and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

TCU Scholarship Program	American Indian College Fund	Any College Degree	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Native Americans or Alaska Natives who have enrolled in a tribal college or university and maintained at least a 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Applicants must be a member of a federal or state recognized tribe or be the descendant or a grandparent or parent with such membership.

The Dodell Women's Empowerment Scholarship	National Council of Jewish Women-Los Angeles	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is available to any woman, age 35 or order, who is re-entering or starting college to be able to attain economic self-sufficiency. The applicant can be single or married and have children or be without.

Tony and Cindi Williams Political Science Scholarship	Oregon State University	Political Science	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Undergraduate females majoring in political science at Oregon State University are eligible for this scholarship. They must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be a graduate of an Oregon high school. They should have plans to complete an internship in public service or express an interest to do so and be supportive of conservative causes.

United Way EMS Minority Scholarship	United Way	Emergency Health Career	Not specified
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students from minority backgrounds or women who live in Michigan can apply for this scholarship as long as they have maintained a 2.0 GPA and are interested in pursuing an EMS career.

University of Connecticut Actuarial Diversity Scholarship	University of Connecticut	Actuarial Science	\$5,000 annual award for four years
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The UConn Actuarial Science Program promotes diversity by providing this scholarship to a student of African American, Native American or Hispanic heritage who will be entering the program at the school. Applicants must demonstrate leadership ability, extracurricular involvement, and academic achievement.

Vine Deloria Jr. Memorial Scholarship	American Indian College Fund	Any College Degree	\$1,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A Native American or Alaskan Indian pursuing a graduate-level degree can apply for this scholarship, but also must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Wally Davis Scholarship	Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County	Other	\$10,000 each
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hispanic law students from Orange County are eligible for this award with priority given to students with significant community ties. The scholarship is named of one of the first Hispanic attorneys to work in Orange County.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	New York Urban League	Any College Degree	\$1,500-\$3,500
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Applicants must be New York City residents and of African-American, Native American or Hispanic descent. They must show leadership skills, demonstrate a commitment to community service or extracurricular activity, and be pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree.

William Randolph Hearst Scholarship for Minorities	The Aspen Institute	Humanities	\$2,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Only students of color only can apply for this scholarship available at Middlebury College in Vermont. Students must study the humanities or public service at the undergraduate or graduate level and will need to do an internship as part of the acceptance of the scholarship funds.

William Randolph Hearst Scholarship for Minorities	The Aspen Institute	Humanities	\$2,000-\$4,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Students from underrepresented background can apply for this scholarship available at the University of California at Irvine. Students must be high achieving, show leadership skills, and demonstrate financial need. All scholarship recipients must complete an internship at the Washington, D.C. office of The Aspen Institute.

Worldstudio Foundation AIGA Scholarships	World Studio, Inc.	Art and Design	\$2,000-\$3,000
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

To help promote diversity within the creative professions and to create a more socially responsibly world, World Studio Inc., offers scholarships to students primarily of color or low-income background who are pursuing education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

It's hard to determine the exact number of scholarships available to minorities in the U.S., and, as findaid.org points out, some organizations double-count their scholarships or have slightly different meanings of what a 'scholarship' is. Nonetheless, scholarships can help minority students decrease their college debt after graduation and discover a more affordable education as they work their way through. Keep in mind that students can apply for many different scholarships, and that receiving several scholarship awards can offset college costs and help students on their path to a degree.