10 Ways to Make Your Scholarship Essay Stand Out

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A personal, passionate essay can help students earn scholarship dollars.

It's not easy to separate your scholarship application from the crowd. After all, even if you fit the criteria to a "T," you're still likely to be one of a number of applicants with similar grades, goals, activities, and aspirations. That's where a great application essay comes in. The essay is your best chance to make the case for why you should receive the scholarship; it helps the scholarship provider learn about the person behind the application, and gives them a much more detailed look at your school and home life.

If you use them right, those few paragraphs can help your application stand out—and could mean the difference between getting a "thanks for applying" E-mail and an award check.

1. **Plan far in advance:** You can also avoid the "one-size-fits-all" essay by getting an early start on each application. Begin your research and planning a week or so before you think you should, and you'll be able to take enough time to turn out something great. This will also give you time to craft an outline, which can help your essay stay concise and on target. Think of two or three main points you want to make in response to the essay question, add some supporting information under each of them, and consider a sentence or two of introduction and conclusion. Before you know it, you'll have built the structure and thesis of your essay, and you won't have to rush to write it.

2. Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing. **Make it personal and passionate:** When you do start writing, don't forget that the main purpose of your essay is to convince the scholarship provider that you're the student they've been looking for. Answer the questions you've set out in your outline, but make sure every point you make is illustrated with a specific detail that shows you care about the subject.

3. **Know your audience:** Although we're looking at scholarship essays as a whole, it's important to realize that every scholarship provider is looking for a specific student who meets unique criteria. When you get your application, look closely at the questions, the organization giving the scholarship, and any past recipients you can find. Are they emphasizing classroom performance? Looking for someone who's dealt with adversity at home? Interested in character or community service more than grades? Whatever the answer, your research will put you a step ahead of applicants who are copying and pasting "one-size-fits-all" essays.

4. Begin the writing process by **writing an outline.** Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing

5. Make sure your **outline touches on every aspect required per the instructions.**

6. **Write your essay by elaborating on each of the points in your outline.**

7. **Use clear, concise and simple language** throughout the essay. Make sure your **grammar and spelling are impeccable (correct).**

8. **State your accomplishments** without coming across as if you are bragging. Putting your unique interests and perspectives on the page will go a very long way toward creating a memorable essay.

9. **Re-read the question** and then read your essay to be certain that the essay addresses every point.

10. **Find an editor:** Last but not least, make sure you have time to run your essay by a good editor, whether it's a parent, teacher, or grammar-nerd friend. Even a well-researched and passionately written essay can be derailed by spelling mistakes or awkward sentences, and if you've spent a lot of time looking at your words, it's easy to miss basic mistakes.
SCHOLARSHIPS BY STATE

http://www.scholarships.com

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- Alaska Scholarships
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SCHOLARSHIPS BY TYPE

Scholarships by Type
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- Community Service Scholarships
- Corporate Scholarships
- Dance Scholarships
- Disability Scholarships
- Distance Learning Scholarships
- Easy Scholarships
- Essay Scholarships
- Federal Scholarships
- First in Family Scholarships
- Full Tuition Scholarships
- Green Scholarships
- International Student/Study Abroad Scholarships
- Largest Dollar Amount Scholarships
- Last Dollar Scholarship
- Legacy Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- Military Scholarships
- Minority Scholarships
- Non-Academic College Scholarships: Scholarships Aren't Just for "A Students" Anymore
- Online Scholarships
- Prestigious Scholarships
- Religious Scholarships
- Scholarship Contests & Sweepstakes
- Scholarship Essay Contests
- Scholarship Poetry Contests
- Scholarships for Adult Students
- Scholarships for Average Students
- Scholarships for Men
- Scholarships for Moms
- Scholarships for Returning Students
- Scholarships for Summer
- Scholarships for Women
- September 11th Scholarships
- Study Abroad Scholarships
- Technology Scholarships
- Transfer Scholarships
- University Scholarships
- Unusual Scholarships
- Video Contest Scholarships
- Weird Scholarships
- Women's College Scholarships, Grants & Fellowships
- Writing Scholarships
Simpson retired in television and radio stations across the country. Winners are working as reporters, producers and anchors along their career path. Carole Simpson Scholarship encourage and help minority students overcome hurdles she established the Carol Television Digital News Foundation Board of Trustees. Carole Simpson is a former member of the Radio Application Deadlines: May 31, Annually Scholarship RTNDA Carole Simpson Broadcast Journalism Scholarship Application Deadlines: May 31, Annually Carole Simpson is a former member of the Radio Television Digital News Foundation Board of Trustees. She established the Carole Simpson Scholarship to encourage and help minority students overcome hurdles along their career path. Carole Simpson Scholarship winners are working as reporters, producers and anchors in television and radio stations across the country. Simpson retired from ABC News in [...]

Edward S. Roth Manufacturing Engineering Scholarship Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually All applicants must be seeking a bachelor’s or master’s degree in manufacturing engineering from an ABET-accredited school. All applicants must have/and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Preferences will be given to students demonstrating financial need, minority students and students participating in a Co-Op program. The scholarship can be used only as a credit toward books, fees [...]

Ohio Newspapers Foundation Minority Scholarship Application Deadlines: March 31, Annually Applicant must be a college-bound high school senior and enroll as a college freshman at an Ohio college or university for the coming school year. The applicant should be planning on majoring in journalism. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Two letters of recommendation from high school faculty members familiar with the student’s work and career interests, with special emphasis on student’s [...]

Stan Beck Fellowship Application Deadlines: July 01, Annually Applicants for the Stan Beck Fellowship must be graduate or undergraduate students in entomology or related disciplines at colleges or universities in the United States, Mexico, or Canada. They should also have some sort of need, either based on physical limitations or economic, minority, or environmental [...]

CANFIT Program Scholarships Application Deadlines: March 31, Annually CANFIT Program Scholarships are open to undergraduate and graduate African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Latino students who express financial need and are studying nutrition, physical education, or culinary arts in the state of [...]

Catharine Lealtad Scholarships Application Deadlines: Varies Catharine Lealtad Scholarships are awarded to African American, Latino, and Native American students who have a strong high school record. The award is $3,000. Students who are National Achievement or National Hispanic Scholarship Finalists and who have a strong high school record will receive an annual award of $5,000. This scholarship is named for Dr. Catharine Lealtad ‘15, Macalester’s [...] More

Augustana College Diversity Scholarships Application Deadlines: Varies Diversity Scholarships are for full-time students who are members of a minority ethnic group and bring diversity to campus. Awards range from $1,000 to $5,000 per year and can be renewed each year. Verify your eligibility with the Offices of Admission or Financial Aid. For more information on Augustana scholarships and grants, please visit our [...] More

Surety Industry Scholarship Program for Minority Students Application Deadlines: January 31, Annually Established in 2003, the Surety Industry Scholarship Program provides awards of up to $2,500 to outstanding minority students to support their studies in the areas of insurance/risk management, accounting, or business/finance and to encourage their consideration of the surety industry and surety underwriting as a career choice. This program is administered by The Surety Foundation, the [...] More

RTNDA George Foreman Scholarship Application Deadlines: May 31, Annually George Foreman is a boxing champion, Olympic gold medal winner and celebrated pitchman. As a young man, he was inspired by President Lyndon Johnson and by RTDNF founder Barney Oldfield. In his autobiography "By George," Foreman credits LBJ's Job Corps program for rescuing him "from the gutter." He also thanks Barney Oldfield "for a lifetime of friendship, devotion, counsel, and wisdom. The world [...] More

Lagrant Foundation Scholarship for Graduates Application Deadlines: February 28, Annually Graduate student applicants meeting the following criteria and completing the application on the reverse side (typed, not handwritten) will be considered for The Lagrant Foundation (TLF) scholarship: Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a member of one of the following ethnic groups: African American, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic or Native American Applicant must be a full-time student at a [...] More
Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
If you plan to become a preschool, elementary or secondary school teacher and are of African American/Black, Hispanic American, Asian American or Native American origin, you may qualify for up to $5,000 per year as part of the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program to pay for tuition, fees and room and board, or commuter allowances, if applicable. This scholarship may be received [...] More

The Hyatt Hotels Fund for Minority Lodging Management Students
Application Deadlines: May 01, Annually
In 1988, Hyatt established this fund through the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AH&LEF) to provide financial aid to minority students pursuing a degree in hotel management. Over the years, Hyatt has continued its investment to permanently endow the fund, currently valued at more than $800,000. Since 1988, more than 200 minority students have received funding for college through [...] More

RTNDA Ed Bradley Broadcast Journalism Scholarship
Application Deadlines: May 31, Annually
In 1994, RTDNF presented the first Ed Bradley Scholarship. Since then, 18 young and aspiring journalists have received the award created by the late CBS News and 60 Minutes correspondent. - Must be officially enrolled in college and have at least one full academic year remaining. - Must be a fully enrolled college sophomore or higher to receive scholarship. - Must apply for only one [...] More

ESA Foundation Computer and Video Game Scholarship
Application Deadlines: May 15, Annually
In 2007, the ESA Foundation established a scholarship program to assist women and minority students who are pursuing degrees leading to careers in Computer & Video Game Arts. In 2009 we extended this opportunity to graduating high school seniors and doubled the amount of awards granted from 15 to 30. The scholarships are offered for full-time undergraduate study at accredited four-year colleges [...] More

KATU Thomas R. Dargan Minority Scholarship
Application Deadlines: April 30, Annually
In the tradition of Thomas R. Dargan, dedicated and lifelong broadcaster, this scholarship is intended to encourage and assist minority students to complete their education in broadcasting or communications. Eligibility - Applicant must be a minority citizen of the United States. Minority is defined as Native American, Black, Hispanic or Asian. - Applicant must be enrolled in the first, [...] More

Smithsonian Minority Student Internship
Application Deadlines: Varies
Internships in residence at the Smithsonian are available for students to participate in research or museum-related activities for periods of 10 weeks. U.S. minority undergraduate and beginning graduate students are encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a stipend of $350 per week and travel allowances may be provided. Deadline: February 1 (For Summer) October 15 (for [...] More

Smithsonian Institution James E. Webb Internship
Application Deadlines: Varies
Internships in residence at the Smithsonian are offered to minority junior and senior undergraduate and graduate students in Business and Public Administration. This program is designed to promote excellence and diversity in the management of not-for-profit scientific and cultural institutions. Appointments are for a period of 10 weeks and carry a stipend of $550 per week and a travel allowance [...] More

Ronald McDonald House Charities African American Future Achievers
Application Deadlines: December 20, Annually
Local Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) Chapters, with support from RMHC Global and McDonald’s Corporation (McDonald’s®), offer scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. These scholarships are part of the charities’ ongoing commitment to education. Eligibility: - Currently enrolled high school seniors who have at least one [...] More

ASA Minority Fellowship Program
Application Deadlines: January 31, Annually
Minority Fellowship Program applicants can be new or continuing graduate students. However, the MFP is primarily designed for minority students entering a doctoral program in sociology for the first time or for those who are in the early stages of their graduate programs. MFP applicants must be applying to or enrolled in sociology departments which have strong mental health research programs [...] More

Woods Hole Undergraduate Fellowships for Minorities
Application Deadlines: February 15, Annually
Minority Fellowships are awarded to undergraduate students who have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate study at a U.S. college or university and are interested in the marine sciences, oceanographic engineering, or marine policy. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents in order to apply. Under-represented groups included for consideration in this particular program [...] More
Caterpillar Scholars Award Program
Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually
Scholarship applicants must be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a manufacturing engineering degree program, have completed a minimum of 30 college credit hours, and be seeking a career in manufacturing engineering. Preference will be given to students who have participated in a STEPS camp. All minority scholarship applicants may apply as incoming freshmen. Eligibility Criteria: - [...] More

AAAS Minority Science Writers Internship
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
Science and technology increasingly shape our world. New discoveries and inventions have exciting outcomes, but can also lead to unexpected consequences. Science writers have the opportunity to explain those discoveries, and what they mean, to the public. Even though science is a global activity, the demographics of the journalists who cover it don’t reflect that diversity. AAAS offers the [...] More

English-Speaking Union Luard Scholarship
Application Deadlines: November 14, Annually
Since 1969, the English-Speaking Union has provided full junior year abroad scholarships to the United Kingdom, for academically, highly talented sophomore students attending United Negro College Fund member institutions, and Howard and Hampton Universities. The Luard Scholarships are unique merit awards open to sophomore students pursuing a four-year degree in all major fields of study that [...] More

Fisher Communications Minority Scholarship
Application Deadlines: May 31, Annually
Since 1987 Fisher Communications, Inc. has sought to attract minority students into careers in broadcasting with annual scholarships. Fisher’s interest in minority broadcasting students goes back many years and has included training programs in technical areas and on-air. As a result of this nurturing environment, minority employees have made numerous contributions to the standards of excellence [...] More

Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science SOARS Program
Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually
SOARS encourages applications from individuals who are members of a group that is historically under-represented in the atmospheric and related sciences, including students who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Hispanic or Latino, female, first generation college students, and students with disabilities. SOARS welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender [...] More

ALA Spectrum Scholarship
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
Spectrum provides a one-time, non-renewable $5,000 scholarship award paid in two installments directly to the recipient. Recipients must begin a program by the fall semester following the award, funds will be forfeited if enrollment is delayed. Recipients must be enrolled at the time of the second installment, or they will forfeit this portion of the award. Recipients are announced at the ALA [...] More

GRCF Hackett Family Scholarship
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually
Student must be a senior at or have graduated from any Grand Rapids public high school in Grand Rapids, Michigan and is an undergraduate attending an accredited college/university or skilled trade school of their choice. Preference is given to women of color. For more information, please visit our [...] More

The Negro Spiritual Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The "Negro Spiritual" Scholarship Foundation works with Orlando Opera to sponsor a vocal competition for sacred music performed by the solo voice in characteristic Negro spiritual style. Senior high school students of eleventh or twelfth grade level who are of Afro-ethnic descent may enter a statewide vocal competition to rehearse and perform these arranged Negro spirituals. Students who enter [...] More

ABA Diversity Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The ABA Diversity Scholarship focuses on broadening the number of traditionally under-represented groups in the management and operation ranks of the transportation, travel, and tourism industry. Eligible candidates must have completed, at a minimum, their first year of college at an accredited university; must have a declared major or course of study relevant to the transportation, travel, and [...] More

Actuarial Diversity Scholarship
Application Deadlines: May 04, Annually
The Actuarial Diversity Scholarship was formed in 1977 as a joint effort by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries. The door to the actuarial profession has been opened to hundreds of minority students over the years. In 2008 this Scholarship program was transferred to The Actuarial Foundation to further strengthen, increase and to assure the continuation of a diverse, high [...] More

AICPA Minority Accounting Students Scholarships
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually
The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants established the AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students to provide funds for deserving students. The Center for Scholarship Administration, Inc. (CSA), a non-profit, independent organization is the administrator of the program. Applicants must be
students who are underrepresented minorities in the accounting profession (e.g., [...] More

**APS Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Physics Majors**
Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually
The American Physical Society Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Students Physics Majors consists of $2,000 per year for new recipients and $3,000 per year for renewal recipients to be used for tuition, room & board and educational materials. The goal of this minority scholarship is to increase the number of under-represented minorities obtaining degrees in physics. It provides funding and [...] More

**AMS Minority Scholarships**
Application Deadlines: February 08, Annually
The AMS Minority Scholarships help support the college educations of minority students traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American and African American students who intend to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The two-year scholarships, funded by industry and through donations made by members to the AMS 21st [...] More

**APSA Minority Fellows Program**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The APSA Minority Fellows Program, which was established in 1969 as an effort to increase the number of minority scholars in the discipline, has designated more than 300 fellows and contributed to the successful completion of doctoral political science programs for over 70 individuals. This year, the Association has refocused and increased its efforts to assist minority students in completing [...] More

**ACS Scholars Program**
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
The basic criteria remain the same for all components fo the American Chemical Society Scholars Program. Application to the basic American Chemical Society Scholars Program automatically places the applicant in consideration for the sponsored components. The number and duration of scholarship awards is subject to available funding and the intent of the co-sponsoring group or organization. To be [...] More

**Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics at Harvard School of Public Health**
Application Deadlines: December 15, Annually
The Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics (CCDD) hopes to foster the development of new investigators and emerging scientists in the field of infectious disease modeling through education, mentoring, and financial support. Students studying the quantitative aspects of infectious diseases undertake projects ranging from analysis of large data sets to the development of new methods for data [...] More

**Charlye O. Farris Scholarship**
Application Deadlines: June 30, Annually
The Charlye O. Farris Scholarship is given by the Black Women Lawyers of Tarrant County (Fort Worth, Texas). This scholarship is open to all students currently enrolled in law school or to those students who will attend law school (proof of enrollment is required before the scholarship is awarded). Scholarship recipients may be required to attend the Ruth E. Roberts Scholarship Tea in Fort [...] More

**Dr. Dan J. and Patricia S. Pickard Scholarship**
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually
The Dr. Dan J. and Patricia S. Pickard Scholarship Fund was established at The Dallas Foundation in 2004 to assist African-American male students in Dallas County. Dr. Pickard was an optometrist and founder of the Pickard Eye Clinic. Called “Magnum” by his patients, he believed that if you do something nice for someone and they do something nice for someone else, you can affect the lives of many [...] More

**The Three Sisters Scholarship Foundation**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Evanston Township High School "Challenge" Scholarship * $500 in the first year * $1000 in the third year * Awarded to two students per year * Open to E.T.H.S. seniors intending to enroll in a four year college or university. * Preference given to an African-American female who has demonstrated academic improvement, involvement in sports or other extracurricular activities and a commitment [...] More

**Fellowship on Women and Public Policy**
Application Deadlines: September 01, Annually
The Fellowship on Women and Public Policy is a premiere, intensive leadership development, skill building and educational program designed to encourage highly qualified graduate and post graduate women to pursue careers in public policy. More than 300 women have now completed the program and form an extensive alumni network that stretches across New York State, the United States and around the [...] More

**Gates Millennium Scholars Program**
Application Deadlines: January 16, Annually
The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS), funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Islander Americans, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education, in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students [...] More

**EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program**
Application Deadlines: February 15, Annually
The goal of the EPP Undergraduate Scholars Program is to increase the number of students who undertake course
work and graduate with degrees in targeted academic fields integral to NOAA's mission. This program targets students who have completed their sophomore year, attending minority serving institutions (MSIs), and have recently declared, or about to declare a major in atmospheric, oceanic, or [...] More

Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship
Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually
The goal of the Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship (MURF) program is to increase the number of underrepresented undergraduate students who wish to, and have demonstrated the ability to pursue graduate careers (Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) in microbiology. Students from non-research intensive institutions will have the opportunity to conduct full time summer research with an ASM member at a [...] More

South Carolina Graduate Incentive Scholars Program
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Graduate Incentive Scholarship (GIS) Program will provide forgivable loans to "other race" students in master’s, first professional, and doctoral programs at public higher education institutions where such programs are offered. The GIS program is implemented annually at the following institutions: Clemson University, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina School of [...] More

Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarships
Application Deadlines: February 17, Annually
The HCF Scholarship program consists of more than 170 different funds established by private foundations, generous individuals, businesses and organizations. Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria that were defined by the donor when the fund was established. Please read through the specific criteria for each scholarship to see if you are eligible for any of the funds. Criteria [...] More

AWWA Holly Cornell Scholarship
Application Deadlines: January 07, Annually
The Holly A. Cornell Scholarship was created by CH2M Hill, Inc. to honor the name of Holly A. Cornell, co-founder of CH2M Hill and to encourage and support outstanding female and/or minority students pursuing advanced training in the field of water supply and treatment. Eligibility - Female and/or minority (as defined by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) U.S. citizens who are [...] More

HP Scholars Program
Application Deadlines: Varies
The HP Scholar Award is a scholarship opportunity for students interested in engineering. The total value of the four-year cash scholarship, HP Scholar Productivity Package and the three paid internships will exceed $40,000 per student. Scholarship awards are $12,000 ($3000 per year for four years) and are intended to help defray educational expenses. Upon acceptance into the program, each HP [...] More

HSF/Marathon Oil Corp. Scholarship Program
Application Deadlines: October 26, Annually
The HSF/Marathon Oil Corporation Scholarship Program is a scholarship of up to $15,000 per year. Selected students will receive up to $10,000 for two academic years for a possible total award of $30,000. In addition, scholars will be offered the opportunity to participate in a possible paid 8-10 week summer internship at various Marathon Oil Corporation locations. Scholars will also be paired [...] More

Human Capital Scholarship
Application Deadlines: March 15, Annually
The Human Capital Scholarship provides educational opportunities for first-generation college students from any underrepresented ethnic groups. Two scholarships of $1,500 will be awarded to incoming freshman attending the University of California in the fall. Background: - Number of awards: 2 - Amount: $1,500 - Renewable: No Eligibility Criteria: - Incoming freshman enrolled full-time [...] More

Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program
Application Deadlines: January 31, Annually
The IFA Educational Foundation and Choice Hotels International have partnered to sponsor the Minorities in Hospitality Scholars Program. The purpose of the scholars program is to recognize and support minority students who are enrolled in the Hospitality course of studies complete their academic programs by providing scholarship assistance. A competitive award of $2,000 will be presented [...] More

The Jacqueline Woodson Fellowship for a Young People’s Writer of African or Caribbean Descent
Application Deadlines: September 13, Annually
The Jacqueline Woodson Fellowship for a Young People’s Writer of African or Caribbean Descent is offered once annually to a writer of African or Caribbean descent starting the Solstice Low-Residency MFA in Creative Writing Program during the winter residency/spring semester. Fellowship recipients will receive a $1,000 award toward their first semester’s tuition. Fellowships are awarded based on [...] More

The Jean Evelyn Freshman Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Jean Evelyn Freshmen Scholarship is intended to provide assistance to an African-American Female interested in attending Prairie View University in Texas. The scholarship is $500 per semester for books and materials needed outside of tuition. The candidate needs to have a 3.0 G.P.A. Please submit a letter of interest to [...] More
Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program
Application Deadlines: May 01, Annually
The Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship program is designed to assist financially needy, academically competitive students who are identified as members of any of the following ethnic/racial groups: African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic. Selection priority is given to applicants who are [...] More

Kaplan Leadership Program
Application Deadlines: February 01, Annually
The Kaplan Educational Foundation is seeking a select group of students for its Kaplan Leadership Program. This is a unique and comprehensive scholarship program designed for promising students who have a financial need and are pursuing an associate’s degree in the New York City metropolitan area. The scholarship benefits will begin while students work toward their associate’s degree, and the [...] More

Lagrant Foundation Scholarships
Application Deadlines: February 28, Annually
The Lagrant Foundation annually provides 15 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students who are attending accredited institutions and are pursuing careers in the fields of advertising, marketing or public relations. Undergraduate (current freshmen, sophomores, juniors and non-graduating seniors ONLY!) applicants meeting the following criteria and completing the application on the reverse [...] More

Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship for Racial Ethnic Minority Students
Application Deadlines: March 15, Annually
The Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship for Racial Ethnic Minority Students awards a $2,500 scholarship for undergraduate study of religion journalism or mass communications. It recognizes the work of Leonard M. Perryman, a journalist for the United Methodist Church for nearly 30 years. The scholarship assists a United Methodist undergraduate who intends to pursue a career in [...] More

ALA - LITA/LSSI Scholarship
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
The LITA/LSSI Minority Scholarship, established in 1994, is awarded annually by the Library and Information Technology Association, a division of the American Library Association, in the amount of $2,500. The scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library and automation field who plan to follow a career in that field; [...] More

LITA/OCLC Minority Scholarship in Library and Information Technology
Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually
The LITA/OCLC Minority Scholarship, established in 1991, is awarded jointly annually by the Online Computer Library Center and the Library and Information Technology Association, a division of the American Library Association, in the amount of $3,000. The scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library and automation field who plan to follow a career in that [...] More

MSU Moorhead Marjorie Sanders Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Marjorie Sanders Scholarship is awarded to students from Africa who will be returning to Africa after completing their degree. Eligibility is determined by grades and information received from the required documentation. Scholarship is for $2,000 per year, renewable for four years based on GPA at the end of each spring semester. Applications are reviewed as funds become available. For [...] More

Minority Access Internship Program
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Minority Access Internship Program is designed to allow talented undergraduate and graduate students to experience the diversity and scope of career opportunities available in the federal government and other participating entities. The program provides students with the opportunity to merge academic theory with practical application in the workplace. This is a internship program and [...] More

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Minority Teacher Education Scholarship is designed to attract and retain students that are interested in becoming a teacher in the state of Florida. The scholarship is administered at 33 participating colleges and universities throughout the state. Special consideration is given to community college students. ELIGIBILITY Individuals who are selected for the MTES must: * Be a resident of [...] More

Indiana Minority Teacher/Special Education Services Scholarship
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Minority Teacher Scholarship was created by the 1988 Indiana General Assembly to address the critical shortage of Black and Hispanic teachers in Indiana. In 1990 the Indiana General Assembly amended the Minority program to include the field of Special Education, and in 1991 the fields of Occupational and Physical Therapy were added. To be eligible you must be: 1. A minority student [...] More

Tennessee Minority Teaching Fellows Program
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Minority Teaching Fellows Program is intended to encourage talented minority Tennesseans to enter the teaching field in Tennessee. The award is $5,000 per year to pursue a teacher certification at an eligible
Tennessee institution. Those who receive the award incur an obligation to teach K-12 level in a Tennessee public school one year for each year the award is received. If recipients do [...] More

**INROADS Internship Opportunities**

Application Deadlines: Varies

The mission of INROADS is to develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership. INROADS seeks high performing Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American Indian students for internship opportunities with some of the nation's largest companies. Our rigorous career development training process will challenge you to commit to [...] More

**Page Education Foundation Grants**

Application Deadlines: May 01, Annually

The mission of the Page Education Foundation is to increase participation of Minnesota’s young people of color in post-secondary education. Candidates must be Minnesota students of color, demonstrate a financial need, a positive attitude toward education and community service, and attend a post-secondary institution within the state of Minnesota. Awards consist of grants that range in value [...] More

**SIT Study Abroad HBCU Scholarships**

Application Deadlines: Varies

The mission of the School for International Training (SIT) is to prepare students to be interculturally effective leaders, professionals, and citizens. In so doing, SIT fosters a worldwide network of individuals and organizations committed to responsible engagement in a changing world. SIT offers HBCU scholarships are offered to students enrolled in Historically Black Colleges and Universities [...] More

**MSU Moorhead James & Yvonne Condoll Endowed Scholarship**

Application Deadlines: Varies

The MSU Moorhead James & Yvonne Condoll Endowed Scholarship is available to African American students who are either entering freshmen at MSUM or transfer students who rank high in academic standing and accomplishments. Scholarship is $2,000 per year, renewable for four years based on maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the end of each spring semester. Applications are reviewed as funds become [...] More

**NBNA Scholarships**

Application Deadlines: April 15, Annually

The National Black Nurses Association, Inc. offers various scholarships each year ranging from $500 to $2,000. Scholarship Requirements - Candidate must be currently enrolled in a nursing program (B.S.N., A.D., Diploma or L.P.N. / L.V.N. and in good scholastic standing at the time of application - Must be a member of NBNA and a member of a local chapter (if one exists in your area) - [...] More

**NCCE National Co-op Scholarship Program**

Application Deadlines: February 15, Annually

The National Commission for Cooperative Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing high quality, college-level cooperative education, offers 175 merit co-op scholarships of $5,000 each, for a total renewable value of $4,500,000. These merit co-op scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and community college transfer students who plan to participate in college [...] More

**National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity**

Application Deadlines: March 01, Annually

The National Press Club, the leading professional organization for journalists, wants to recruit promising future journalists who will bring diversity to American journalism. The scholarship consists of a $2,000 one-year scholarship, which can be renewed for up to three years at $2,500 per year. The first-year scholarship includes an additional $500 book stipend, the Ellen Masin Persina [...] More

**University of Chicago--Office of Minority Student Affairs**

Application Deadlines: Varies

The Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA) supports the academic success of students of color at the University of Chicago and works to build an inclusive campus community. OMSA's programs focus on enriching students' experiences and encouraging cross-cultural dialogue on campus. OMSA serves and advocates for all African American, Asian American, Latino, and Native American students who attend [...] More

**The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships For New Americans**

Application Deadlines: November 09, Annually

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans are for up to two years graduate study in the professions and academic disciplines at any institution of higher learning in the United States. The Fellowships are funded by a trust established by Paul and Daisy Soros and were created in recognition of the contributions of New Americans to American life and in gratitude for the opportunities [...] More

**The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship**

Application Deadlines: May 15, Annually

The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship is granted through The LPGA Foundation and the Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship Fund. Established in 2006, the objective of the Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship is to provide a need-based scholarship to a female high school senior from a
recognized minority background, who will be pursuing a full-time course of study and playing collegiate golf at an accredited [...] More

**Presbyterian Church-U.S.A. Student Opportunity Scholarships**
Application Deadlines: June 01, Annually
The Presbyterian Church-U.S.A. Student Opportunity Scholarships serves Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) college students in select majors (Education, Health Service/Science, Religious Studies, Sacred Music, Social Service/Science) by providing aid for the expenses of their third and fourth years of an undergraduate program. Preference in this program is extended to racial ethnic students in order to [...] More

**THC Preservation Fellows Program**
Application Deadlines: February 15, Annually
The Preservation Fellows is a new internship program created by the THC Commissioners to build interest in and awareness of historic preservation among young adults from diverse cultural backgrounds. The program's goal is to provide financial aid, employment and professional role models for a new generation of leaders in historic preservation who will represent the changing face of Texas. For [...] More

**Robert Toigo Foundation Fellowship**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Robert Toigo Foundation supports the ongoing advancement of exceptional minority business degree students and alumni within the finance industry through scholarships, mentoring, internships and job placement. Sourcing talent from the nation's leading academic and financial institutions, the foundation's goal is to increase diversity in business and deepen business leadership skills by [...] More

**Ron Brown Scholar Program**
Application Deadlines: January 09, Annually
The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Current college students are [...] More

**Wisconsin Talent Incentive Program TIP Grants**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Talent Incentive Program (TIP) Grant provides grant assistance to the most financially needy and educationally disadvantaged Wisconsin resident students attending colleges and universities in the State of Wisconsin. First-time freshmen students are nominated for the TIP Grant by the school financial aid offices or by counselors of the Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Programs (WEOP). To [...] More

**UNCF•MERCK Science Research Scholarships and Fellowships**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The UNCF•Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards are intended to help African American undergraduate students who are interested in science to further their science education and potentially pursue science careers. The UNCF•Merck awards provide tuition support and opportunities for research experience in a state-of-the-art research facility. Each award provides up to $35,000, [...] More

**IIE UPS Scholarship for Minority Students**
Application Deadlines: November 15, Annually
The UPS Scholarship for Minority Students is available to undergraduate students enrolled in any school in the United States and its territories, Canada and Mexico, provided the school's engineering program or equivalent is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by IIE and the student is pursuing a course of study in industrial engineering. Students may not apply directly for any [...] More

**Urban League of Nebraska, Inc. Multicultural Association Scholarship**
Application Deadlines: March 04, Annually
The Urban League of Nebraska, Inc. Multicultural Association Scholarship is an award to assist graduating high school seniors and/or currently enrolled college students. The criteria to be eligible for this award include the following: - Applicant must reside in Nebraska - Submission of your transcripts from your high school, college, and/or a notarized copy of your G.E.D. - For previously [...] More

**Wisconsin Higher Education Grant**
Application Deadlines: Varies
The Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) Program provides grant assistance to undergraduate, Wisconsin residents enrolled at least half-time in degree or certificate programs at University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, and Tribal institutions. Awards are based on financial need. Eligibility cannot exceed 10 semesters. A student must apply for a Wisconsin Higher Education Grant [...] More

**Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship**
Application Deadlines: September 30, Annually
The Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship provides awards ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 for undergraduate and graduate minority students in technical disciplines that include: - Chemistry - Information Management - Computing & Software Systems - Material Science - Printing Management Science - Laser Optics - Physics - Material Science - Engineering (Chemical, Computer, Electrical, [...] More

**Rocky Mountain Biological Lab REU Program**
Application Deadlines: February 15, Annually
This 10-week scholarship field research program is funded by the National Science Foundation. REU students will work with RMBL Scientists to create a research project. Students will develop a testable hypothesis, gather data, analyze the data, and produce a written and oral report by the end of the program. The award provides $600 toward travel costs, a $4,750 stipend, room, board, and tuition [...] More

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award**  
Application Deadlines: June 01, Annually  
This award is presented in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to commemorate his belief that progress is best achieved through cooperation rather than conflict, participation rather than partisanship, and compassion and understanding rather than hatred and prejudice. The scholarship is awarded to minority nominees who have demonstrated a need and a willingness to continue an [...] More

**Lett Scholarship Fund**  
Application Deadlines: Varies  
This is a scholarship for African/American ministerial and missionary students of seminary or college Jr/Sr status. Applicants must be a resident (permanent) of Ohio and a member of a church affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of [...] More

**Allison E. Fisher Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: Varies  
This scholarship is open to any African American student who is currently attending an accredited four-year University. Students must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student and exhibit the following: -Majors in Broadcast journalism -Maintains a minimum grade point average of 3.0 -Demonstrates community service Additional Criteria: -Previous NABJ scholarship winners are not [...] More

**AIA - AAF Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: December 07, Annually  
This scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who plan to study architecture in an NAAB-accredited program. The scholarship was established in 1970 by a grant from the Ford Foundation to aid students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to enter a professional degree program. Twenty awards per year are made and may be renewed for two additional years, ideally [...] More

**Herman J. Neal Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually  
This scholarship program supports African-American students in their pursuit of an accounting education and the CPA designation. This year, the Herman J. Neal Scholarship program will provide up to 3 scholarships of up to $4,000 each to African-American accounting students who show significant potential to become CPAs and demonstrate achievement as well as financial need. These scholarships [...] More

**Cornerstone Scholarship Charitable Trust**  
Application Deadlines: June 30, Annually  
To be considered for a Cornerstone Scholarship Charitable Trust you must: 1. Be African-American and disadvantaged 2. Have a high school education 3. Plan to attend a major college or vocational school 4. Have a letter of admission 5. Have roots in the State of Arkansas and/or Parents/Grandparents were plaintiffs in the Mauldin vs. AR. State Hospital Lawsuit 6. Be a citizen of the U.S. 7. Be [...] More

**GRCF Black Men Building Resources Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually  
To be eligible for the Black Men Building Resources Scholarship, students must be African American males or females with financial need residing in Kent County who graduated or received a GED from a Grand Rapids area high school. For additional information on our scholarships, please refer to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation [...] More

**Sphinx Competition**  
Application Deadlines: Varies  
To be eligible for the Sphinx Musical Assistance Fund, one must apply to compete in the Sphinx Competition for Young Black and Latino String Players. Each year, all 18 semi-finalists in the competition (applicants that are chosen to advance to the Semi-Finals Round upon the review of preliminary audition tapes) will be entitled to receive Sphinx assistance Fund Scholarships. You are [...] More

**WMMIA Engineering Consortium Grants**  
Application Deadlines: Varies  
West Michigan Minorities In Architecture and Engineering Consortium (WMMIAEC) is pleased to offer four educational assistance grants each academic year in the amount of $1,000 each. Grant applications are reviewed quarterly, and we are always accepting applications for the next academic year! To qualify for this grant you must be a minority or a female. WMMIAEC is dedicated to increasing the [...] More

**APA Judith McManus Price Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: April 30, Annually  
Women and minority (African American, Hispanic American, or Native American) students enrolled in an approved Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) planning program who are citizens of the United States, intend to pursue careers as practicing planners in the public sector, and are able to demonstrate a genuine financial need are eligible to apply for this scholarship which will range between $2,000 [...] More
**ACHE Albert W. Dent Graduate Student Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: March 31, Annually  
You are eligible to apply for an Albert W. Dent Graduate Student Scholarship if you meet all of the following criteria: - You are a Student Associate of the American College of Healthcare Executives and are in good standing. - You are a minority student who is enrolled for full-time study for the upcoming fall term, which is your final year (of classroom work) in a healthcare management graduate [...] More

**GRCF Warner Norcross & Judd LLP Legal Studies Scholarship for Minorities**  
Application Deadlines: April 01, Annually  
You may apply for a Warner, Norcross, & Judd LLP Legal Studies Scholarship for Minorities if you are a student of racial and ethnic minority heritage pursuing studies in law (one law school, one paralegal and one legal secretarial scholarship awarded each year.) You must either have a permanent residence in Michigan or be attending a Michigan law school and demonstrate financial [...] More

**Adelante! Fund - MillerCoors Brewing Company Scholarship**  
Application Deadlines: May 25, Annually  
Adelante’s Mission: To inspire the best and brightest Latino college students to graduate and succeed through scholarships, internships and leadership development  
Adelante! Fund Scholarships are Sponsored by MillerCoors, MillerCoors Texas, MillerCoors Chicago, Hispanic Organization for Public Employees (HOPE)  
Scholarships Available: Scholarship Range $1000 to $3000 MillerCoors Brewing [...] More

**Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Scholarships**  
Application Deadlines: May 01, Annually  
Hispanic college students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are invited to apply for more than $2 million in scholarships through AHETEMS (Advancing Hispanic Excellence in Technology, Engineering, Math and Science), the educational foundation of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). Students may apply for as many scholarships as they please, [...] More

**Ciencia Nation Scholarships - College STEM Majors**  
Application Deadlines: March 15, Annually  
The Alliance/Merck Ciencia (Science) Hispanic Scholars Program is a partnership to improve Hispanic student access to higher education and degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Hispanic college students with minimum GPAs of 2.75 from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and Puerto Rico pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in a STEM field major are invited to [...] More