Hampton University

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

General Scholarship Listing

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A Letter from the Director…

As director, I realize that federal, state and institutional aid may not always be sufficient to cover most students' college related expenses. With this in mind, when it comes to paying for college education, most would agree that time is money, and most certainly, you do not want to waste time by not looking for scholarship assistance, especially from external sources.

Furthermore, I would like to encourage you to dedicate at least one hour a week in search of scholarship assistance throughout your tenure in college. Moreover, consider the time spent as a down payment or investment into your education. And the more talents, attributes, accomplishments, community service activities you have going for you, the better your chances are for finding a scholarship just right for you.

By all means, I know that searching for scholarships can be a daunting task. To help make your search easier, the financial aid staff has compiled a list of external organization web addresses that could be of possible assistance.

Good luck in your search efforts.

With all good wishes,

Martin Miles

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Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Where to Look for Scholarship Opportunities

We realize that Federal Student Aid may not always be sufficient to help cover your educational expenses (Please read *An Important Message from the Director* on our office's homepage: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/). Students attempting to earn scholarships and grants in order to assist them with their higher education expenses may find the following information helpful.

Most scholarships and grants come from the following sources:

1. **PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS:** Students may locate scholarship and grant information from a variety of independent sources. The Financial Aid office has compiled some useful websites and search engines, which can help to facilitate the search process for external grants and scholarships. You may access these resources using the following link: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen_info/grant_scholarships.cfm.
   Please read the Frequently Asked Questions and answers on that page, especially our **Disclosure Statement,** and then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the following resources, among others:
   - *The SallieMae Fund*
   - *Scholarship Search Tips* (from Sallie Mae)
   - *FastWeb* (search and other services for scholarships)
   - *College Board*
   - *United Negro College Fund*
   - Graduate Opportunities
   - *Black Excel*

2. **STATE HIGHER EDUCATION AGENCIES:** All students are encouraged to conduct research with their respective state of permanent residence in order to see if state assistance for study is available while attending school here in Virginia. Interested students may check the following link on our website for more information: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen_info/college_planning.cfm. (select *State Higher Education Agencies*).

3. **ACADEMIC MAJORS:** We encourage all students to check with their respective major department for possible grant or scholarship assistance.
   - http://www.hamptonu.edu/academics/ (*select your major department*)

4. **UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS:** In general, students who have demonstrated financial need, as determined by the *FAFSA*, in academic good standing, enrolled full-time, and degree seeking are subject to consideration for university scholarships. Typically, the scholarship committee in the Financial Aid Office will select eligible students, based on the criteria as established by the donors or the university. In some instances, scholarship recipients could be required to write a "thank you" letter to the donor of the scholarship.

   The amount of the scholarship could vary from year-to-year, depending on the actual yearly interest accrual earnings, in accordance with the guidelines established by the university. Therefore, the Financial Aid Office cannot guarantee the same level of funding each year.

5. **HU MERIT:** Continuing undergraduate students may be eligible for this scholarship providing they meet the following requirements:
   - Must have been enrolled full-time for both Fall and Spring semesters preceding the award
   - Must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 by the end of the spring semester
   - Must complete the *FAFSA* , the results must be received electronically by the Financial Aid office no later than February 15th.

Paying for school at your fingertips… General College Scholarships

1) **Virginia Press Women**
   http://www.virginiapresswomen.org/vpw-foundation/college-scholarships

2) **Ron Brown Scholarships**
   http://www.RonBrown.org

3) **FastWEB Scholarship Search**
   http://www.fastweb.com/

4) **Dell Scholars Program**
   http://www.dellscholars.org/HowToApply.aspx

5) **Bayport Credit Union**
   http://www.bayportcu.org

6) **Central Scholarship**
   http://www.central-scholarship.org/

7) **HBCU Packard Sit Abroad Scholarships (for study around the world)**
   http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/#.USTpIB3qlOc

8) **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program**
   http://www.buickachievers.com/

9) **CIA Undergraduate Scholarship Program**
   https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/undergraduate-scholarship-program.html

10) **CIA Graduate Scholarship Program**
    https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/graduate-scholarship-program.html

11) **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships**
    http://www.jackierobinson.org/

12) **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund**
    http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net

13) **Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship Program**
    http://www.thephillipsfoundation.org/#reagan_home.cfm

14) **FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)**
    http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/

15) **Tuition Won't Stop Me Scholarship**
    http://education-portal.com/articles/Tuition_Scholarship.html?hq_e=el&hq_m=1470322&hq_l=1&hq_v=83cf36f4e1

16) **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program**
    http://www.kfcscholars.org/scholarships/

17) **Coca-Cola Scholars Program**
    http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/

18) **Burger King McLamore Foundation**
    https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/

19) **National Merit Scholarships**
http://www.nationalmerit.org

20) **LuLac Scholarship Funds**
http://lulac.org/programs/education/scholarships/index.html

21) **HBCU Study Abroad Scholarship**
https://www.iesabroad.org/IES/Scholarships_and_Aid/Diversity_Scholarships/hbcuScholarship.html

22) **Academic Competitiveness Grant**
http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp//students/english/AcademicGrants.jsp

23) **Hallie Q. Brown Scholarship**
http://nacwc.org/programs/scholarships.html

24) **NAACP Scholarships**
http://www.naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2

25) **International Students Help and Scholarships**
http://www.iefa.org/

26) **Student Inventors Scholarships**
http://www.invent.org/collegiate/

27) **Collegexpress**
www.collegexpress.com

28) **Deca Scholarships**
http://www.deca.org/scholarships/

29) **Rhodes Scholarships At Oxford**
http://www.rhodesscholar.org/info.html

30) **American Legion Scholarships**
http://www.legion.org/scholarships

31) **Ayn Rand Institute**
http://www.aynrand.org/contests

32) **Tylenol Scholarships**
http://scholarship.tylenol.com/

33) **Emma L. Bowen Foundation for minority youth for careers in the media industry**
http://www.emmabowenfoundation.com/

34) **National Scholarships at All Levels**
http://scholarships.fatomei.com/

35) **Scholarship Database (Alphabetical Listing)**
http://www.campuscareercenter.com/scholarships/scholarships.asp

36) **Degree Directory**
http://degreedirectory.org/articles/Student_Saver_Scholarship.html

37) **Black Excel Scholarship Gateway**
http://www.blackexcel.org/link4.htm

38) **Peterson's Aid and Scholarships Help**
http://www.petersons.com/finaid/

39) **Martin Luther King Scholarships**
http://www.sanantonio.gov/MLK/MLKScholarship.aspx

40) **Art and Writing Awards**
http://www.artandwriting.org

41) **Wells Fargo Scholarships**
http://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

42) **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute**
http://www.chci.org/

43) **Asian American Journalist Association**
http://www.aaja.org/

44) **American Assoc. of University Women**
http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm

45) **American Fire Sprinkler Scholarship Contest**
http://www.firesprinkler.org/

46) **Mensa Scholarship Essay Scholarship**
http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships

47) **Alphabetical Index to Scholarships and Aid**
http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/faidalpha.php

48) **Adventures in Education**
http://adventuresineducation.org/

49) **The Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program (architecture)**
http://www.archfoundation.org

50) **War Memorial Fund**
http://www.jci.cc/controlpanel/documents/ScholarshipApplicationRequest%20edit.pdf

51) **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**
http://www.prudential.com/spirit

52) **Wal Mart Community Scholarship**
http://www.walmartfoundation.org

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54) **The Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program (architecture)**
http://www.archfoundation.org

55) **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**
http://www.prudential.com/spirit

56) **Wal Mart Community Scholarship**
http://www.walmartfoundation.org

57) **Alpha Kappa Alpha Awards**
http://www.akaeaf.org/

58) **National Black Police Assoc. Scholarships**
http://www.blackpolice.org/15-education/scholarships/21-scholarship

59) **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**
http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/

60) **National Back Nurses Association. Scholarships**
http://www.nbna.org

61) **AICPA Scholarships For Minority Accounting Students**
http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/mini/smas.htm

62) **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation**
http://www.truman.gov

63) **Health Services Research**
http://www.ahcpr.gov/fund/minortrg.htm

64) **Jackie Robinson Foundation**
http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/programs.php

65) **Microsoft College Scholarships**
http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp

66) **Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountant**
http://www.vscpa.com/Content/ed_found/sa/default.aspx

67) **National Association of Black Journalists Scholarships**
http://www.nabj.org

68) **National Institutes Of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program**
https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp

69) **William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students**
http://www.apsanet.org/minorityopps/

70) **(The) Siemens Foundation**
http://www.siemens-foundation.org

71) **United Negro College Fund / Merck Science Initiative**
http://umsi.uncf.org/

72) **White House Internship**
http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships

73) **U. S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation**
http://www.marine-scholars.org

74) **William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students**
http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm

75) **Student Inventors Scholarships**
http://www.invent.org/collegiate

76) **Army Scholarships**
http://www.goarmy.com/benefits/education-benefits/money-for-college/scholarships.html

85) **Working Abroad Grant**
http://www.interexchange.org/foundation/grantfunding/working-abroad-grant

What you need to know about scholarship scams

Scholarship search services and financial aid advice services are common these days. Unfortunately, too many of these for-profit companies charge high rates to provide information that can be found elsewhere for free.

Charging a lot for a service isn't illegal – what makes some of these companies fraudulent is that they collect money to find scholarships for students but never provide the information, or they misrepresent themselves as a government agency in order to appear legitimate and attract customers, or they guarantee they'll get the student full funding for college (and then don't). Still, although it's obviously legal to charge for services genuinely rendered, you should keep reading if you want to save yourself some money…

If you're searching the Internet for scholarships and visit a site that asks for your credit card or another form of payment before it'll help you find funding, you might want to keep searching. Similarly, if you or your parents are contacted by an unfamiliar organization that invites you to an "interview" or "seminar" about preparing and paying for college, do your homework. Ask your high school counselor or a college financial aid administrator whether they've heard of the organization and know it's legitimate. In many cases, such invitations are a way to get you and your parents to come listen to a sales pitch: the company wants you to pay for advice on scholarships and other funding.

Don't believe anyone who tells you the information they offer can't be found anywhere else. You can get free advice from a variety of sources. The best places to start are your high school counselor or a college financial aid administrator.

For details about financial aid scams and additional sources of free information, visit Avoiding Scams: (http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/scams).

To download a poster that reminds students where to get free advice and applications for federal student aid, visit the Federal Student Aid web page entitled Don't Get Scammed On Your Way to College: (http://studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/dont-get-scammed.pdf).

To learn about the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC's) efforts to combat scholarship scams, and to download the FTC's posters, visit: http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams.

Scholarship Search Tips

Please allow us to congratulate you on taking the next step in the financial aid process, after completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (***FAFSA***)! Considering the above, we have the following scholarship search tips that may help increase your chances of earning scholarships, grants and other gift aid!

1. **START SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS EARLY!** "The early bird gets the worm" rings true when it comes to scholarships, grants and other gift aid! Many opportunities are widely advertised and it is likely other students like you are looking for the same ones. It is also very likely that applications are reviewed on a first-come, first served basis.

2. **USE A FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICE, SUCH AS *FAST WEB*.** ***FastWeb*** specializes in finding scholarships for students based on each student's profile. *FastWeb* asks for basic information about you and will match your profile to the opportunities in their database. Then, the company will send the matches to you via e-mail. (more examples, ***Scholarships.com***, ***CollegeBoard-Big Future.org***, etc).

3. **FOCUS ON LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES, FIRST!** Most students search for scholarships using the Internet, using similar and generic search terms chosen by others leading to the same results. Focusing on local opportunities is a good strategy since these are not widely advertised and have fewer applicants. Your chances of earning these are greater as a result. (examples: City/County Governments, State Higher Education Agency, High School Guidance, Community Foundations, Chambers of Commerce, places of worship you attend, local businesses, etc).

4. **APPLY FOR AS MANY LEGITIMATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE.** Earning scholarships is a numbers game. Your chances of seizing opportunities can depend mostly on how many for which you apply (according to the rules of each). According to ***Student Scholarship Search.com***, statistics indicate that students earn 1 scholarship for every 10 for which they apply, which took reading over 100 opportunities to find. Please keep this in mind when developing your realistic search schedule.

5. **TAKE ESSAY REQUIREMENTS SERIOUSLY.** If any scholarships for which you will apply require an essay, be sure to read the requirements carefully, create an outline of the essay's basic parts (intro, body, conclusion, etc.) accordingly, possibly record yourself dictating your responses and use the recording to assist with your draft. Consider your audience for the scholarship when writing. USE A SPELL-CHECKER! Ask someone whom you trust to read over your essays and consider any recommendations. (***GoCollege.com/essay tips***)

6. **CREATE YOUR OWN SCHOLARSHIP RESUME AND SUBMIT WITH EACH APPLICATION.** Who you are as a person is much more than the answers to very limited questions found on most scholarship applications. However, these answers will form the only image of you organizations will have with which to make a decision. On the other hand, a brief, concise, well-written resume, tailored to the grantor's mission (i.e. increase math competency among youth) could make 'a world of difference'. Here is a link to ***Go College.com*** that may help.

7. **PRIORITIZE YOUR APPLICATION EFFORTS**. Organize all of your scholarship findings based on your actual chances of earning each. Then, proceed to apply for the ones with the highest priority, first (i.e. state grants, other local opportunities).

8. **KEEP A COPY OF EACH APPLICATION, ESSAY AND RESUME YOU COMPLETE AND SUBMIT.**

9. **SEARCH CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT YOUR UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.** Failure in most undertakings can form the foundation for future successes! Statistics show that scholarship applicants will receive more denial decisions than acceptance concerning their application efforts. Don't give up!

10. **CONSULT INSTRUCTORS AFTER CLASS TO LEARN HOW THEY HELPED TO FINANCE THEIR WAY THROUGH SCHOOL, USING SCHOLARSHIPS.**

11. **CONSULT WITH FRATERNAL AND SORORITAL ORGANIZATIONS** (if applicable)**.**

12. **ASK CURRENT GRADUATES IN YOUR FIELD FOR TIPS.**

13. ***DEVELOP A HIGH VALUE FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH YOU WOULD FOR YOUR ACADEMIC STUDIES AND PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS!!!!**

Financial Aid Disclosure

Federal Student Aid Guidelines require schools to include various types of aid, as part of the student's estimated financial assistance in their financial aid package. All students are required to report all instances of expected aid to the Financial Aid Office.

Please refer to the *Scholarship FAQ* webpage on our website for a list of financial aid types which must be reported to our office at: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen_info/grant_scholarships.cfm.