# Hampton University

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships





Scholarships, Internships & Grant Listing by School Major

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# **Message from the Director...**

As Director, I realize that federal, state, institutional aid, or even out-of-pocket funds may not always be sufficient to cover most students' total college related expenses at Hampton University.

This publication is designed to assist students with identifying potential scholarships/grants, and paid internship opportunities, germane to the colleges that comprise the University.

I believe that when it comes to paying for a college education, reducing the financial burden of the student allows them to more easily to matriculate and graduate from the University.

It is oftentimes said that time is money! As such, you want to utilize your time more wisely, as it relates to searching for potential funding opportunities available from private sources. I strongly encourage you to dedicate at least one hour a week thorough out your tenure at the University.

While it is true that searching for scholarships from private sources can be sometimes be a daunting task, I would hope that you would view your time spent as simply an investment into your education.

Good luck in your search efforts.

With all good wishes,

# Martin Miles

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Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships

# **Nursing Scholarships**

- 1) Discover Nursing Scholarships www.discovernursing.com/scholarship-search
- 2) National Black Nurses Association www.nbna.org
- 3) AORN Foundation Scholarships www.aorn.org/TwoColumnInsert.aspx?id=21692&terms=schol arships#axzz28ubvsiEM
- 4) National Health Service Corps nhsc.hrsa.gov
- 5) Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/disadvantaged.html
- 6) Scholarships for Military Children www.militaryscholar.org
- 7) Student Volunteering (U.S Dept of Affairs) www.volunteer.va.gov/StudentProgram.asp
- 8) Graduate Nursing Scholarships www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/grants nursing.html
- 9) The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association www.nsna.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships/UndergraduateScholarship.aspx
- 10) McKesson Nursing Scholarships
  www.mckesson.com/en\_us/McKesson.com/About%2BUs/Corp
  orate%2BCitizenship/Healthcare%2BScholarships/Scholarshi
  ps.html

- 11) American Cancer Society Graduate Scholarships
  www.cancer.org/Research/ResearchProgramsFunding/Fundin
  gOpportunities/IndexofGrants/MentoredTrainingandCareerD
  evelopmentGrants/graduate-scholarships-in-cancer-nursingpractice-2
- 12) American Association of Clinical-Care Nursing Scholarships <a href="https://www.aacn.org/WD/Memberships/Content/bsngradschship.cont">www.aacn.org/WD/Memberships/Content/bsngradschship.cont</a> ent?menu=Education&lastmenu=
- 13) American Red Cross Jane Delano Student Nurse Scholarship Fund <a href="https://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/scholarships">www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/scholarships</a>
- 14) NBNA Scholarship Program <a href="https://www.nbna.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=74&Itmid=133">www.nbna.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=74&Itmid=133</a>
- 15) The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation www.onsfoundation.org?p=12909
- 16) Army ROTC Nurse Officer Program www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html
- 17) National Student Nurses Association www.nsna.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships.aspx
- 18) National Association of Hispanic Nurses <a href="mailto:nathred:na
- 19) Health Careers Foundation www.hcfinfo.org/services.html
- 20) Trafford Scholarships www.tafford.com/t-scholarship.aspx/

- 21) The Health Professions Education Foundation www.aacn.nche.edu/students/scholarships
- 22) National Institute of Health Undergraduate Scholarship www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp
- 23) Beacon Partners Healthcare IT Scholarships www.himss.org/foundation/schlr hims.asp
- 24) Nurse Corps Scholarship Program: www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/nursing/
- 25) The Foundation of National Student Nurses Association: <u>www.nsna.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships/U</u> <u>ndergraduateScholarship.aspx</u>
- 26) Registered Nurse Education Fund www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/

### **Pharmacy Scholarships**

- 1) Alpha Foundation Ronald L. Williams Memorial Fund www.pharmacist.com/apha-foundation-ronald-l-williams-memorial-fund
- 2) Pharmacy Scholarships aspire.wvu.edu/r/download/55711

- 3) McKesson Pharmacy Scholarships www.mckesson.com/en\_us/McKesson.com/About%2BUs/Corporate%2BCitizenship/Healthcare%2BScholarships/Scholarships.html
- 4) American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education www.afpenet.org/applicant.htm
- 5) Student National Pharmaceutical Association <a href="https://www.snpha.org/Membership.aspx">www.snpha.org/Membership.aspx</a>
- 6) National Community Pharmacist Association www.ncpanet.org/pdf/students/ncpa\_application-summerint.pdf
- 7) Amgen careers.amgen.com/en/university-relations/internships-co-ops
- 8) Tylenol Scholarships scholarship.tylenol.com/
- 9) Rite Aid Competitive Pharmacy Scholarships www.riteaid.com/careers/student grad.jsf
- 10) Merck Research Scholar Program for Professional Degree Pharmacy Students
  <a href="https://www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=10150">www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=10150</a>
- 11) Health Careers Foundation www.hcfinfo.org/services.html
- 12) Johns Hopkins Pharmacy Internship Program www.hopkinsmedicine.org/pharmacy/internship/

#### 13) Bristol-Myers Squibb

www.bms.com/responsibility/grantsandgiving/Corporate Giving/Pages/fellowships scholarships awards.aspx

#### 14) ASHP Internship Program

 $\frac{www.ashp.org/Import/ABOUTUS/Careers/ResidenciesInterns}{hipsExternships/ASHPSummerInternship.aspx}$ 

#### 15) Eli Lilly & Company Internships

www.lilly.com/careers/student-opportunities/Pages/student-opportunities.aspx

# 16) Willard B. Simmons Sr. Memorial Scholarship www.ncpafoundation.org/scholarships/simmons.shtml

# 17) GSK Summer Internship Program us.gsk.com/html/career/career-summer.html

# 18) AFPE Pre-doctoral Fellowship in the Pharmaceutical Sciences www.afpenet.org/pre doc grad fellow.htm

#### 19) CVS Caremark

<u>info.cvscaremark.com/community/ways-we-give/charitable-trust/pharmacy-school-scholarships</u>

#### 20) Express Scripts Scholars Program

www.aacp.org/resources/student/financialaid/Pages/ExpressScriptsScholarsProgram.aspx

# 21) American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy www.aacp.org/Pages/Default.aspx

### **Science Scholarships**

- 1) Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship www.act.org/goldwater/
- 2) NASA Virginia Space Grant Consortium www.vsgc.odu.edu/
- 3) Collegiate Leaders in Environmental Health Summer Internship Program www.cdc.gov/nceh/cleh/
- 4) Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program vsgc.odu.edu/sf/undergrad/index.shtml
- 5) Graduate STEM Research Fellowship Program vsgc.odu.edu/sf/gradfellow/index.shtml
- 6) Krill Institute Graduate Fellowship www.krellinst.org/ssgf
- 7) Association for Women in Science Internship www.awis.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=473
- 8) Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Scholarship Program science.hamptonu.edu/naval/scholarship.cfm
- 9) Robert Nonce Teacher Scholarship Program (Hampton University) science.hamptonu.edu/math/noyce/
- 10) SMART Scholarship smart.asee.org/

- 11) UNCF's STEM Solution give.uncf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=STEM\_Solution
- 12) Great Minds in STEM www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program
- 13) AICP Scholarship Program www.aicp.net/careercenter/scholarship.cfm
- 14) General Motors Scholarships careers.gm.com/usa/student\_center.jsp?p=scholarships
- 15) National Society Daughters of the American Revolution www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\_scholar.cfm
- 16) Meyerhof Scholars Program www.umbc.edu/meyerhoff/benefits eligibility.html
- 17) Society of Physics Students Scholarships www.spsnational.org/programs/scholarships/
- 18) National Institute of Health Undergraduate Scholarship www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp
- 19) AISES Scholarship Programs www.aises.org/what/programs/scholarships
- 20) National Ambush, INC. www.ambucs.com/
- 21) Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship www.centerforplantconservation.org/beattie.asp

- 22) Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) Internship Program www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm#iofg
- 23) New Cosmics Frontiers International Science Essay
  Competition
  www.cappex.com/page/scholarships/details.jsp?scholarshipID=
  41185
- 24) Dr. Wes Eckenfelder Jr. Scholarship collegeapps.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/XJ&zTi=1&sdn=collegeapps&cdn=education&tm=57&gps=39\_8\_1440\_805&f=00&su=p284.13.342.ip\_&tt=3&bt=7&bts=7&zu=http%3A//www.cappex.com/page/scholarships/details.jsp%3FscholarshipID%3D3235
- 25) Proton OnSite Scholarship & Innovation Program collegeapps.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/XJ&zTi=1&sdn=collegeapps&cdn=education&tm=107&gps=82\_4\_1440\_805&f=00&su=p284\_13.342.ip\_&tt=3&bt=7&bts=7&zu=http%3A//www.cappex.com/page/scholarships/details.jsp%3FscholarshipID%3D37615

# **Engineering & Technology Scholarships**

- 1) NASA Virginia Space Grant Consortium www.vsgc.odu.edu/
- 2) Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship www.act.org/goldwater/

- 3) National Business Aviation Association www.nbaa.org/prodev/scholarships/
- 4) Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program vsgc.odu.edu/sf/undergrad/index.shtml
- 5) Graduate STEM Research Fellowship Program vsgc.odu.edu/sf/gradfellow/index.shtml
- 6) National SMART Grant www.educationgrant.com/grants/national-smart- grant/
- 7) National Society of Black Engineers www.nsbe.org/Programs/Scholarships.aspx
- 8) Future Engineers Scholarship Program www.kellyengineering.us/web/us/ker/en/pages/scholarships.html
- 9) General Motors Minority Engineering and Science Scholarship (MES) careers.gm.com/usa/student center.jsp?p=scholarships
- 10) Woman in Aviation International www.wai.org/education/scholarships.cfm
- 11) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Endowed Scholarships careers.gm.com/usa/student\_center.jsp?p=scholarships
- 12) Association for Women in Science www.awis.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=473
- 13) Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship www.xeroxstudentcareers.com/why-xerox/scholarship.aspx

- 14) American Institute of Chemical Engineers
  <a href="https://www.aiche.org/community/awards/student-awards-competitions">www.aiche.org/community/awards/student-awards-competitions</a>
- 15) Center for Architecture Foundation www.cfafoundation.org/index.php?section=scholarships
- 16) UNCF's STEM Solution give.uncf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=STEM\_Solution
- 17) Selected Professions Fellowships (AAUW) <a href="https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/">www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/</a>
- 18) Meyerhof Scholars Program www.umbc.edu/meyerhoff/benefits\_eligibility.html
- 19) Structural Engineering/Architecture Student Scholarship Program www.strongtie.com/scholarships/
- 20) ASM Materials Education Foundation www.asminternational.org/portal/site/www/foundation/scholar ships/
- 21) National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering www.nacme.org/NACME B.aspx?pageid=102
- 22) Department of Energy Scholars orise.orau.gov/doescholars/default.htm
- 23) The Daniel W. Helping Award for Scholarship in Construction www.asce.org/AwardsContent.aspx?id=12884904896

- 24) Development Fund for Black Students in Science and Technology www.dfbsstscholarship.org/
- 25) ASHRAE Scholarship www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/studentzone/scholarships-and-grants/engineering-technologyscholarships
- 26) American Nuclear Society Scholarships www.ans.org/honors/scholarships/

## **Liberal Arts Scholarships**

- 1) National Black Police Association <u>www.blackpolice.org/15-education/scholarships/21-scholarship</u>
- 2) AFSCME/UNCF Union Scholars Program www.afscme.org/organize/uncf
- 3) Straightforward Media Liberal Arts Scholarship www.straightforwardmedia.com/scholarship/liberal-arts/index.php
- 4) Music Scholarships (Hampton University) libarts.hamptonu.edu/music/scholarships.cfm
- 5) REFORMA Scholarship www.reforma.org/content.asp?pl=7&sl=47&contentid=47

- 6) American Museum of Natural History Young Naturalist Award www.amnh.org/learn-teach/young-naturalist-awards
- 7) Theodore Ward Prize for African American Playwrights <a href="https://www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=13551">www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=13551</a>
- 8) FBI Honors Internship Program www.fbijobs.gov/239.asp
- 9) Princess Grace Awards www.pgfusa.com/grants-program/overview
- 10) Undergraduate Psychology Summer Internship Program www.pace.edu/counseling-center/training-opportunities-new-york/undergraduate-psychology-summer-internship-program
- 11) National Federation of State Poetry Societies www.nfsps.com/
- 12) National Air and Space Museum (NASM) Internship www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm#iofg
- 13) CIA Undergraduate Internship Program www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/ncs-intern.html
- 14) NTA Mayflower Tours Patrick Murphy Undergraduate or Graduate Internship www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=2003420
- 15) Andrew Mellon Fellowship in Art History <u>www.collegexpress.com/scholarships/andrew-mellon-fellowship-in-art-history/17581/</u>

## **Journalism & Communications Scholarships**

- 1) Chips Quinn Scholars www.chipsquinn.org/apply/index.aspx
- 2) Scripps Howard Semester in Washington Internship www.shfwire.com/node/5464
- 3) National Association of Black Journalist Scholarship Award www.nabj.org/?page=SEEDScholarships
- 4) New York Times Company Summer Internships www.nytco.com/careers/internships/summer.html
- 5) Viacom Internship Program jobhuntweb.viacom.com/viacom/taleo/internships.html
- 6) AP-Google Journalism and Technology Scholarship scholarship-positions.com/ap-google-journalism-and-technology-scholarship-201213-usa/2011/08/22/
- 7) Daily Press Internship Program
  <u>articles.dailypress.com/2013-01-28/news/dp-careers-</u>
  intern 1 internship-financial-report-hampton-roads
- 8) Flagrant Foundation Scholarship Program www.lagrantfoundation.org/Scholarship%20Program
- 9) BET Internship Program betcareers.viacom.com/internships.html
- 10) American Political Science Association www.apsanet.org/content 5046.cfm

- 11) Broadcast Education Association www.beaweb.org/scholarships.htm
- 12) FOX Internship Program www.foxcareers.com/#/internships
- 13) The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences www.emmysfoundation.org/fred-rogers-memorial-scholarship
- 14) John Bayle's Radio Scholarship www.beaweb.org/bayliss/radio.html
- 15) Carole Simpson Scholarship www.nabj.org/?page=ScholarshipsSimpson
- 16) Ed Bradley Scholarship www.rtdna.org/content/ed bradley scholarship
- 17) Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Scholarships www.prssa.org/scholarships competitions/individual/
- 18) Washington Post Summer Internships intern.washpost.com/
- 19) Asian American Journalism Association www.aaja.org/apply-for-a-scholarship-now/
- 20) BAEO Communications Internship baeo.org/?section=jobs&job\_id=45
- 21) Messenger-Anderson Journalism Scholarship and Internship Program www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml#journalism

- 22) Overseas Press Club Foundation www.overseaspressclubfoundation.org/apply.html
- 23) The Oregonian Internship Program biz.oregonian.com/newsroom/?sec=63&tert=0
- 24) Washington Journalism Internship Opportunities www.yaf.org/JournalismInternshipOpportunities.aspx
- 25) ABC News Internship Program abcnews.go.com/Site/page?id=3069947
- 26) American Copy Editors Society Scholarship www.copydesk.org/blog/category/education fund/
- 27) National Air and Space Museum (NASM) Internship www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm#iofg
- 28) Institute for Humane Society Internship Program www.theihs.org/ihs-journalism-internship-program

### **Business Scholarships**

- 1) Virginia Society of Public Accountants Scholarships www.vscpa.com/Content/ed\_found/sa/scholarships/default.aspx
- 2) Government Finance Officers Association <a href="https://www.gfoa.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=96&Itemid=107">www.gfoa.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=96&Itemid=107</a>
- 3) AFSCME/UNCF Union Scholars Program www.afscme.org/organize/uncf

- 4) National Black MBA Association www.nbmbaa.org/Programs/scholarships/Default.aspx
- 5) Mattel Internships corporate.mattel.com/careers/recruiting.aspx
- 6) DECA/Collegiate DECA Student Scholarships www.deca.org/events/29/
- 7) Norfolk Southern Internship www.norfolksouthern.com/nscportal/nscorp/Job Seekers/Coop%20&%20Interns%20Program/
- 8) Joe Martin Scholarship <a href="https://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\_j">www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\_j</a> oemartin
- 9) Jane M. Klaus man Women in Business Scholarship www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/JaneMKla usmanWomenInBusinessScholarship.aspx
- 10) Robert McNeill International Business Scholarship www.iesabroad.org/IES/Scholarships and Aid/Merit Based/mcNeillScholarship.html
- 11) National Society of Hispanic MBAs www.nshmba.org/scholarship
- 12) National Society of Accountants
  <a href="https://www.nsacct.org/education/nsascholarshipfoundation/tabid/6976/default.aspx">www.nsacct.org/education/nsascholarshipfoundation/tabid/6976/default.aspx</a>
- 13) Geico Internship Program careers.geico.com/college\_recruiting/internship\_programs

- 14) Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting www.efwa.org/scholarships.php
- 15) AICP Scholarship Program www.aicp.net/careercenter/scholarship.cfm
- 16) Direct Marketing Educational Foundation, INC. www.directworks.org/students/dmef-marketing-scholarships
- 17) Wachovia Scholarship Award scholarships.collegetoolkit.com/scholarships/awards/wachovia\_scholarship award/7335.aspx
- 18) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants www.aicpa.org/becomeacpa/scholarships/pages/default.aspx
- 19) Matthew H, Parry Memorial Scholarship <a href="https://www.pmi.org/pmief/">www.pmi.org/pmief/</a>
- 20) Appraisal Institute Education Trust www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/scholarship.aspx
- 21) Booz Allen Hamilton Internships www.boozallen.com/careers/find-your-job/internships
- 22) FBI Honors Internship Program www.fbijobs.gov/239.asp
- 23) The Boeing Company Business Administration Internship <a href="https://www.boeing.com/events/marketing/college/internship/2011/nw/business/11-1015956/">www.boeing.com/events/marketing/college/internship/2011/nw/business/11-1015956/</a>

- 24) Smithsonian Internship www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm#iofg
- 25) HAUC National Internship Program www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp
- 26) Altria, Inc./Philip Morris USA Internship <u>www.cantbeattheexperience.com/en/cms/Student Center/Internships/default.aspx</u>

# **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 (or <u>FAFSA</u>)! Considering you have done the above (if desired), 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, UNCF, 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, <u>Community Foundations</u>, <u>Chambers of Commerce</u>, 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 WITH YOUR INSTRUCTORS AFTER CLASS TO LEARN HOW THEY HELPED TO FINANCE THEIR WAY THROUGH SCHOOL, USING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.
- 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!!!!

# 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 <a href="http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams">http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams</a>.

### **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: <a href="http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen\_info/grant\_scholarships.cfm">http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen\_info/grant\_scholarships.cfm</a>.