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Outside Scholarship Search Information for College Students

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Introduction

With the cost of college on the rise, students are continually looking for sources to help pay for their education.

Did you know that there are many outside scholarship opportunities to take advantage of for diverse groups of students?

Most of the time it is a matter of knowing where to look and finding which ones may be available and apply to you. We hope that this document can aid you in your search.

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Tips and Resources

In addition to finding the right sites to do your search, there are other tips and resources to keep in mind to help you along the way.

- Do not pay a fee for scholarship searches. Working independently a student can generally find more sources than using a paid service.
- Resources like high school and college guidance counselors, web searches, information from the Department of Education and other sources are available to help you organize a search.
- Graduate, credential and adult (non-traditional) students are encouraged to do these searches. There are generally less funds available for these groups, but it can be worth the effort.
- Listed outside scholarships are additional to what a specific college might offer and do not include other grants or scholarships that a school's financial aid office can determine your eligibility. Always remember to check with them as well.

How to Search Scholarship Sites

The following lists do not include every scholarship out there, but are designed to demonstrate how to link search criteria and web searches for grants and scholarships.

Going to these sites will lead the user to other similar sites to build on their searches. The lists below will give you an idea of key words to use in your web searches. Finding one link will often lead to many more choices.

As you search you may notice that often grant or scholarship searches are focused on targeted groups like academics, talent, athletics, diversity, underrepresented groups- like first generation students, and geographical locations. If you string together words like scholarships, grants, college, university, adult, graduate student, major of interest, your ethnicity, or groups you are involved with, this can also show up random scholarships that are available.

In exchange for use of a web site you may be asked to provide your email. Researchers like yourself often create a secondary email from a free service if they are asked to provide their email and contact information, and if they are concerned about the free search sites searching them out as well.

General Scholarship Sites

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/>
Narrow your search through this site to quickly find the opportunities you want. Please note that the selections become more unique as you search and the selections are located at the top of the left menu for easy browsing.

http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp

Sallie Mae offers a free scholarship search. Provides access to a scholarship database containing more than 3 million scholarships worth over 16 billion dollars. It is expanded and updated regularly.

- Privacy policy ensures you will not receive unwanted emails or be subject to intrusive advertising.
- Must be registered to access the scholarship search.

<http://www.collegenet.com>
A state-of-the-art college planning website with extensive links. Apply to college online using a CollegeNET account. The site also includes a scholarship search engine.

<http://www.collegeboard.com>
The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association whose mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to college and opportunity. The site also includes an extensive scholarship search engine.

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

Scholarship search information and links from the premier not-for-profit website for families and financial aid administrators.

www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/scholarship-search-ebook.pdf

A comprehensive guide to scholarship searches with tips, realistic information and explanations of the process. Download the informative pdf file free.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/redirects/students-gov>

Information on the Student Gateway to the U.S. Government

Hispanic Scholarships

<http://www.hsf.net/>

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund recently launched "Generation 1st Degree," an initiative aimed at putting a college degree in every Latino household and creating an impact on the college outlook of Latino families across the country. Check the Resources Link for a pathway to dozens of scholarships search sites.

http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HACU_Student_Programs

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). To be eligible to apply for one of HACU's scholarships, students must be attending a HACU Member or Partner college or university (visit <http://www.hacu.net/> for a complete listing)

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

National nonprofit organization devoted solely to the education and leadership development of Puerto Rican and other Latino youth.

www.hispanicheritage.org

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards identify, promote and prepare Latino leaders in the classroom and community. Scholarships are available for Hispanic high school seniors.

African American Scholarships

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

Online resources for Black college students

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

Narrow your search through this site to quickly find the opportunities you want. Please note that the selections become more unique as you search further, and the selections are located at the top of the left menu for easy browsing.

<http://blackstudents.blacknews.com/>

Online resource for Black college students.

Asian American Scholarships

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

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the nation's largest 501c (3) non-profit organization that provides scholarships to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIAs) with financial need. Based in Washington, DC, APIASF was formed in 2003.

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

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

The 2011 Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) scholarship application is now available. GMS will select 1,000 talented students to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. They provide Gates Millennium Scholars with personal and professional development through their leadership programs along with academic support throughout your college career.

Native American Scholarships

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

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

The American Indian College Fund is a Native-operated organization and the nation's largest provider of private scholarships. They support the nation's tribal colleges and universities and their students.

<http://catchingthedream.org/>

Formerly known as the Native American Scholarship Fund, Catching the Dream (CTD) was chartered in 1986 to help provide Native American Tribes, communities, and tribal organizations with professionally trained and education Native Americans.

LGBT Scholarships

There are numerous lists and opportunities in this category. Below are just a few examples.

[Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation](#)

[Audria M Edwards Youth
Scholarship Fund
Equity Foundation](#)

Scholarships for Women

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php/scholarships#activePanels>

The Society of Women Engineers.

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

Narrow your search through this site to quickly find the opportunities you want. Please note that the selections become more unique as you search further, and the selections are located at the top of the left menu for easy browsing.

<http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/financial-aid/scholarships/women>

Don't let college tuition stop you from getting your education. These 50 scholarships were all specifically created to help women. They stretch across all disciplines and offer a wide range of aid.

Scholarships for Adult Learners

(non-traditional students)

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

<http://www.back2college.com/library/scholarships.htm>

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/nontraditional.phtml>

Graduate Student Scholarships

<http://www.back2college.com/library/scholarships.htm>

There are links to scholarship sites some of which may be referenced in

other areas of this document. Please be aware that this organization will attempt to sell you their 89 page special report for adult students that provides information on scholarships, grants, and private organizations and associations that aid adults returning to college. If you are interested please check your local or school library to see if they have a copy. Do not waste your own funds on this book.

<http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarshipsfor-adult-students/>

General information. This is a .com site so beware of sales pitches.

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

Not for profit web site. Follow their FastWeb scholarship search.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/redirects/students-gov>

Students.gov is an official U.S. government web site designed for college students and their families. Our mission is to provide you with easy access to information and resources from the U.S. government – all the info you need, in one place, from all parts of the government. Students.gov is a cooperative effort between federal agencies, students, and other parts of the education community, under the leadership of the U.S. Department of Education.

How to Write a Scholarship Essay

If you are interested in information on how to write a scholarship essay, [click here](#).

To apply free for financial aid

[Click here](#).