

**CADDO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
2009 Student Aid Booklet**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Introduction

Suggestions for Seniors

Letter of Recommendation Request

Scholarship Information

Military Scholarships

Financial Aid Websites

Scholarship Searches/Scams

Student Aid at a Glance

How to Apply

Scholarships for Students w/ Disabilities

Scholarship Resources

Orphaned Scholarships

Federal Aid Summary

Finding out about Student Aid

Scholarship Scams

Identity Theft

Arkansas Colleges

Arkansas Scholarship Stacking Policy

Testing Info..ACT, SAT, PSAT etc

The scholarship information in this booklet has been compiled to acquaint students with scholarship/financial aid information that has been received through the CHHS Guidance office. In most cases the deadlines given are those for the 2008/09 school year; deadlines for the current year may vary. This manual is based on the most up to date information we have; **however, deadlines and scholarship criteria may vary some for the current year, so please visit the scholarship hyperlinks for further details.**

As applications are received throughout the year, the information is printed in the high school's daily announcements and in the senior file folders in the office and added to this resource as quickly as possible.

This is by no means a comprehensive list of all the scholarships available. This resource will be continually updated from year to year. Students may want to consult other sources, such as financial aid websites. Two excellent sources which provide information at no cost are <http://www.fastweb.com> and arkansasscholarshipconnection.com. Another excellent source of information for both schools and jobs is DiscoverArkansas.com. There you will find a link called Real Life Arkansas where students find out how much money they need and what occupations that will meet their needs.

Job information can be researched on <http://www.bls.gov/OCO/>. There you will find literally any and every occupation that there is, what skills are required, and the job outlook for the future.

Students may also obtain scholarship information from college catalogs and brochures. Catalogs usually list not only academic scholarships, but also performance (based on talent, skill, or special knowledge) and privately funded scholarships. Scholarships are sometimes offered at various companies and corporations, most of these are scholarships targeted to employee's children. If you have a college bound senior, ask your place of employment if any scholarships are offered.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available after January 1 st . Anyone who plans to attend college or vocational school needs to complete a FAFSA. The applications can be filled out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov .

Collegebound seniors should also apply for the **Arkansas Academic Challenge** scholarship at www.arkansaschallenge.com (this one has some eligibility requirements – the biggest one being that two years of foreign language is required).

Robin Finley is creator and owner of Tasseltime. Tasseltime is a website that provides information on the military, career selection, indepth college information, scholarship information, test preparation, study skills, and financial aid. The website address is www.tasseltime.com .

Although the search for money to pay for college can be a frustrating process at times, it is well worth the effort. The information provided is a good start. Scholarships are sometimes not advertised well. Many companies, corporations, churches, church associations, and community groups give out scholarships. Don't be afraid to ask people involved in an organization about available scholarships. Also, each school has their own foundational scholarships or private scholarships.

Be sure your child applies for scholarships at the school he or she plans to attend. Keep in mind that scholarships are available every year. Some scholarships are meant for students who have already completed a year or two of college. Because funds do tend to dissipate rather quickly, most colleges have scholarships for which only juniors and seniors are eligible. GPA in college is just as important, if not more so, than GPA in high school. Many times, renewal of scholarships is based on students maintaining a certain GPA.

One last technicality, for those of you who have senior students, make sure that they make their own phone calls and fill out their own applications and forms. They will need these basic skills to survive in college. Plus, colleges and universities are required to keep student

information confidential. Freshmen fall into the adult category and their information cannot be shared with anyone (even parents). Therefore, since your child is going to have to handle the details of his or her college experience, do them a favor by preparing them for this feat now.

Suggestions for Seniors:

1. Be aware of the deadline for each scholarship for which you plan to apply. The deadline might read “must be postmarked by” or “must be received by.”
2. Give people that you have asked to write letters of recommendations plenty of time to prepare them. Tell them the date that you will need their letters and let them know any specific area (talent, characteristic, etc.) that needs to be addressed according to the scholarship instructions.
3. Prepare a list of school activities, honors, awards, leadership positions, employment, volunteer work, and community activities to help you in filling out scholarship applications. Giving a copy of this list to those writing letters of recommendation for you will be extremely helpful.
4. Type your application. If typing is not possible, print your application using black ink.
5. Request a copy of your transcript at least one day in advance of when it is needed.

Letter of Recommendation Request

Student Name: _____

Request To: _____

Date of Request _____ Date Request Needed _____

Please address the letter to the following:

List School Activities/Clubs/Sports/Hobbies:

List Honors/Awards/Special Skills/Classes (both classes in which you may have been taught by this person and your courses; be sure you label AP, PreAP and Honors to the courses in which it applies):

Community and School Leadership:

6

Work:

Community/Volunteer/ Church Service:

Family Information (relevant to the recommendation):

Future Goals:

Collegiate Major/Minor:

Other/Comments (maybe a reminder of a unique situation that occurred when you were in this class or with this person)

**WARNING!!! DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!
APPLY EARLY!**

RESEARCH THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS BEFORE YOU APPLY!

This resource is intended to inform you about scholarships. It is your responsibility to check the most current requirements and due dates for each scholarship you apply for.

Scholarship & Financial Aid Information

(If links do not operate correctly, do a web search for the scholarship name or title)

AAA / State Farm Scholar Athlete Program

April 5th Deadline. Ten senior student athletes will be awarded \$500 scholarships. Criteria: 7th semester GPA of at least 3.5, ACT composite score of 21, display good citizenship and leadership, participate in other school activities, and be registered with AAA. Applications will be available in the Spring semester. The Activities Association office number is 5019552600.

AGC FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

April Deadline. College sophomores and juniors enrolled or planning to enroll in a fulltime, four or five year ABET or ACCE accredited construction management or construction related engineering program are eligible to apply. High school seniors and college freshmen are not eligible. However, this is a great opportunity for junior and senior years, when funds begin to dwindle. More information available at <http://www.agc.org/index.wv>

Air Force ROTC Scholarship

Deadline APPLY EARLY. Can be worth as much as \$150,000 over four years. ACT, GPA, class rank, AP/Honors courses are important.

American Cancer Society Scholarship

Deadline March 3. Applicants must have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21 and a GPA no lower than 2.5. Awards based on a combination of financial need, scholarship, leadership and community service.

American Indian Center of Arkansas Scholarship

Deadline April. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to attend a two or four year Arkansas college for a graduating senior of documentable Native American descent. Criteria: academic achievement, community service, school activities, leadership qualities, and financial need. Requires Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood documentation.

American Legion Scholarship

Deadline March 15th. Children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren of American Legionnaires in good standing of two or more years of membership may apply for scholarships of up to \$500 each.

American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest

Deadline Mid November. Topic and some phase of the Constitution of the United States. Topics will be made available at www.legion.org .

Americorps

This is a work program to earn money for vocational school or college. In exchange for a year of service, fulltime AmeriCorps members earn a living allowance, health care, and an educational award of \$4,725 to help pay for college or vocational training. Diverse network of programs across the country tutoring young people, preventing crime, renovating houses, recruiting and training volunteers, and restoring parks and streams. AmeriCorps web site is www.americorps.org Hotline 18009422677,press option 7.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

Deadline June 1st. Selected applicants will receive \$2000 their freshman year. Scholarship is receivable up to four years. GPA, ACT score, courses taken, and family income considered. **Every senior planning to attend college should apply.** The high school grade point average

requirements differ for receiving this scholarship at a four year college or university, and a two year college. May apply online at: www.Arkansaschallenge.com Applications should be available in February.

Arkansas Association of Federal Coordinators Scholarship

Deadline March. \$500 per semester. Criteria: Letters of recommendation, 500 word essay, and tax forms required. GPA of 2.5.

Arkansas Associaton of Federal Coordinators

\$500 meant to supplement college costs beginning the freshman year. Main requirement is for that students must enroll in an Arkansas college or university – schools can be a junior college, a vocational or technical college, a community college or a university. April Deadline.

Arkansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators

Deadline March. Two \$500 scholarships awarded from names mailed to them.

Arkansas Bankers Association Young Banker Scholarship

Must be a resident of Arkansas and must be majoring in banking, finance, or business. Must also have plans to enter the banking profession. GPA must be a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Deadline is March. For more information go to www.arkbankers.org

Arkansas Broadcasters Assn. Scholarship

Deadline March 1st. Criteria: Career in broadcasting, attend Arkansas State University, academics, extracurricular activities, and statement explaining why broadcasting has been chosen as a career field. Full tuition scholarship.

Arkansas Department of Higher Education. ADHE website: www.arscholarships.com

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Conservation Scholarship. Deadline June 1. This \$2,000 scholarship is for a conservation related field. Additional information or applications at www.agfc.com

Arkansas Governor’s Commission of People with Disabilities

Deadline January 30. \$1,000 scholarships for several students. To qualify, a student must have a physical or mental limitation that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, or learning. The disability must be documented. Three letters of recommendation from an adult testifying to academic abilities, character, volunteer services, and community involvement are required.

Arkansas Governor’s Distinguished Scholarship

Deadline February . ACT score of 32 (SAT 1410) and have a GPA of 3.5 or selected as a National Merit Finalist or National Achievement Finalist. Tuition, mandatory fees, room and board up to \$10,000 per year. Renewable. Must attend an Arkansas college. Same application form as Arkansas Governor's Scholarship.

Arkansas Governor’s Scholarship Program

Deadline February . 75 scholarships awarded on a competitive basis each year in amount of \$4000 per year. Renewable. GPA 3.5 or ACT score of 27. Must attend an Arkansas college.

Arkansas HighTech Scholarship Program

Deadline July 1. Eighteen scholarships awarded to students enrolling in eligible post secondary technical programs. Applicants must have a seven semester GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and an ACT composite score of 19. \$500 per year. More information may be obtained by visiting <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/Apprenticeship/Hitechscholarship.htm>

Arkansas Manufactured Housing Educational Foundation.

Deadline March 31. Two \$1,000 scholarships for dependents of an employee or a full or part time employee of the AR Manufactured Housing industry. Applications available from local manufactured home dealers or foundation office in Little Rock.

Arkansas Public Health Association Scholarship

Deadline March 16. \$500 scholarship for Arkansas students entering a public health field.

Eligibility: GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 system and financial need.

Arkansas State University

Deadline is February 15 th . Arkansas Broadcasters Association Scholarship is for high school seniors who plan to major in broadcasting at ASU.

Arkansas Rural Education Association Scholarship

Deadline March 3rd. \$1,000 scholarship. Must attend an Arkansas College. Only one student nominated per school.

Arkansas State University Agriculture Scholarships

Deadline in March varies

for Different Scholarships. Amount of scholarship varies from \$500 to \$2500 for students interested in poultry industry, plant science, or general.

Arkansas State University Thompson Minority Scholarship

Deadline August 9th. Five incoming freshmen will receive \$1,000 each semester. Must have a 3.0 GPA.

Arkansas State University Riceland President's Scholar.

Deadline March 1st. Applicant must be a member or dependent of a Riceland member family and have an ACT score of 26 or higher. Annual award of fulltime tuition, fees, and housing.

Arkansas Tech University Alumni Association Scholarship

Deadline March. \$500 plus scholarships. Applicants must have a high school GPA of 3.2, minimum ACT composite score of 22, and one parent who attended Arkansas Tech University

Arkansas Tech University Creative Writing Scholarships

Deadline January. Six scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 awarded to winners of creative writing contest. These awards may be used to pursue any of Tech's degree programs.

More information at http://lfa.atu.edu/english/CRWR_Schol.html

Arkansas Tech University Honors Program Scholarships

Scholarships pay for tuition, room and board, and a \$500 textbook allowance. ACT of 28 or better. Cumulative GPA 3.5 or higher. Contact: Dr. Jan Jenkins, Director of the University Honors Program at 5019680456.

Arkansas Technical Careers Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Loan recipients who graduate from a designated technical program and work fulltime in Arkansas in the high demand technical field for which they trained shall have one year of their loan amount (federal student up to \$2500) forgiven for each full year of qualified employment. Directory of Designated Technical Education Programs is in the Counseling Center or visit www.worked.state.ar.us/loanforgiveness.htm

Associated General Contractors of America

Deadline March. For anyone interested in a construction related field, construction management, civil, mechanical, structural or electrical engineering. Application and evaluation forms required.

Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program

Deadline April. Seniors with asthma who have achieved both excellence in competitive sports and a superior academic record are eligible to apply.

AXA Foundation.

Deadline December 15th. These scholarships are awarded to 52 seniors who have demonstrated achievement at a job, sport, or extracurricular activity. For more information and to download the scholarship application, go to the website at www.axaachievement.com

Ayn Rand Essay Contest

Deadline April 15th. Juniors and seniors will write on selected topics from *The Fountainhead*, a novel by Ayn Rand. \$35,000 in prize money awarded. Freshmen and sophomore students may enter the essay contest based on Ayn Rand's novelette *Anthem*.

Barbara Mashburn Scholarship

Students interested in vocal music may make an application and then audition for this scholarship. Students do not necessarily have to major in music, but must plan to minor in it or be involved with a music program. Students who receive the scholarship must be willing to perform at Mashburn events. More information is available at www.mashburnfoundation.org

Bates Minority Scholarship Program

Deadline March. Offers ten \$2500 scholarships to minority students attending an Arkansas college in the fall. Criteria for selection: academics, financial need, activities, leadership, community service.

Best Buy Community Volunteer Service Awards / Dollars for Scholars

Deadline February 5th. \$500 awards for students making extraordinary contributions to their communities and who have strong academic records. For use in colleges, universities or votechs. Download application materials at www.BestBuy.com The first 15,000 applications received will be considered.

Burger King Scholars Award

Deadline December 15th. \$1000 scholarships for college or vocational school. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, work parttime, be involved in community or extracurricular activities, have written recommendations of principal and employer, and have financial need for scholarship funds. Only one nomination can be made per school.

Chevrolet Michelle Kwan R.E.W.A.R.D.S. Scholarship Program

Deadline March 29th. Female student with a minimum 3.2 grade point average who has demonstrated both academic and athletic excellence. Continue involvement in athletics while in college. Demonstrate financial need.

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program

The scholarship program is offered by Monsanto, in collaboration with the National Association of Farm Broadcasters, and is open to high school seniors from all 50 states. In order to be eligible for one of the awards, the student applicant must come from farm family and plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. Onetime awards of \$1,500 will be made to 100 high school seniors chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders. Deadline is February 15 th . For more information or application go online to www.nafb.com or www.monsanto.com

CocaCola Scholarship

Deadline October 31st. 250 scholarships awarded nationally. Minimum GPA 3.0. Active involvement in school activities required. Scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000 are available. Application must be made on line at www.cocacolascholars.org Sample applications than can be filled out before applying on line are in the Counseling Center. The sample applications cannot be mailed.

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program.

Deadline February. Awards of \$1500 made to 100 high school seniors who come from a farm family and plan to pursue a career in agriculture. Open to high school seniors across the U.S, the scholarship program awards onetime gifts of \$1500 to 100 students annually. To qualify, a high

school senior from a farm family must have an aboveaverage academic record and plan to enroll as a fulltime student in an agriculturerelated academic major at an accredited school. Applicants will be evaluated on their high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities and personal application essays. An independent committee, administered by the National FFA Organization, will choose the winners. Applications are not limited to FFA members. Applications for the 2009 scholarships will be available in November 2008 at the following: www.monsanto.com, www.nafb.com, and www.ffa.com.

Complete Scholar / Athlete Award

Deadline Spring. \$500 academic scholarship. Criteria for selection: 3.5 GPA, 24 ACT, lettered two years in a varsity sport, leadership, extracurricular achievements, good moral character, plan to attend a four year college to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Damon McDonald Memorial Scholarship

Deadline April . Any senior planning to pursue a career in education may apply. Short essay required.

DECA Inc. Scholarships

Deadline February 11 th . Students involved in DECA have numerous opportunities for scholarships, interested students should visit: www.deca.org/scholarships/index.html

Discover Scholarship

Deadline January. For juniors only. 2.75 GPA, excelling in 3 or 4 areas in special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, and community service. Scholarships from \$2,500 \$25,000. For post high school education or training in any area of study certification, licensing in a trade, or training courses at a technical school, two year or four year university.

Duck Tape Scholarship

Duck Tape is offering a \$5,000 (\$2,500 each) scholarship to the high school couple who has the most unique prom outfits made out of duck tape. For official rules, previous winners, and entry requirements visit <http://www.ducktapeclub.com/contests/prom/default.asp> .

Earl Collins Foundation, Kiwanis International

Deadline December 31st. \$750 scholarship. ACT 23 minimum, or 3.3 GPA minimum. Academic and financial need primary factors.

Educational Communications Foundation Scholarship

Deadline May. 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each offered. \$3.50 processing fee. Must have taken the ACT or SAT.

Elks "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship

Deadline January. Based on financial need, scholarship, and leadership. Scholarships from \$1,000 to \$7,500. National awards from \$4,000 to \$60,000. Letters of recommendations required. Applications are available at www.elks.org , any local Elks Lodges, or by sending a self addressed envelope to: The Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614

ESA Foundation Scholarships

Deadline February 1st. Several different scholarships are available through this foundation. Applicant must be in upper 25% of their graduating class or minimum 3.0 GPA or ACT 20 minimum score. Requires two letters of recommendation, and a personal letter.

Farm Bureau Scholarships.

Deadline June 1st. Eight \$1,000 scholarships for students interested in obtaining a degree in agriculture. 3.0 GPA, financial need, involvement with agriculture and community activities, and three letters of recommendation.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Deadline: Fill out as soon as possible after January 1st of senior year. This application covers several financial programs: Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, college workstudy, Stafford Loans, and state grant. Eligibility is based on income information from the preceding year. Recommended that every student planning to attend college or vocational school apply. Submit a FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify for aid. Not qualifying for federal aid is sometimes a prerequisite for private awards.

FEEA Scholarship Program

For civilian federal employees and their dependent family members (spouse/child). Adult children and other relatives are eligible if claimed on the sponsoring employee's tax return. Scholarship requires a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Deadline is March.

FFA Scholarships. Check web site after December.

Deadline February 15th. FFA members apply through the FFA Foundation. Applications can be downloaded at www.ffa.org.

Gates Millennium Scholars.

Deadline March 15th. Cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. Individuals to be nominated must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American or Hispanic citizens and have a 3.3 GPA, financial need, and demonstrated leadership ability.

Girls Inc. Scholarship Program:

Deadline May 1st to the Belle Grove Center: Twenty scholarships (\$2,500 and \$15,000 denominations) will be awarded to 11th and 12th grade girls. Must have been a member of Girls Incorporated at least two years and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Girl Scout Achievement Award

Deadline February 13th. \$1,000 Scholarship available. Applicants must have received the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Girl Scouts, Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Deadline February 1st. 200 word essay. Two year scholarship from Pulaski Technical College in Little Rock. Two year scholarship from Midsouth Community College in West Memphis.

Governor's Scholars Program

Deadline February 1st. Eligibility criteria is based 25% on high school grade point average in academic courses (must have a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale), 25% on class rank, 40% on ACT or SAT composite score, and 10% on school leadership and community leadership)

Health Administration Section

Deadline is April 5th. \$500 scholarship awarded to high school senior interested in pursuing a Health related career. More information may be obtained by calling Ms. Riley at 8706285121.

Hendrix College Hays Memorial Scholarship

Deadline is November 15th. Prestigious scholarship offered for students who plan to attend Hendrix. Scholarship is awarded to four freshmen and provides funds for tuition, room, board, and required fees. Students must achieve a 3.6 GPA in college preparatory courses and score a minimum ACT composite of 32 or minimum SAT total of 1410.

Holocaust Remembrance Project

Deadline April 30th. This is an excellent scholarship opportunity for students interested in history. Each year, this foundation has an essay contest. The winners win an allexpense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as well as a college scholarship worth \$2500 to \$10000. Open to grades 9-12. For more information visit holocaust.hklaw.com

Horatio Alger Scholarship

Deadline is October 15th. Horatio Alger Scholarship seeks to assist students who have

demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Minimum GPA is 2.0 and students must be US citizens who will graduate from high school in 2006 and pursue a bachelor's degree. More information is available at www.horatiaoalger.org

JCI Senate Foundation Program

Deadline January. Limited number of \$1000 scholarships awarded to seniors. May be used at any accredited postsecondary college, university, or vocational school in the state.

Johnson & Wales University FBLA Scholarship Application.

Deadline February 1. Scholarships from \$500 up to full tuition. Applicants must be a FBLA member.

Johnson & Wales University National Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Scholarship Competition.

Deadline January. Resume, 250 word essay, and transcript required.

Kids Chance of Arkansas.

Deadline May 15th. Provides scholarships to children of workers killed or permanently and totally disabled from a compensable AR Workers Compensation injury or accident.

Kohl's Kids Who Care Program.

Deadline March 15th. Ten \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to students ages 6 through 18 based on volunteer activities. Application can be obtained at any Kohl's store or downloaded at www.kohlscorporation.com

Law Enforcement Officers Dependents' Scholarship

Deadline August 1 st for fall term. Dependent children or spouses of persons killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty as a law enforcement officer, fireman, forester, correctional officer, Punishment Department employees, and Transportation Department employees. Covers tuition, mandatory fees, room at an approved Arkansas public college, university or technical institute.

Lincoln High Alumni Association Scholarship

Deadline May 14th. For descendants of Lincolmites pursuing a course of study at a college, university or vocational school. Letter of recommendation and essay required.

Lucy S. Elliott Loan Fund.

Loans for those with financial need for post secondary education. Interest free loan, first payment due 3 months after completion of education.

Lyon College Merit Based Scholarship

Deadline January. Outstanding students submit an application for scholarships ranging from \$7,500 to tuition, room and board. Interview is required.

MIA/KIA Dependents' Scholarship

Deadline August 1 st for the fall term. Covers tuition, room and board, and mandatory fees at an Arkansas institution. Fulltime undergraduate/graduate students who are dependent children or spouses of persons declared killed in action, missing in action, or prisoners of war from 1960 or after. Must attend a Arkansas public college, university, or technical school.

National Commission for Cooperative Education

For students who will be participating in a cooperative education program in college. Sixty-nine renewable scholarships will be awarded. Cooperative education programs allow students to work in the field while receiving their education. UALR offers some programs that have cooperative education. More information can be found at www.coop.edu

National Cooperative Fisheries Scholarship Program.

Deadline April 30 th . University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff offers scholarships covering tuition and fees, room and board, stipends, books. Must have strong desire to work in field of fisheries/natural resources management. Requires travel and work during summers.

National High School Essay Contest

Deadline March 13th. Applicants must be in grades 1012.

First prize \$5,000, for the winning essay on a given theme. Over \$20,000 awarded. Sponsored by the Skirball Institute of American Values.

National Honor Society Scholarships

250 scholarships of \$1,000 each awarded nationwide. Two nominations from each high school. Applicants must be seniors and members of NHS.

National Science Foundation Scholarships.

Students in disciplines of information technology, mathematics, and engineering may receive up to \$3,125 per year. Students must be eligible for a Pell Grant and have a 3.0 GPA. Contact: Dean of Student Services, University of Arkansas Fort Smith 4797887013.

Navy ROTC Scholarships

Deadline Apply Early. Full tuition, \$250 per month. Room and board varies with college/university. ACT scores must be 22 in English, and 22 in Math. Online application at www.nrotc.navy.mil/

NFIB FREE ENTERPRISE SCHOLARS ADWARD. Deadline postmarked by March 31st.

At least 100 awards of \$1,000 cash. Demonstration of entrepreneurial spirit, membership in organizations such as DECA.

Outstanding Students of America

Deadline for application is October 15th. Outstanding Students of America is awarding \$1,000 scholarships. Information and application are available at www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com

Phi Delta Kappa International Scholarship

Deadline January 15. Scholarships from \$1000 to \$5000 for students planning to major in education. Criteria used for selection of scholarship recipients: an interest in teaching or professional education career, academic achievement, letters of recommendation, written expression, school and community activities and after school employment.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline October 29. Awards from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Must have engaged in a volunteer activity. Students in grades 5-12 are eligible. One student selected for every 1000 from grades 512.

Purchasing Management Association Scholarship

Deadline April. Two \$1200 scholarships awarded based on academic potential, leadership, and community service. Preference given to a business related major.

Region 4 Career Opportunities Scholarships

For technical students at University of Arkansas Fort Smith, Rich Mountain Community College, and Arkansas Valley Technical Institute. For Technical Certificate or Associate of Applied Science degree only.

Ray Buckner Memorial Scholarships

Deadline of April 15 th . For students who complete twelve hours at University of Arkansas Fort Smith with a 3.0 and plan to continue their studies. Financial need, strong civic involvement, and extracurricular activities are also part of the criteria.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Deadline February. Eligibility requires high grades and standardized test scores. Approximately 62 scholarships of \$1500 each. For more information and application visit <http://arkedu.state.ar.us/commemos/printview.cgi?filename=2363>

Rockfeller Scholarships

Deadline April. \$1,000 scholarship per semester. For African American students attending an accredited college in Pulaski County. 2.5 GPA, good citizenship, extracurricular activities and principal's or counselor's letter of recommendation.

Rotary Club Scholarship

April deadline. Applications may be picked up in the Counseling Center.

SAE 2006 Engineering Scholarships

Deadline is December 1. Engineering students need to apply SAE Engineering Scholarships. Go to www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm or see Mrs. Shelton for more information.

2006 Sam Walton Community Scholarship (Check the web site for updates on this one)

Interested graduating high school seniors need to logon to www.walmartfoundation.org for more information. Students will apply for the Sam Walton Community Scholarship online at www.scholarshipadministrators.net Applicants must use the access code (SWCS) to complete the application. Deadline is mid January.

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award (SAMMY)

Deadline March. \$7,500 scholarship. Excellence in sports, academics, leadership, and community service. SAMMY applications only accepted online at www.whymilk.com .

Senate Youth Program

Deadline September 30. Juniors or seniors interested in government and political science who served in an elected capacity in student government. Two delegates from each state chosen to go to Washington D.C. for a week and receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Society of Automotive Engineers Scholarship

Deadline December 1st. \$1,000 to \$5,000 scholarships for engineering majors or related science majors. ACT criteria, usually 90th percentile in both math and verbal. (\$5.00 processing fee.) Information available at <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm> .

SuperCollege.com Student Scholarship

Deadline July 31st. \$500 to \$2,500 award. Based on academic and extracurricular achievement and a 500 word essay.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Scholarship.

Deadline postmarked by November 7th. Five scholarships valued at \$40,000 each to be awarded to applicants who are children of a parent who has died from breast cancer.

THEA Foundation Scholarships

For student interested in pursuing visual and performing arts. Application requirements and more information can be found at www.theafoundation.org

T. J. Whitaker Memorial Scholarship.

Deadline April 1st. Old town Sertoma Club will award a \$1500 scholarship to cover tuition, books and supplies. GPA required 2.7 on 4.0 scale.

Target Scholarship

Deadline November 1st. Scholarships available for students and teachers. Obtain an application from Target store or visit www.target.com .

Tylenol Scholarship

April deadline. Ten \$10,000 awards or 150 \$1000 awards offered to student in healthrelated fields of study. More information will be available (probably after January or February) at tylenol.com

U of A Bodenhamer Fellowship

Deadline February. Fellowship worth up to \$48,000 each year. ACT of 32, or National Merit Semifinalist, show strong leadership, proficient or willing to become proficient in a second language, and demonstrate integrity.

U of A Boyer Scholarship

Deadline February 15th. \$12,000 annually. The following criteria of: 3.5 GPA, a score of 30 on ACT, (1320 SAT), National Merit Semifinalist or National Achievement Semifinalist. Letter of recommendation required. Proof of financial need and a FAFSA must be completed prior to selection.

Uof A Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences Multicultural Scholarship

Deadline March 1st. Scholarship covers full tuition, room and board for ethnic minority students.

U of A Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Poultry Science Department Scholarships

Telephone 5015754952.

Fax 5015753026.

Incoming freshmen must have 3.5 GPA and ACT score of 24. Volunteer work is required.

University of Arkansas Engineering Scholarships

Deadline February 15th. For engineering majors, scholarships of \$1,000 to \$5,000. Letters of recommendation and short essay required.

U of A Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship

Deadline April 14th. Two scholarships of \$500 each to outstanding freshman males entering the University of Arkansas who excel in scholarship, leadership, athletics, and community service.

U of A Sturgis Fellowship.

Deadline February 1st. Three letters of recommendation, essays, and seventh semester transcript is required. Superior academic performance in curriculum and in college admission test. Applications available on line at www.uark.edu

UCA Alpha Kappa Lambda Scholarship

Deadline June 15th. Scholarship for a male high school senior who will attend UCA, has a 3.0 GPA and a minimum ACT score of 24.

UCA Privately Funded Scholarships

Due in March. Anyone attending UCA should apply. For more information visit www.uca.edu/foundation/scholarships/

University of Arkansas Alumni Scholarship.

Deadline February 15th. Three types of scholarships based on academic achievement involvement in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership. High school seniors who have been accepted to the University of Arkansas, are eligible to apply. Requires three letters of recommendation (two from school and one from outside of school). **Students planning to attend U of A should apply for this scholarship!**

UALR Chancellor's Leadership Corps Scholarship

Deadline March 1st. Full tuition and fees, plus \$125 per semester for four years. Requirements: excellence in leadership, scholarship, and character.

UALR Construction Management Scholarship

Deadline May 3rd. Requirement: Must apply for admission to UALR. Selection committee will consider need, career goals, community and school involvement, and GPA.

UALR Cyber Scholars Program Scholarships

Deadline March 15th. For majors in Computer Science, Information Science and Systems Engineering. Full tuition and fees, housing, book stipend, \$500 stipend per semester, renewable.

UALR Private Scholarships

Deadline is March 1 st . Any student attending UALR should apply. For more information, contact the Office of Development (phone number: 5015693194).

UALR Donaghey Scholars Program

Deadline is February 1 st , but application accepted through March 1 st . Scholarship opportunity based on academic achievement. Selective scholarship, but provides opportunity to study abroad and is a package that may total between \$40,000 – \$60,000. Priority More information available at <http://www.ualr.edu/~dsp/>

UCA Privately Funded Scholarships

Deadline March 19 th . Application, transcript, copy of parent's tax return to be sent to UCA Foundation Scholarship Committee. Leadership, ACT financial need, achievement considered.

University of Missouri Rolla Gerald L. and Eugenia Bradford Stevenson Scholarship

November deadline. For students majoring in Chemical Engineering at the University of MissouriRolla. The scholarship is primarily for an out of state student and is intended to assist with tuition and fees.

University of Ozarks Alumni Scholarship

Deadline January. \$500 scholarships. Good moral character and at least a 3.0 GPA. List of three references and phone numbers required.

VFW Voice of Democracy

Deadline November 1st. Audio essay competition offered to 9th 12th grade students. State finalist receives a trip to Washington D.C. to compete for a share of \$125,000 in National Scholarships (top scholarship is \$25,000) Three to five minute audio essay cassette tape.

Washington Crossing Foundation

Deadline January 1st. Scholarships of \$1,500 to \$10,000 for students planning careers in government service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. For additional information and application instructions, visit the web site at www.gwcf.org .

Wells Fargo College STEPS Scholarship Program.

\$1,000 scholarships to 100 seniors, 2 random discussions. Sign up at <http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/planning/started/scholarships/steps.jhtml>

Yvonne Keaton Martin Scholarship Application

February deadline. For students planning to attend U of A. Selection committee will give consideration to students with solid academic backgrounds, strong recommendations, community service, leadership experiences and financial need. The committee will also give preference to students that intend to major in business, healthrelated studies, communications, or information technology. Students must be a resident of Fort Smith or in the geographic area within 25 miles.

Military Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit rather than financial need.

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships are offered at hundreds of colleges. Application packets and information about eligibility can be obtained by telephone (18008727682) or at www.armyrotc.com

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

AFROTC college scholarship program targets students pursuing technical degrees, such as certain engineering and science programs, although students entering a wide variety of majors may be accepted. Information about AFROTC scholarships is available from: 18664237682 or on line at www.afrotc.com

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

NJROTC offers both twoyear and fouryear scholarships. For information call 1800NAVROTC or visit <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

Financial Aid Web Sites

www.finaid.org – The Financial Aid Information Page, Comprehensive information on financial aid.

www.mappingyourfuture.org – Information to help plan your career, select a school, pay for college

www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide W. S> Department of Education's Student Financial Aid Guide

www.ed.gov/finaid.html The U.S. Department of Education's site on Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov – FAFSA on the web. Fill out the financial aid application online.

www.Collegeispossible.org – College affordability and financial aid.

www.collegequest.com – National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Peterson's jointly sponsored web site for financial aid and college admissions

Scholarship Searches:

www.arkansasscholarshipconnection.org – Free Arkansas scholarship database

www.asla.state.ar.us – Arkansas Student Loan Authority. Free scholarship search and links

www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html ExPAN database

www.srnexpress.com/scholarships/index.cfm Scholarship Research Network

www.collegenet.com –Mach25 Database

www.fastaid.com – Private database put together by author Dan Cassidy

www.iasf.org/index.htm Scholarships for Native American Students

www.heath.gwu.edu/faq.html#scholarships – Lists organizations that offer disability related grants and scholarships

www.arscholarships.com – Lists scholarship info. For Arkansas Department of Higher Education

www.scholarships.com – Free scholarship search engine

***Please be aware that some of the above scholarship searches may request your name and other personal data. This information may be used by that company or other companies for advertising purposes, etc.**

Scholarship Scams

www.counseling.org/consumers_media/scholarship_scams.htm

www.ftc.gov/opa/1996/9609/scholar.htm

Federal Student Aid at a Glance Obtained from:

http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/2004_2005/english/glance.htm

WHAT is federal student aid? · It's financial help if you're enrolled in an [eligible program](#) at a school participating in our federal student aid programs. (By "school," we mean a fouryear or twoyear public or private educational institution, a career school, or a trade school.)

· Aid covers school expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation.

· Our aid is based on a student's demonstrated financial need, rather than on grades.

There are three categories of federal student aid:

GRANTS ...financial aid you don't have to repay. Generally, you must be an undergraduate student, and the amount you

receive depends on your need, [cost of attendance](#), and enrollment status (full time or part time).

· Federal Pell Grants for the 20042005

award year (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005) range from \$400 to \$4,050.

· Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs) range from \$100 to \$4,000.

WORKSTUDY ... money you earn while enrolled in school that will help pay your educational expenses. The Federal WorkStudy

Program encourages community service work and work related to your course of study, whenever possible. You can be an undergraduate or graduate student.

LOANS ...borrowed money you must repay with interest. You can be an undergraduate or graduate student. Parents may also borrow to pay the education expenses of their dependent undergraduate students. Maximum loan amounts depend on your grade level in school.

Federal Perkins Loans are offered by participating schools to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need. Any Federal Pell Grant eligibility must be calculated before a Federal Perkins Loan can be awarded. You repay the loan to your school.

Stafford Loans are made to students and PLUS loans are made to parents through two loan programs:

- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program: Eligible students and parents borrow directly from the federal government at participating schools. Direct Loans consist of Direct Stafford Loans, Direct PLUS Loans, and Direct Consolidation Loans. You repay these loans to us (the U.S. Department of Education).
- Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program: Private lenders provide federally guaranteed funds. FFELs consist of Federal Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, and Federal Consolidation Loans. You repay these loans to the bank or other private lender that made you the loan.

WHO gets federal student aid?

Some of our eligibility requirements are that you must

1. Be a U.S. citizen or **eligible noncitizen** with a valid Social Security Number.
2. Demonstrate by one of the following means that you are qualified to obtain a postsecondary education:
 3. Have a high school diploma or a **General Education Development (GED) Certificate**.
 4. Pass an approved ability to benefit
 5. (ATB) test.
 6. Meet other standards your state establishes that we have approved.
 7. Complete a high school education in a home school setting approved under state law.
 8. Enroll in an **eligible program** as a **regular student** seeking a degree or certificate.
 9. Register (or have registered) with the Selective Service if you're a male between 18 and

A complete list of eligibility requirements is available by clicking [here](#).

HOW do you apply for federal student aid?

1. Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*—the online version (*FAFSA on the Web*) or the paper FAFSA.

· For *FAFSA on the Web*, you can go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

· You can get a paper FAFSA from

1. a high school guidance office,
2. a college financial aid office,
3. a local public library, or
4. our Federal Student Aid Information Center by calling 18004FEDAID (18004333243).

You can apply beginning January 1, 2004, and you have until June 30, 2005 to submit your FAFSA. But, be sure to check the FAFSA for the list of deadlines for state aid.

Schools and states often set deadlines early in the calendar year that you must meet to receive certain types of funds. Apply as early as you can; you don't want to miss out on any source of aid!

2. Review your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*.

You'll receive this report from us. The SAR confirms the information reported on your FAFSA and will contain your **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**. The EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength and is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. To receive your aid, you must have a complete and correct SAR.

3. Contact the school(s) you might attend.

Talk with the financial aid office staff at the school(s) you're interested in attending. Make sure they have all the information they need to determine your eligibility. The financial aid administrator will review your SAR, and if you're eligible, will prepare a letter outlining the amount of aid (from all sources) the school will offer you.

Federal Student Aid Summary

The following is a summary of the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs that will help you pay for school. Check with your school to find out which programs your school participates in.

Federal Pell Grant

Grant: does not have to be repaid Available almost exclusively to undergraduates; all eligible students will receive the Federal Pell Grant amounts they qualify for \$4,050 for 200405

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Grant: does not have to be repaid. For undergraduates with exceptional financial need; priority is given to Federal Pell Grant recipients; funds depend on availability at school \$4,000

Federal WorkStudy

Money is earned while attending school; does not have to be repaid For undergraduate and graduate students; jobs can be on campus or off campus; students are paid at least minimum wage No annual maximum

Federal Perkins Loan

Loan: must be repaid. Five percent loans for both undergraduate and graduate students; payment is owed to the school that made the loan \$4,000 for undergraduate students; \$6,000 for graduate students

Subsidized FFEL or Direct Stafford Loan

Loan: must be repaid Subsidized: U.S. Department of Education pays interest while borrower is in school and during grace and deferment periods \$2,625 to \$8,500, depending on grade level

Unsubsidized FFEL or Direct Stafford Loan

Loan: must be repaid. Unsubsidized: Borrower is responsible for interest during life of the loan \$2,625 to \$18,500, depending on grade level (includes any subsidized amounts received for the same period)

Federal PLUS Loan

Loan: must be repaid Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students Cost of attendance minus any other financial aid the student receives

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Many organizations offer financial assistance to students with disabilities. SFCC does not control these funds. Although we regularly update these listings, some information may have changed. Funding agencies can quickly change their requirements and deadlines. For more information, all questions regarding these scholarships and grants should be directed towards the contact shown for the financial assistance opportunity. The scholarships are sorted by various categories which makes searching for scholarships a bit easier. However, do not discount one category because you think you may not meet the requirements. Review each scholarship carefully because you may after all fit meet the eligibility requirements.

TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS

1. [Learning;](#)
2. [Visual;](#)
3. [Hearing;](#)
4. [Speech;](#)
5. [Psychological;](#)
6. [Physical;](#)
7. [Other Scholarships and Grants;](#)
8. [Scholarship Resources](#)

LEARNING

Anne and Matt Harbison AwardThe Award is a renewable annual grant of \$1,500 made to graduating high school seniors with a learning disability who have made arrangements to further their college or university education. For information contact: P. Buckley Moss Society, 20 Stoneridge Dr, Suite 102, Waynesboro, VA 22980; tele: (540) 943-5678; fax: (540) 949-8408; email: society@mossociety.org or Website: <http://www.mossociety.org/page.php?id=30>

Anne Ford Scholarship for College-Bound Students With Learning Disabilities The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to a promising high school senior with learning disabilities who plans to pursue a university degree at any accredited institution, in any field of study. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Only U.S. citizens are eligible. For information contact: National Center for Learning Disabilities, 381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401, New York, NY 10016, (800) 575-7373, (212) 545-7510, fax: (212) 545-9665 or Website: www.nclcd.org/content/view/725/508/

Marion Huber Learning Through Listening AwardsAwards are offered to high school seniors with a specific learning disability who have been registered with RFB&D for at

least one year prior to the required filing date. Applicants must be a member of the graduating class of a public or private high school in the United States or its territories, have an overall grade average of B or above based on grades 10 through 12 (or the equivalent, if an alternative grading system is used) and are planning to continue their formal education beyond high school at either a two- or four-year college or vocational school. For information contact: RFB&D at 866-732-3585; Website: http://www.rfbd.org/applications_awards.htm#tl

P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship Scholarship(s) of at least \$1,500 will be awarded to one or more high school seniors with financial need, a certified language-related learning difference, and artistic talent who plan a career in visual arts. Scholarships are potentially renewable for up to three additional years. For information contact: P. Buckley Moss Society, 20 Stoneridge Dr, Suite 102, Waynesboro, VA 22980; tele: (540) 943-5678; fax: (540) 949-8408; email: society@mossociety.org or Website: <http://www.mossociety.org/page.php?id=69>

VISUAL

American Council of the Blind Educational Scholarships Provides scholarships annually to postsecondary students who are blind. For information contact: American Council of the Blind, 1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666; Website: <http://www.acb.org/>

American Foundation for the Blind Scholarships The Foundation awards 11 scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students studying education or rehabilitation who are legally blind or visually impaired. Awards range from \$500 to \$2500. For an AFB Scholarship application packet contact: Julie Tucker, American Foundation for the Blind, 11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300, New York, NY 10001, (212) 502-7661 or (800) 232-5463; e-mail: juliet@afb.net, or Website: <http://www.afb.org/scholdetail.html>

Arthur E. and Helen Copeland Scholarships Two \$500 scholarships are awarded to legally blind individuals (one male and one female) who have participated in USABA sports programs and have been current USABA members for the past two years. Students can be attending any accredited institution, pursuing any field of study. Selection is based on demonstrated academic record, involvement in extracurricular/civic activities, academic goals and objectives, and USABA involvement at various levels. For information contact: United States Association for Blind Athletes, 33 N Institute Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, Phone: (719) 630-0422.

Christian Record Services Scholarships in varying amounts are offered to legally blind young people who are planning to attend college on the undergraduate level to secure training that will enable independence and self-support. For information contact: Christian Record Services, 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, (402) 488-0981; Website: <http://www.christianrecord.org/Text/services/srv.php3?scholarships>

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International Fred Scheigert Scholarship This competitive scholarship is available to full-time college students with low vision who meet the visual acuity (20/70 in the better eye with best possible correction, or a field

restricted to no greater than 30 degrees or in spite of a more significant vision or field restriction, are still able to benefit from the use of low vision devices to perform daily visual tasks) and academic guidelines (Applicants must possess a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA and attending trade/vocational or college programs at least 12 units as an undergraduate and 9 units as a graduate student). Applicants must submit a completed [Certification of Low Vision form](#) from an ophthalmologist. For questions about the scholarship application guidelines, call CCLVI at (800)733-2258. Applications must be completed on-line <http://www.cclvi.org/scholars.htm>. Additional critical information is also found at that website.

Freedom Scientific Technology Award Program Technology scholarships will be awarded annually to 50 high school and college students in the U.S. and Canada who are legally blind and plan to continue their education at the college/university or graduate school level. Students will receive vouchers in amounts of \$1,500 or \$2,500 to apply toward the purchase of Freedom Scientific's full line of products, including hardware, software, accessories, training and tutorials. For information contact: http://www.freedomscientific.com/fs_news/ScholarshipInfo/home.htm

Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship Program The scholarship offers spouses and dependent children of blinded veterans a chance to continue their education. For information contact: Blinded Veterans Association, 477 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2694, (800) 669-7079; Website: <http://www.bva.org/services.html>

Mary P. Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Awards Awards are made to college seniors who are legally blind and who have been registered with RFB&D for at least one year prior to the required filing date. For information contact: Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic Annual Scholarships, (800) 221-4792; Website: <http://www.rfb.org/offscholar.html>

National Federation of the Blind of Florida (NFBF) Scholarships National Federation of the Blind of Florida awards five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$500 to outstanding college students whom are legally blind. For information contact: Ms. Kathy Davis, NFBF Scholarship Chairperson, 121 Deer Lake Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174, (904) 677-6886; e-mail: davistk@bellsouth.net

National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program The National Federation of the Blind awards a broad array of 25 scholarships to legally blind scholars who are pursuing a full-time postsecondary course of study. All scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, service to the community, and financial need. Awards range from \$3000 to \$10,000. For information contact: Mrs. Peggy Elliott, Chairman, National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Committee, 805 Fifth Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112, (515) 2363366; Website: <http://www.nfb.org/>

William and Dorothy Ferrell Scholarship Two scholarships in the amount of \$500 are awarded to legally blind students attending any accredited institution. Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, and intent to pursue a career in the field of blind services. For information contact: Association for Education and Rehabilitation of

the Blind and Visually Impaired, PO Box 22397, Alexandria, VA 22304, (703) 823-9690; e-mail: aernet@laser.net, or Website: <http://www.aerbvi.org/>

HEARING

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Multiple scholarships are awarded to prelingually deaf or hard-of-hearing students who use speech and speech reading to communicate, and who are attending or have been admitted to a college or university program that primarily enrolls students with normal hearing. Awards range from \$250 - \$1000. For complete information contact: Website: www.agbell.org/financialaid/financialaid.html#scholarships

Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) Scholarship The Millie Brother Scholarship is open to high school seniors who are hearing children of deaf parents. Eligible applicants compete for two \$1,500 scholarships. For information contact: Dr. Robert Hoffmeister, Chair, CODA Scholarship Committee, Programs in Deaf Studies, 605 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 353-3205 Voice/TTY; Website: <http://www.coda-international.org/scholarship.htm>

Graduate Fellowship Fund The fund is used to provide variable financial assistance to deaf or hard of hearing graduates of Gallaudet University and other accredited colleges and universities in pursuit of accredited graduate study at colleges and universities for people who hear normally. Preference shall be given, to the extent practicable, to applicants who possess a master's degree or the equivalent and are seeking a doctorate. For information contact: Peikoff Alumni House, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002-3695, 202-651-5060 (voice/TTY); Website: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/~alumweb/gff.html>

Minnie Pearl Scholarship Program Multiple \$2000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with severe to profound deafness who are mainstreamed into society. Applicants need to be accepted, but not yet in attendance at a junior college, university, or technical school. Applicants must attend on a full-time basis (12 hours per quarter or semester) Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be U.S. citizens. For information contact: EAR Foundation, 2000 Church Street, Box 111, Nashville, TN 37236, (800) 545-HEAR; Website: <http://www.earfoundation.org>

Scholarship for Hearing-Impaired Students Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 are awarded annually to hard of hearing-students pursuing a bachelors degree in any field of study at any four year college. Students must have a 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or at least 85% in all high school and college classes. For information contact: Sertoma International, 1912 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64132, Phone/TDD: (816) 333-8300; Website: <http://www.sertoma.org>

The Geoffrey Foundation The Foundation offers grants in varying amounts to college students who attend schools with other normal hearing students and communicate using spoken language. All grant applicants must be U.S. citizens plan to attend or be currently enrolled in a nondiscriminatory, independent, parochial or public college for hearing students on a full-time basis in the forthcoming year. For information contact: The

Geoffrey Foundation, P.O. Box 1112, Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport, ME 04046, (207) 967-5798

William C. Stokoe Scholarship The Stokoe Scholarship is an annual award of \$2000 to a deaf graduate student. The goal of this scholarship is to increase the number of deaf social scientists who are actively involved in research on Sign Language or the Deaf Community, whether in linguistics, psychology, anthropology, sociology, or other fields. For information contact: National Association of the Deaf, 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 587-1788, (301) 587-1789 (TTY); Website: <http://nad.policy.net/proactive/newsroom/release.vtml?id=17251>

SPEECH

Infinitec Scholarship Award One \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship are awarded for full-time, postsecondary education or training through two and four year undergraduate college programs or vocational, technical or fine arts training programs. Applicant must use an augmentative communication device or other technology-based alternative to oral communication. Qualifying communications devices and systems range along a continuum from simple picture boards to highly complex computer-based systems. The Infinitec Scholarship Award is sponsored by Infinitec, Inc., a joint project of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago and UCPA, Inc., the national organization. For information contact: Foundation for Exceptional Children, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091, (703) 620-3660; Website: <http://www.ccc.sped.org/>

Leslie Isenberg Fund for Student with Disability Full-time graduate students with a disability who are enrolled in a communication sciences and disorders program and demonstrating outstanding academic achievement are eligible to compete for a \$2,000 scholarship. Supported by the American Business Clubs and the Isenberg Fund. For information contact: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 897-5700 ext. 217; Website: <http://www.ashfoundation.org/funding.htm#anchor997721>.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

Lilly Schizophrenia Reintegration Scholarship Multiple scholarships are awarded to students diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizophreniform or schizoaffective disorders who are currently in treatment with Zyprexa for the disease. Eligible educational programs are high school equivalency degrees, trade or vocational school degrees, associates degree programs, bachelor of arts and science and, undergraduate professional degree programs. For information contact: Lilly Schizophrenia Reintegration Scholarship Office, 5 N. Benton Street, Palatine, IL 60067, (847) 705-4970 or (800) 809-8202; e-mail: lillyscholarships@ims~chi.com, or Website: <http://www.zyprexa.com/scholar.htm?yes>.

PHYSICAL

Anne M. Fassett Scholarship The Southwest Florida Community Foundation annually awards multiple nonrenewable scholarships in varying amounts to postsecondary students who are severely physically disabled and wheelchair-bound. Students must reside in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, or Lee counties and be attending a Florida vocational-technical school, community college, or college or university. For information contact: Southwest Florida Community Foundation, 12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 72, Fort Myers, Florida 33907; e-mail: swflcf@yahoo.com or Website: <http://www.floridacommunity.com/>.

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Scholarship The foundation awards two \$500 scholarships to high school juniors and seniors with asthma or significant allergies who attend any accredited postsecondary institution, in any field of study. Selection is based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and a one page essay. For information contact: Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, 220 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467, Phone: (617) 965-7771, Fax: (617) 965-8886, Website: <http://www.asthmaandallergies.org/>.

Chairscholars Foundation Scholarships Scholarships in varying amounts are awarded to high school seniors or college freshmen who are physically challenged and may be chair-confined. Students must have financial difficulties and could not go to college without this financial aid. They must have a history of satisfactory academic performance and must show some form of community service or social contribution in the past. For information contact: Chairscholars Foundation, 16101 Carencia Lane, Odessa, FL 33556, (813) 920-2737; Website: <http://www.chairscholars.org/>.

CF Scholarship Foundation The Foundation awards renewable \$1000 to \$3000 scholarships to young adults with Cystic Fibrosis who will be attending two or four year colleges or a vocational school. Scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of academic achievement, leadership and financial need. For information contact: CF Scholarship Foundation, 2814 Grant Street, Evanston, IL 60201, (847) 328-8639; e-mail to MKBCFSF@aol.com

College Scholarship Program This program awards multiple \$2250 scholarships to Florida high school seniors who have been diagnosed with cancer before their 21st birthday. Students must be a U.S. citizen and be planning to attend a two-year college, community college or junior college, or four-year college or university. This scholarship is based on financial need, academic achievement, community service, recommendations and/or references, personal statement, and SAT/ACT/GRE or other test scores. For information contact: Marilyn West at the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, 3709 W. Jelton Ave., Tampa, FL 33629, (800) 444-1410, ext. 405; Website: http://www2.cancer.org/state/fl/scholarship_factsheet.htm.

Deb Richard Foundation Scholarship The Foundation will award two \$5,000 scholarships annually, one in Northeast Florida and one nationally, to graduating high school seniors with physical disabilities. Renewal of the scholarship is based on the student prudently working toward a degree and maintaining the necessary grades to

remain in good standing at their college. For more information contact: University of Florida, Disability >Resource Center, Building 0020 - Reid Hall, PO Box 114085, Gainesville, >FL 32611-4085; Website: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>

Eden Services Ann M. Martin Scholarship A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded to a qualified individual with autism to be applied toward the completion of an accredited, postsecondary educational, or vocational program of study (e.g. college, trade school, etc.). Mail applications to: Eden Services Ann M. Martin Scholarship; Autism Society of America; 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300; Bethesda, MD 20814; Website: http://www.autism_society.org/society/awards_2000.html#schols.

Hydrocephalus Association Scholarships The Gerard Swartz Fudge Scholarship; The Morris L. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship; The Anthony Abbene Scholarship Fund: The purpose of all three scholarships is to recognize the accomplishments of young adults with hydrocephalus and to assist them with their education beyond high school. Scholarship applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 30, with hydrocephalus. The scholarship funds must be used for an educational purpose, including, but not limited to, a four-year or junior college, a high school post-graduate year, technical or trade school, an accredited employment training program or a post-graduate program. Applicants may be in the process of applying to a program or university or already enrolled. The funds may be used for tuition, books, housing or an expense directly related to the educational experience. Website: <http://www.hydroassoc.org/services/scholarship.html>

Lilly for Learning Diabetes Scholarship Multiple scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 are awarded to high school seniors and postsecondary students who have Type 1 Diabetes. Students must be attending or planning on attending school full-time. This scholarship is based on academic achievement, essay, extracurricular activities, leadership experience or potential, community service, recommendations and/or references, and SAT/ACT/GRE or other test scores. For information contact: Eli Lilly and Company, Lilly Corporate Center, Drop Code 1625, Indianapolis, IN 46285, (888) 885-4559; Website: <http://www.lilly.com/diabetes/scholarship/index.html>.

Max and Clara Pariser Award Awards in the amount of \$125 are made to undergraduate students who are major limb amputees. Students must be attending an accredited college full time in any field of study. For information contact: National Amputation Foundation, 38-40 Church Street, Melverne, NY 11565, (516) 887-3600; Fax (516) 887-3667; e-mail: amps76@aol.com.

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America Scholarships The Multiple Sclerosis Association awards two \$5,000 scholarships and six \$1,000 scholarships to high school applicants and applicants who are enrolled in any accredited institution in the U.S and pursuing any field of study. Selection is based on essay competition. For information contact: PROJECT: Learn MS, 706 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Phone: (800) Learn MS.

Newcombe Scholarships for Physically Disabled Students Scholarships in varying amounts are awarded to students with physical disabilities. Scholarships are designated for students who have exhausted all other financial resources. For information contact:

Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, 35 Park Place, Princeton, NJ 08542-6918, (609) 924-7022

Pfizer Epilepsy Scholarship Award Multiple one year scholarships in the amount of \$3000 are awarded to high school seniors who have applied to a college or university, and college students continuing with college or seniors who have applied to graduate school. Applicants must be currently under a physician's care for epilepsy. Applicants must also have done well in activities outside the classroom or in the community. For information contact: Pfizer Epilepsy Scholarship Award Center by phone (1-800-292-7373) or by mail (Pfizer Epilepsy Scholarship Award c/o The Eden Communications Group, 515 Valley Street, Suite 200, Maplewood, NJ 07040). For additional question or information visit the Epilepsy Scholarship Web site at www.epilepsy-scholarship.com.

Pilot International Foundation PIF scholarships are disbursed to eligible applicants preparing for, or already involved in, careers working with people with disabilities/brain related disorders.. For information contact : Website:
<http://www.pilotinternational.org/scholarships/scholarships.shtml>

Solvay Pharmaceuticals Scholarship Program The program offers 25 college scholarships to high school students with Cystic Fibrosis who are entering college. The amount of scholarship is \$5000 per year. For information contact: Creon 25 College Scholarship Program, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 901 Sawyer Road, Marietta, GA 30062, (404) 578-5898 or (800) 354-0026; e-mail: daniel.sumerall@solvay.com

Spina Bifida Association of America Scholarship Fund The Fund offers awards in varying amounts to persons born with spina bifida who are attempting to achieve their full potential through higher education. Applicants must have spina bifida, be a high school graduate or possess a G.E.D, and be enrolled in or accepted by a college, junior college, approved trade, vocational, or business school. For information contact: Scholarship Committee, c/o SBAA, 4590 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20007, (800) 621-3141; Website:
http://www.sbaa.org/html/sbaa_scholarships.html

The Dr. John Z. Jacoby, III, CF Young Adult Memorial Scholarship Program The program offers \$500 to \$2,000 grants to young adults with Cystic Fibrosis for pursuit of post secondary education leading to a career or career advancement. Students must show financial need. For information contact: Cystic Fibrosis Association of Greater New York, 38 West 21st Street, Room 1106, New York, New York, 10010-6906

Tony Orlando Yellow Ribbon Scholarship This scholarship awards \$5000 to students who has been have a physical or sensory disability and are entering postsecondary education with a 3.0 GPA or maintaining a 2.5 GPA or better at the college level. Students must be planning a career in the travel and tourism industry. For information contact: National Tourism Foundation, 546 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40508, (800) 682-8886; Website:
http://www.ntaonline.com/www/member/about_nta/departamental/national_tourism_foundation/education/general_scholarship_info.html

USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships This program awards renewable scholarships worth \$1500 to full-time students, and \$750 to half-time undergraduate students who have a documented physical disability or are members of an ethnic minority group. Applicants who are physically disabled must submit a doctor's statement describing the disability, including the degree and limitation on their ability. For more information contact: Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. (CSFA) (800) 537-4180; e-mail: scholarship@usafunds.org; Website with application forms: http://www.usafunds.org/borrowers/access_to_education_scholarship.html

Venture Clubs Student Aid Award Awards from \$100 to \$1,500 are offered to persons between the ages of 15 and 35 with physical disabilities who are in need of further education. For information contact: Venture Clubs of the Americas, 1616 Walnut Street, Suite 700, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 732-0512 or (215) 557-9300

Willard Bernbaum Scholarship The Fund was established to help students with cystic fibrosis fund post-bachelor level studies. The award is \$1000 towards tuition. For information contact: Robert Beall, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Will to Win Asthma Athlete Scholarship Multiple scholarships in variable amounts (\$1,000-\$10,000) are awarded to high school seniors who have asthma and a hobby and/or express an interest in intercollegiate athletics or varsity sports. This scholarship is based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership experience or potential, community service, recommendations and/or references. For information contact: Schering/Key Pharmaceuticals, 2918 N. 72nd St. Omaha, NE 68134, (800) 558-7305

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Able Trust The Emergency and Supplemental Grant Program for Individuals provides grant funds for individual Florida citizens with disabilities. For information contact: Website: www.abletrust.org/index.html

Bank of America Foundation The Bank of America Abilities Scholarship Program provides educational opportunities to persons with disabilities including high school graduating seniors, four-year college or university undergraduates, or students attending a technical or vocational school who have permanent residence or attend school in Florida. For more information contact: The Bank of America Abilities Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 1465, Taylor, S.C. 29687, (864) 268-3363 or fax (864) 268-7160; email allisonlee@bellsouth.net; Website: http://www.scholarshipprograms.org/bada/bada_2005_ins.htm

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship The Gilman Program enables undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens and have limited financial means, as evidenced by the receipt of Pell Grant funding, to participate in international exchange and development programs. In its aim to diversify and expand participation, the program encourages students with disabilities to apply. The program provides up to \$5000 for

undergraduate students at two-year and four-year institutions to pursue international study. To apply online, review eligibility and selection criteria, or obtain other information about the Gilman Program contact: Gilman Staff via e-mail Gilman@IIE.ORG; Website: <http://www.iie.org/gilman>.

City of Gainesville/Citizens' Disability Advisory Committee Scholarship Award

Scholarships in amounts between \$250 and \$500 are awarded to students with disabilities. Students must be receiving services (e.g., medical, support services, etc..) and applying to or enrolling in specified types of educational programs located in the Gainesville Florida area. For students enrolled in an academic or professional degree program, grade point average (GPA) will be a consideration. Eligibility criteria and a scholarship application form can be obtained from the City of Gainesville, Office of Equal Opportunity or the Disabilities Resource Center at Santa Fe Community College. A letter of application and scholarship application form must be received by March 31st for Summer sessions, July 15th for Fall semester, and November 30th for Spring semester. To apply, mail the letter of application and scholarship application form to Rodney J. Bickel, City of Gainesville, Office of Equal Opportunity, Station #52, P.O. Box 490, Gainesville, FL 32602-0490, (352) 334-5051.

C.R. Newton Scholarship for the Disabled Scholarships in the amount of \$2000 are awarded to students with disabilities whose GPA is at least 3.0. For information contact: C.R. Newton Company, 1575 South Beretania St., Suite 101, Honolulu, Hi 96826, (808) 949-8389.

Eccleston-Callahan Memorial Trust Provides awards to seven Florida educational institutions (including the University of Florida and Florida A&M University) for students who are disabled and are pursuing careers in a health profession. For information contact: Eccleston-Callahan Memorial Trust, PO Box 8750, Winter Park, FL 32790-8750

Electronic Industries Foundation Scholarships Scholarships in the amount of \$5000 assist outstanding high school seniors with disabilities who are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies directly related to the electronics industry. For information contact: Attn: Marcie Vorac, Electronic Industries Foundation (EIF), 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 210, Arlington, VA 22201, (703) 907-7500, Website: <http://www.eia.org/eif/scholarships.htm>

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation (ELA) ELA Foundation scholarships are distributed to women with disabilities who are pursuing an advanced degree in any university in the country. One or two scholarships of \$2,000 are awarded to a college or university female graduate student who has a disability and is a United States citizen. For information contact: The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, 1331 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 376-6200, Website: <http://www50.pcepd.gov/pcepd/about/elaaward.htm>

Incight Go-Getter Scholarship This scholarship awards \$750 to students with a documented disability (physical, learning, cognitive, etc.) who attend a trade school, college or university full time. To be considered students must complete the entire application and submit a letter of reference with the application (letter can be written by

anyone applicant chooses and can be of any length). 2008/2009 Scholarship application will be online January 2008. For further information contact: Incight 310 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 530, Portland OR 9720, (971) 244-0305; email questions@incight.org, Website: <http://www.incight.org/incightscholarship.html>

Johnson Scholarship: State University System The Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship Program assists undergraduate students with disabling conditions who attend any of the institutions within the State University System of Florida. Scholarships are awarded based on documented severity of a disabling condition and demonstrated financial need. Scholarship recipients receive up to \$3,500 for an academic year. For applications students should contact the coordinator for programs and services for students with disabilities or the financial aid office at any State University System institution.

Landscape Architecture Foundation Multiple scholarships and internship in amounts of \$500 to \$1,000 are awarded to undergraduate or graduate landscape architecture students. Some awards are only open to students with disabilities studying landscape architecture at any accredited university. For information contact: American Society of Landscape Architects (202) 216-2356; Website: <http://www.asla.org/asla>

National Coalition for Students with Disabilities Scholarships NCSD awards annual scholarships in amounts up to \$10,000 to currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students with disabilities. Any type of disability is considered. For more information contact: National Coalition for Students with Disabilities, 10560 Main Street, Suite 417, Fairfax, VA 22030; Phone (703) 267-6588; Toll Free (866) 669-9953; Fax (703) 267-6559; e-mail mbeattiesdrc@earthlink.net; Application Form <http://www.angelfire.com/zine2/tooth/scholarship.html>

Nike Scholarship 2000 NIKE is sponsoring one \$2,500 scholarship to provide supplemental financial assistance to undergraduate students with disabilities enrolled in an undergraduate degree program that focuses on sports or recreation management, marketing, medicine or retailing sports or recreation equipment at a four year accredited college or university in the United States. Each candidate must be a current high school senior, or an undergraduate in a four-year college or university, who has a disability and is a United States citizen. Mail applications to: President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Scholarship Program, 1331 F Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20004-1107, Website: <http://www50.pcepd.gov/pcepd/about/nike.htm>

Nordstrom Scholarship Nordstrom will sponsor five \$2,000 scholarships for undergraduate students with disabilities enrolled in a business degree program at accredited four-year U.S. colleges or universities. For information contact: President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Scholarship Program, Nordstrom Scholarship, 1331 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004-1107, (202)376-6200, Website: <http://www50.pcepd.gov/pcepd/about/nordstrom.htm>

Plus One Scholarship Financial scholarships are available to individuals with disabilities currently attending Santa Fe Community College who are from the secondary school systems of Dixie, Gilchrist, Alachua, Bradford, Marion, Levy, and Union counties or to

any other individuals with disabilities of the community recommended by anyone in the community or brought to the attention of the institution. For information and an application contact: W. Harvey Sharron, Jr., Dean for Development, Santa Fe Community College, Endowment Corporation, Inc., 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606, (352) 395-5200

Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities Multiple scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 are awarded to high school seniors and postsecondary students with disabilities attending any four-year college or university and studying electronics. Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. This scholarship is based on financial need, academic achievement, essay, and recommendations and/or references. For information contact: Electronic Industries Association Foundation, 2500 Wilson Blvd., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006, (703) 907-7500.

Stanley E. Jackson Scholarship Award for Students with Disabilities Multiple scholarships are awarded for full-time, postsecondary education or training through two and four year undergraduate college programs or vocational, technical or fine arts training programs. Applicant must be disabled or disabled and also a member of an ethnic minority group. For information contact: Foundation for Exceptional Children, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091, (703) 620-3660, Website: <http://www.cec.sped.org/>

Sunrise Medical Scholarship for Disabled Students Two \$1,200 scholarships are awarded to students with disabilities preparing for careers in physical therapy. For information contact: Foundation for Physical Therapy, 1055 North Fairfax Street, Suite 350, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 684-5984

Undergraduate Student Research Program--Underrepresented Minority Focus Multiple renewable grants in amounts up to \$12,000 are awarded to full-time undergraduate who are attending any minority-serving institution and are underrepresented minority students, including individuals with a disability that limits a major life activity. They must be studying engineering, mathematics, computer science, earth sciences, life sciences, aeronautics or other disciplines of special interest to NASA. For information contact: NASA Headquarters, Minority University Research and Education Division, Code EU, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1517; e-mail: anurrid@hr.hq.nasa.gov

Vivian Menees Nelson Award for the Disabled and Visually Impaired One \$1000 award is given to a person with a disability or visual impairment, who is 25-35 years of age. Recipient must be a U.S. citizen and a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs. They can be attending any accredited institution and pursuing studies in instrument or voice. Selection is based on musical. For information contact: Mrs. Wendell Heiny, Chair, 2768 S Ivan Way, Denver, CO 80227; Phone: (303) 986-9081talent.

ORPHAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Application process opens January 1, 2009.

1. Have been in foster care for one consecutive year at the time of their 18th birthday or high school graduation OR have been adopted or taken into legal guardianship out of foster care after their 16th birthday OR have lost both parents to death before the age of 18 and not been subsequently adopted. Copies of birth certificates required.
2. Be accepted into or enrolled in an accredited post secondary program at the undergraduate level (university, college, community college or vocational-technical institute.)
3. Be under the age of 25 on March 31, 2009. Applicants must have been in foster care or have grown up in the USA and must reside in the USA at the time of their application. Go to <http://orphan.org/index.php?id=30>

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

CollegeView Scholarship Search

http://www.collegeview.com/financial_aid/schol_search/scholsearchpage1.jsp

FastWeb Scholarship Search <http://www.fastweb.com/ib/finaid-21f>

Free Scholarship Search <http://www.freschinfo.com/browse.htm>

Finding out about Student Aid... Obtained from:

http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/2004_2005/english/findingstudentaid.htm

After reviewing this document, if you still have questions about our programs, return to our [Web site](#) for additional information. You will also find links to other student aid related sites there. Or, you can call our Federal Student Aid Information Center at 18004FEDAID (18004333243).

The cost of education or training after high school continues to rise, so you need to learn about as many sources of aid as you can. The following free resources can help:

- The financial aid administrator at each school you're interested in can explain the school's aid programs and the total [cost of attendance](#).
- The state higher education agency in your home state can give you information about state aid—including aid from the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, funded jointly by states and us.
- The AmeriCorps Program provides fulltime educational awards in return for work in community service. You can work before, during, or after your postsecondary education, and you can use the funds either to pay current educational expenses or to repay federal student loans. For more information on the availability of these awards, call 18009422677. The TTY number is 18008333722. Information is also available at www.americorps.org.
- The agency in your state responsible for public elementary and secondary schools can give you information on the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (Byrd Program). You must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and show promise of continued academic excellence. For more information, call 18004FEDAID (18004333243) or [click here](#).
- [Students.gov](#), the student Internet gateway to the U.S. government, provides access to government resources to help you plan and pay for your education. Besides finding financial aid information, you can use the Web site to file your taxes, search for a job, and take advantage of other government services.
- Public libraries are an excellent source of information on state and private sources of aid.
- Many companies and labor unions have programs to help pay the cost of postsecondary education for employees and/or their children.
- Foundations, religious organizations, fraternities or sororities, and town or city clubs often offer financial assistance. Include in your search community organizations and civic groups such as the American Legion, YMCA, 4H Club, Elks, Kiwanis, Jaycees, and the Girl or Boy Scouts.
- Organizations connected with your field of interest can be helpful—for example, the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association are good sources for students seeking specialization in those fields.
- The U.S. Armed Forces also offer financial aid opportunities. For more information on recruitment incentives, visit the U.S. Department of Defense DefenseLink Web site at www.todaysmilitary.com. Under "What Do You Need?," select "Learn about benefits and rewards," and go to "College Help." You can also contact your local recruiter.
- Your local U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs office offers assistance. If you (or your spouse) are a veteran or the dependent of a veteran, veterans' educational benefits may be available. Information is also available through the Internet at www.gibill.va.gov or call 1888GIBILL1 (18884424551).
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers two federal income tax credits (dollar for dollar reductions in tax liability) for higher education expenses.
- The Hope tax credit, worth up to \$1,500 per student, is available for first and second year students enrolled at least [half time](#).
- The Lifetime Learning tax credit is a tax benefit equal to 20 percent of a family's tuition expenses, up to \$10,000, for virtually any postsecondary education and training, including subsequent undergraduate years, graduate and professional schools, and even less than [halftime](#) study. For more information on the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, and other tax benefits for postsecondary students, visit www.irs.gov. *IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education*, explains these credits and other tax benefits. Or, call the IRS at 18008291040. TTY callers can call 18008294059.
- The Internet also has information on private sources of aid. Search under the keywords "financial aid," "student aid," "scholarships," etc.

Scholarship Scams

Obtained from:

http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/2004_2005/english/scholarshipscams.htm

Be careful when searching for information on student financial assistance. Make sure information and offers are legitimate. Don't fall prey to fraud. Estimates show that families lose millions of dollars to scholarship fraud every year.

The College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act enhances protection against fraud in student financial assistance. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cautions students to look for these telltale lines:

- "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- "You can't get this information anywhere else."
- "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
- "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered. To file a complaint, or for free information, call 1877FTCHELP (18773824357). The TTY number is 1866 6534261. Or, visit www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams.

A complete book about financial aid is available from the U.S. Government. The hyperlink is:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/Stud_guide.pdf

Identity Theft Alert to Students:

"Protect your Social Security number and other personal information. Don't let identity thieves rob you of your educational future!" Inspector General John P. Higgins, Jr., The Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) conducts audits, investigations, and inspections of education programs and operations. Anyone knowing of fraud, waste, or abuse of Department of Education funds should contact the OIG Fraud Hotline to make a confidential report.

Scholarship Telemarketing Fraud Scheme!

The Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Education has become aware of a potential fraud scheme involving persons claiming to represent the U.S. Department of Education who are calling students and offering them scholarships or grants. These callers request a bank or credit card account number saying the information will be used to charge a \$249 processing fee. The Department of Education does not charge a processing fee to obtain federal education grants.

DO NOT give your financial information to individuals making these claims! If you receive one of these calls, please contact the Office of Inspector General immediately (step 3). If you have provided bank or credit card information to the callers, you should take the following steps:

1. Immediately contact your bank, explain the situation, and request that the bank monitor or close the compromised account.
2. Notify the police about the incident; impersonating a federal officer, telemarketing fraud schemes, and identity theft are crimes.
3. Report the fraud to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General hotline at 1800MISUSED (18006478733) or oig.hotline@ed.gov. Special agents in the Office of Inspector General investigate fraud involving federal education dollars.
4. Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1877FTCHELP or <http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams>

Arkansas State Colleges and Universities

Four Year Public Universities

Arkansas State University....www.astate.edu....18003823030
Arkansas Tech University....www.atu.edu....18005825963
Henderson State University....www.getreddie.edu....18002287333
Southern Arkansas University....www.sagmag.edu....18003327286
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville....www.uark.edu....18003778632
University of Arkansas, Fort Smith....www.uafortsmith.edu....18885125466
University of Arkansas at Little Rock....www.ualr.edu....18004828892
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences....www.uams.edu....5016865730
University of Arkansas at Monticello....www.uamont.edu....18008441826
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff....www.uapb.edu....18002646585
University of Central Arkansas....www.uca.edu....18002438245

Two Year Public Colleges

Arkansas Northeastern College....www.anc.edu....8707621020
Arkansas State University Beebe....
www.asub.edu....5018823600
Arkansas State University Newport....
www.asun.edu....8705127800
Arkansas State University Mountain
Home....www.asumh.edu....8705086100
Black River Technical College....www.blackrivertech.edu....8702484000
Cossatot Community College of U of A....www.cccua.edu....8705844471
East Arkansas Community college....www.eacc.edu....8705086100
Mid South community College....www.midsouthcc.edu....8707336722
National Park Community College....www.npcc.edu....5017604222
North Arkansas College....www.northark.edu....8707433000
Northwest Arkansas Community College....www.nwacc.edu....18003370266
Ouachita Technical College....www.otcweb.edu....5013375000
Ozarka College....www.ozarka.edu....18008214335
Phillips Community College of the U of A....www.pccua.edu....8703386474
Pulaski Technical College....www.pulaskitech.edu....5018122200
Rich Mountain Community College....www.rmcc.edu....4793947622
South Arkansas Community College....www.southark.edu....8708628131
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville....www.uaccb.edu....8707937581
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope....www.uacch.edu....8707775722
University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton....www.uaccm.edu....5013542465

Independent Colleges and Universities

Arkansas Baptist College....www.arbaptcol.edu....5013747856
Central Baptist College....www.cbc.edu....18002056872
Crowley's Ridge College....www.crowleysridgecollege.edu....18002641096
Harding University....www.harding.edu....18004774407
Hendrix College....www.hendrix.edu....18002779017
John Brown University....www.jbu.edu....1877JBUINFO
Lyon College....www.lyon.edu....18004232542
Quachita Baptist University....www.obu.edu....18003425628
Philander Smith College....www.philander.com....18004466772
Shorter College....shorter_college1@hotmail.com....5013746305
University of the Ozarks....www.ozarks.edu....18002648636
Williams Baptist University....www.wbcoll.edu....18007224434

Arkansas Department of Higher Education Scholarship Stacking Policy

No postsecondary institution shall use public funds in a student aid package, which exceeds the recognized cost of attendance at the institution where the student enrolls. Public funds are defined to include Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) scholarships and grants, state general revenues, tuition, or local tax revenue. All postsecondary institutions shall report to ADHE the total amount of financial aid from all sources for any student who receives an award from an ADHE program. When a student receives a total aid package that includes public funds and exceeds the cost of attendance, the institution shall repay public funds in the amount exceeding total cost of attendance. Such funds repaid shall be credited to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. (Section 14, Act 1180 of 1999) For purposes of this policy, Federal Pell Grants shall not be counted in the computation of a student's total financial aid package. The Federal Cost of Attendance (COA) method shall be used for all students receiving public funds, regardless of whether the student is receiving federal financial aid. Public funds are defined to include Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) scholarships and grants, state general revenues, tuition, or local tax revenue. Costs that would not be included in Federal COA may not be included in the package of any student who receives public funds. Exceptions to the normal COA allowances as set forth in federal regulations may be included in COA calculations. Institutional work study is not included in COA unless it is need based. This policy shall apply to students entering college in the 19992000 academic year and subsequent years. If total financial aid funds exceed the COA, the school may reduce institutional funds first. In cases where the only funds to be reduced are ADHE programs, the school may reduce awards in this order:

1. Emergency Secondary Education Loan
2. Minority Teacher Scholarship
3. Student Assistance Grant
4. Academic Challenge Scholarship
5. Governor's Scholars
6. Other Public Funds

On September 30 of each year, all public and private institutions shall report to ADHE the total amount of financial aid from all sources for any student who receives an award from an ADHE program for the previous academic year. Proprietary institutions and state technical institutes shall be exempt from this reporting requirement. The report shall be in an electronic format as defined by ADHE. The Department shall seek advice from institutions in developing the format of the report. If the student's total financial aid package exceeds the cost of attendance, the institution shall pay the difference to the Arkansas Higher Education Grants Fund account on behalf of the student. Institutions cannot require the student to repay this amount, either in cash or by reducing the amount of the student's future award.

As adopted by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 23, 1999.

Testing Information

College entrance exam scores have a big impact on scholarships. The old adage of "practice makes perfect" applies to test taking skills. There are numerous ways to improve your child's test score. Taking a rigorous curriculum which requires frequent homework is one way to improve your child's score. Exposing him or her to the type of questions asked on the tests is another important factor. Books and online test practice are available for every college entrance exam.

The **PSAT/NMSQT** is important for two reasons. The first reason is that this test is for the National Merit Finalist competition, which is a very prestigious academic award – which happens to come with priority scholarships. The test, however, is also important for preparing students to take the type of tests for college entrance which require finely honed critical thinking skills. Students take this test for competition in the 11 th grade; however, students can take the PSAT/NMSQT as early as their freshman year for practice. If a child is able to take the test in both their freshman and sophomore years, they have a much better understanding of the format on the test and a much better chance of becoming a Semi-finalist or finalist. The test does cost – it will vary between \$12-16; however, the benefits are worthwhile.

The **ACT** is the most standardized college entrance exam used in Arkansas. There is a writing portion to the ACT; however, colleges in Arkansas at this time do not require the writing portion.

The ACT can be taken as early as the 7th grade – although most students wait until they have more math and science. It is a good idea to take the test once in the ninth grade, once or twice in the tenth grade, and then a few times in 11th grade. The latest ACT score that will count for scholarships is usually offered in October or December of a student's senior year. If they have a good ACT score going into their senior year – then the pressure is off.

The **SAT** is another college entrance exam which is popular in a lot of Northern and Midwestern colleges. Both ACT and SAT scores are generally accepted at any college nation wide, so the main difference in the tests is the type of testing. ACT is a little heavier on math and science, whereas SAT is concentrates more on the verbal or reading and writing portion. Bottom line – if you have a student stronger in math and science – ACT is your best bet. If you have a student who is stronger in English and reading – SAT may be a better option.

CPEP is a course offered in the summer to help students raise their ACT scores. The course is four weeks, four hours per day, five days per week. The class is free! Most students see a big improvement in their test scores as a result of participating in this course. There are numerous other options for raising your child's ACT score. Sylvan Learning Center in Ft. Smith offers a program (very similar to CPEP) and it comes with a guarantee – however, it is expensive – approximately \$500. There are other means that may serve your student well which are not as expensive.

Many of these resources are listed on Tasselttime and I would encourage you to visit the test preparation section of the website. It has some great links and suggestions. ACT offers an on – line test prep which can be purchased for \$19.95 and a test prep book (which has had good reviews) is also available to order online (although it can also be purchased locally at book stores) called The REAL ACT Prep Guide. Sample test prep books are also available on line for \$5.00 each. The website to visit for more information is:

<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>

Good luck on your journey to college success!
May the information provided make your job a little easier and a lot less intimidating!