SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Last updated fall 2015)

Students preparing to enter higher education should consider pursuing all applicable opportunities for funds to assist in paying for their education including traditional and nontraditional sources. The information below provides possible avenues for assistance in minimizing your out-of-pocket college expense. Most applications for financial assistance require the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. www.fafsa.gov.

Scholarships for Social Work Students

The Ronald M. Barshick Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an academically talented junior (60-89 credits) who is majoring in Social Work. Recipients must have financial need and a demonstrated work history. Preference will be given to students from Washington County.

Social Work Vulcan Scholarship
Eligibility: All California University Social Work students who have completed at least one semester of academic work at Cal U are eligible for consideration for the Social Work Vulcan Scholarship awarded by the Department of Social Work. Eligible recipients can be either graduate or undergraduate students. Graduate students must have an overall GPA of 3.75 or higher. Undergraduates need a cumulative GPA of 3.0 with a 3.5 in the major. There is an application that will be due by April for a fall semester award. This is a one-time scholarship. Please contact the Department Chairperson for the specific application requirements.

Social Work Alumni Scholarship
Eligibility: All California University Social Work students who have completed at least one semester of academic work at Cal U are eligible for consideration for the Social Work Alumni Scholarship awarded by the Department of Social Work. Eligible recipients can be either graduate or undergraduate students. Graduate students must have an overall GPA of 3.75 or higher. Undergraduates need a cumulative GPA of 3.0 with a 3.5 in the major. There is an application that will be due by April for a fall semester award. This is a one-time scholarship. Please check with the Department Chairperson for the specific application requirements.

NASW Foundation National Programs Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial MSW Scholarship

Guidelines
Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or have been accepted into an accredited MSW Program (payment of the award will be contingent on the full admission of the candidate into the program). In addition, students must have potential for completing a MSW Program and have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above. Students enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Application Requirements

1. NASW member in good standing. NASW membership is a mandatory requirement to receive an NASW Foundation Scholarship Award. Applicants either must be or plan to be enrolled in a social work degree program to maintain eligibility. Awardees must maintain active membership throughout the award period. Applicants who are current members in good standing can apply for a scholarship using their current membership ID number. Non-members interested in applying can join NASW if they 1) have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a...
CSWE-accredited social work program, or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a 
CSWE-accredited program. Applicants awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program 
must include, with the membership form, their application to the MSW program with a letter 
from the college/university verifying the application has been received. To apply for NASW 
membership visit www.socialworkers.org and select “join online”, or download and complete 
NASW’s “Membership Application”. New members will receive email confirmation of 
membership, which will include a member ID and password.

2. Application form.
3. Biographical essay (two typed, double-spaced pages). The essay must address career goals, 
interests, and work, volunteer, and school/field experience related to work in health/mental health 
practice with African Americans and a statement of merit and need for the award. Applicants will 
be rated on each of these elements.
4. Two letters of support from professional references (you will be asked to provide the names and 
email addresses of two professional references). Letters can be written by a candidate's 
professors; individuals or leaders of groups with whom the candidate has worked in a helping 
capacity; an employer/supervisor; and so on. Character references or references from clients or 
family members will not be accepted. If the applicant is applying for renewed funding from the 
NASW Foundation, one of the two references must be obtained from the applicant’s academic 
advisor.
5. Official copy of a transcript from the most recent academic work (undergraduate or graduate). 
Transcript may be opened to make photocopies.

Questions should be directed to: naswfoundation@naswdc.org

Courage to Grow Scholarship
Sponsor: Courage to Grow
Eligibility Requirements
Residency: U.S. citizen

Qualified Institutions & Level of Study:
- Any undergraduate study
- Any graduate study

Award may be used at:
- Vocational/technical school
- Two-year college or Four year college
- Graduate school

Location of school: United States

Application Requirements:
- Essay
- Transcript
- Applicant must demonstrate: Academic achievement / financial need

Additional information:
- High school seniors may also apply
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Program awards one $500 scholarship every month; deadline date is last day of each month
- Visit Website for application and details

Type of award:
- Private
- Scholarship
Individual award amount: Maximum: $6,000
Total amount awarded: $6,000
Number of awards granted: 12
Number of applicants: 1,000

Contact Information
Courage to Grow Scholarship
PO Box 2507
Chelan, WA 98816
Phone: 509-731-3056
Email: support@couragetogrowscholarship.com
Web: www.couragetogrowscholarship.com

Presbyterian Church USA Student Opportunity Scholarships
http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/financialaid/student-opportunity-scholarship/

Young members of the Presbyterian Church who have completed their sophomore year and are in good academic standing are eligible to apply for this scholarship, which can include awards as high as $2,000. Students must be pursuing a degree in education, social service, or religious studies and must be able to prove a need for financial assistance. Minorities and those from extremely poor backgrounds are often given preferential consideration. A personal essay about the faith of the applicant as well as student transcripts are required at the time of application.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities Service Scholarship
http://bethesdalutherancommunities.org/Scholarships

One of many social work scholarships provided by religious institutions, this program provides up to $10,000 in grants to active Lutheran students whose careers will benefit people with developmental disabilities. Eligible students must have a 3.0 GPA and provide letters of recommendation along with their applications. The best candidates are those who can demonstrate a sincere desire to work specifically with disabled individuals upon graduation.

Jewish Community Center (JCC) North American Graduate Scholarship
http://www.jccworks.com/?p=C91E7

Another very generous scholarship opportunity for future social workers, this grant is geared toward full-time students whose career path will someday take them to work in the JCC movement. Eligible students can receive assistance up to $10,000 per year for a one or two-year period, but must coordinate with a scholarship coach to complete field work within the JCC community. Recipients must also agree to work for the JCC movement for a minimum of two years following their graduation.

Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship
http://www.naswfoundation.org/gosnell.asp

This scholarship is awarded to social work majors earning master’s degrees who have demonstrated a special commitment to working with American Indian, Inuit or Hispanic communities. Scholarships vary depending on funding, but have been known to reach $4,000 each, with 10 or so students becoming recipients every year. Students must be NASW members and have already applied for a master’s program (MSW). A personal essay and professional / academic references are required.
The Cenie Jomo Williams Award
http://nabsw.org/events/event_details.asp?id=590739&terms=%22cenie+and+jomo+and+williams%22

One of several yearly scholarships offered by the National Association of Black Social Workers, the Cenie “Jomo” Williams award is available to African American students who support social, political and economic endeavors that will help better the lives of those in the African American community. Two awards of $2,000 each are given out annually to students who can demonstrate their commitment to continuing the Cenie Williams legacy. Applicants should submit college transcripts as well as letters of recommendation and achievement.

Emma and Meloid Algood Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship
http://nabsw.org/events/event_details.asp?id=590739&terms=%22algood%22

This $1,000 scholarship is offered in honor of its namesakes’ tireless dedication to the poor in their community, despite their lack of proper education or training. The scholarship is awarded through the National Association of Black Social Workers to an African American student who has shown similar dedication to improving the standard of living in the black community. A two to three page purpose letter must be submitted to the NABSW, as well as letters of recommendation or achievement.

Dr. Joyce Beckett Graduate Student Tuition Scholarship
http://nabsw.org/events/event_details.asp?id=590739&terms=%22joyce+and+beckett%22

Designed to assist African American graduate students who plan to provide much needed social services to their local black community, this $1,000 scholarship is awarded through the National Association of Black Social Workers in honor of Dr. Joyce Beckett. Applicants are required to submit a two-to-three-page letter of purpose as well as several letters of recommendation. Transcripts and other evidence of personal achievement are welcome.

Alice M. Yarnold and Samuel Yarnold Scholarship Trust
http://www.nhheaf.org/pdfs/YarnoldScholarship.pdf

Available to New Hampshire residents who can demonstrate both financial need and enormous potential, this scholarship is awarded yearly in amounts varying from $2,000 to $5,000. Students must be pursuing social work, nursing or medicine, and must submit college transcripts, letters of recommendation and a completed Federal Student Aid application.

ABE Judith Holm Memorial Award
http://www.abecsw.org/student-awards.html

The American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work is a national organization that attempts to set across-the-board standards for the Social Work profession. Its Judith Holm Memorial Award is a $2,000 cash stipend intended to assist second-year graduate students who plan to become clinical social workers. Guidelines vary from year to year, but letters of recommendation and personal essays are usually required.

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
http://www.davisputter.org/apply/apply-for-scholarships/
The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund is a catch all for community activists whose goal is to support civil rights, economic justice and other progressive issues. Awards are based on financial need and can be as high as $10,000. Applicants are required to submit a personal statement, college transcripts and letters of support. Political and social activism are an absolute must.

_The Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship_
http://www.scheppfoundation.org/wp/scholarship-considerations/

Intended for students who can demonstrate both a financial necessity and a commitment to a graduate degree in community service, this scholarship is awarded to a few qualified individuals every year in various amounts. The maximum award is $8,500, and students are required to provide academic transcripts as well as the most recent tax returns of their parents. A GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale is required.

_The Roothbert Fund Scholarship_
http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php

Students pursuing a degree in Social Work out of a desire for spiritual fulfillment may be eligible for one of these scholarships, which are open to all students at accredited universities and can range between $2,000 and $3,000. Students are required to prove financial hardship and submit a formal application. Afterwards, they must meet in person with a member of the Roothbert Fund, so individuals should be prepared to travel and give a great interview.

_Sarah Haley Memorial Fund_
http://www.istss.org/am15/istss-local-scholarships.aspx

Offered to students pursuing a Masters or PhD in Social Work, the Sarah Haley Memorial Fund is provided by The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. The grant is only available to applicants who can demonstrate a dedication to working with post-traumatic stress disorder from childhood sexual abuse, family violence and/or violence against women. Awards range up to $5,000, and application guidelines change annually.

_National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers (NAPRHSW)_
http://www.naprhsw.com/contact.php?name=scholarships

First and second-year graduate students of Hispanic descent who are currently enrolled in a social work program may apply for this scholarship, which provides awards based on financial need and academic accomplishment. Students are required to submit an application demonstrating their commitment to issues that affect the Puerto Rican/Latino community as well as supplemental information about their background, goals and achievements.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES-GENERAL**

_Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)_
To qualify for this grant you must first complete the FSFSA. These are awarded on the basis of who has the most substantial need for financial assistance, and are in the amount of $100 to $4,000. You must ask the Financial Aid office to see if this is available to you.
Pennsylvania State Grant Program
These funds are designated for graduating high school students who live in the state, and can prove need for financial assistance by completing the free FSFSA application online. The amounts of these grants vary from year to year based on funding. They may be used at any accredited vocational, 2 or 4-year school in the state, and are transferable to other states. If you would like complete information, go to the website: www.pheaa.org.

Pell Grants
The amount of these grants has been increased up to $5,100. First, decide where you would like to attend school, and find out if they accept Pell Grants. Then complete the FAFSA application and have the results sent to the school where you have applied.

UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Competitive Grant (ACG)
If you are a first or second year student who had an excellent academic record in high school, you may be eligible for this federal grant. Award is in the amount of $750 if you are a first-year student and $1,300 if you are in your second year. You must complete the FSFSA. http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/NewPrograms.jsp.

James Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund
Philadelphia graduating seniors with good scholastic records – minimum 2.0 GPA – and who need financial assistance to continue their education may qualify for this scholarship. Amounts of these awards range from $750 to $1,500, and may be used at Pennsylvania State System of Education institutions. If you would like a list of these schools and more details about applying for this award, go to the website: www.thepafoundation.org.

African American Alumni Society Scholarship Fund: This scholarship is awarded to African-American students enrolled at California University who have distinguished themselves with a minimum 2.5 GPA, personal and career determination, and community/university involvement. The awardees must be full-time sophomore, junior or senior students with a minimum of 33 credits completed. Preference is given to students with a demonstrated need for financial aid.

American Legion Charleroi Post 22 Scholarship: A $750 scholarship is awarded to one female and one male student yearly from Charleroi Area High School. The Charleroi Area High School guidance counselor and members of a scholarship committee from American Legion Post 22 are responsible for the selection.

Angelo Armenti Jr. Endowed Leadership Scholarship is a renewable scholarship awarded to students who have distinguished themselves with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and who have demonstrated leadership qualities in extracurricular activities, contributions to their community or campus and character reflecting the University's core values of Integrity, Civility and Responsibility.

Angelo and Barbara Armenti Scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student who has distinguished themselves with a 3.0 GPA and who has demonstrated a need for financial assistance to continue their education at California University of Pennsylvania.
Colonel Arthur L. Bakewell Veterans Scholarship is awarded to an honorably discharged veteran who has completed 32 credits toward graduation and has maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Barcelona Scholarship Fund is awarded to an incoming freshman who has distinguished themselves with a 3.0 GPA and a SAT combined minimum score of 1000. This scholarship can be renewed if the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA while attending California University. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Board of Governors Scholarship: These scholarships are awarded to students to enhance diversity on our campus. The BOG scholarships are awarded to Pennsylvania residents only. These awards provide partial or full tuition waivers renewable for eight consecutive semesters and are given to entering freshmen with at least a 2.8 GPA and combined SAT score (critical reading and math ONLY) of 910 or higher or an ACT composite score of 19. Interested students should contact the Admissions Office at 724-938-4404.

Boise Office Solutions Scholarship is a renewable scholarship awarded annually to a junior (60-89 credits) who has distinguished themselves with a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Carole and Myron Boncarosky Scholarship Fund is awarded to an outstanding graduate from Charleroi High school who will be enrolled as a full-time student at California University. Students must also have distinguished themselves with a 3.0 GPA.

Bill and Candace Booker Student Leadership Scholarship: This annual, renewable scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student. Selection is based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. Applicants must submit an essay describing their leadership or potential for leadership and contributions to their community through participation in such groups as Student Government, Council of Trustees or other student or community organizations to the vice president for student affairs by April 1.

Arthur J. Brickley, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded to outstanding juniors enrolled at California University. Qualified students must have distinguished themselves with a GPA of 3.5. Preference will be given to any such student who has demonstrated a need for financial assistance to continue their education at the University.

California Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: This annual, non-renewable scholarship is awarded to a full-time freshman who is a graduate of California Area High School. Eligible students must have a financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office at the University.

California PTA Scholarship: The California Area High School PTA awards a scholarship to a freshman student who has graduated from California Area High School. The scholarship is based on academic performance and financial need. Applications are available in the California Area High School's guidance office after March 1 of each year.

California University Endowed Scholarship is awarded annually to undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves with a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to any such student who has demonstrated financial need.
**California University of Pennsylvania Faculty Scholarship:** The Cal U faculty awards a limited number of full-tuition (in-state) scholarships per year to freshmen at the University. Minimum qualifications are: (1) admission as a full-time student at California University of Pennsylvania; (2) a combined SAT score above 1200; and (3) rank in the upper 10% of the student's high school graduating class. Each renewal recipient must maintain at least a 3.6 GPA to continue receiving this award each year.

**Carmichaels Area High School Scholarship:** This annual, renewable scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student enrolled or planning to enroll at the University who has obtained a 3.0 grade point average and is a Carmichaels Area School District graduate or Carmichael’s resident.

**Jennie Adams Carter Scholarship** is awarded annually to an African American student that embodies the values of Jennie Addams Carter - academic excellence and leadership. Qualified students must be enrolled full-time in their junior or senior year and must have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0. Demonstrated need for financial aid may be considered as a tie breaker, if necessary, in the selection process.

**The Class of 1955 Scholarship:** Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding juniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Preference is given to students with a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

**O.C. Class Lumber Athletic Scholarship:** Consideration for this scholarship is given to full-time freshman, sophomore or junior undergraduate student-athletes enrolled at the University who have achieved outstanding academic records and who are members of a California University intercollegiate athletic team. Interested students should contact the Athletic Office.

**Charles S. & Mary Coen Scholarship** is awarded to an academically talented junior enrolled full-time at California University who demonstrates financial need and lives in Washington County. This scholarship is non-renewable.

**Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Student Scholarship Fund:** Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding freshmen who have distinguished themselves with a GPA of at least 3.0 and an SAT score of at least 1000. Students are selected from the following high schools: Beaver Area, Bethel Park, Brownsville Area, California Area, Charleroi Area, Jeanette, Monessen, Rochester Area (Beaver County), Somerset Area, Trinity and Uniontown Area.

**Consol Energy School District Scholarships:** These scholarships are awarded to first-time freshmen in a degree-seeking program. One scholarship is awarded to each of the public high schools in Washington and Greene counties. Qualified students must have distinguished themselves with a 3.0 or higher GPA and be involved in community service. High school guidance counselors nominate the recipients for these scholarships.

**James T. & Martha E. Davis Scholarship** is awarded to an academically talented junior at California University who demonstrates financial need and resides in one of the following Pennsylvania counties: Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Wesmoreland. This scholarship is non-renewable.

**Richard Dishong Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to freshman, sophomore, junior or senior students who are graduates of Bethlehem-Center High School. Qualified students must have distinguished themselves with a 2.5 to 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to those students with a dire need for financial assistance to continue their education at the University.
**Dr. Michael "Ki" Duda Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to students who have demonstrated a need for financial assistance. First preference will be given to a graduate of Ringgold High School.

**Walter & Romaine Layton Davis Scholarship:** This annual non-renewable scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student who has demonstrated financial need and who shows evidence of personal responsibility, unselfishness and self-reliance. Students must have a 3.0 GPA, or, in the case of incoming freshmen, show promise of academic success. Students should demonstrate evidence of participation in community service or church organizations. Applicants must submit an essay to the Financial Aid Office by May 1 describing their past and current activities and any volunteer services, explaining why they chose their particular field of study, and indicating what personal sacrifices they have made in order to fund their college expenses.

**Horatio Alger Franklin Scholarship Program**
**Horatio Alger Pennsylvania Scholarship Program**

If you are a high school senior who has already faced and overcome great obstacles in your life, you need to take a closer look at these programs. Other requirements include Pennsylvania residency; that you be able to demonstrate financial need; that you have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and have a record of high academic achievement; that you are serious-minded in your approach to your future; and, that you are community service orientated. Along with your completed application you will need to submit an essay, copy of your transcript, a letter of support, and an income statement. These scholarships may be used for full time undergraduate study at any accredited 2 or 4-year college in the United States. There is no specified major field of study. The amount of the Franklin Award is $10,000. The Pennsylvania Award is for $5,000. Please visit this website for an application: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/
https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_penn.cfm

**Fitz Dixon Memorial Scholarship**

Founded by Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty (APSCUF), the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), the PASSHE Foundation and Dixon family members, this scholarship honors the memory of the late F. Eugene “Fitz” Dixon, Jr. Mr. Dixon was a highly respected civic leader, sportsman, and a founding member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students that attend one of the 14 PASSHE universities. Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate academic excellence, voluntary service within the community at home and at their university, and financial need as determined by their FAFSA applications.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled at one of the 14 PASSHE universities pursuing an undergraduate or a graduate degree.
- Undergraduate student applicants must have passed 45 credits at a PASSHE university with at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Graduate student applicants must have passed at least nine (9) credits at a PASSHE university with at least a 3.5 GPA.
- Official transcripts must accompany all applications.

Applicants must show financial need based on standard need analysis from the FAFSA application. Check with the financial aid office for the scholarship deadline.

**National Institute of Health (NIH) [www.nih.gov]**
The NIH offers an undergraduate scholarship program. Any student from an economically disadvantaged family may apply if they have been accepted as a full-time student into a 4 year accredited college. Students must show a commitment to pursuing a career in biomedical, behavioral or social science health-related research at the NIH and must have a 3.5 GPA or be in the top 5% of their class.

**American Legion Pennsylvania Auxiliary Scholarship for Children of Living Veterans**
Must live in Pennsylvania, be a high school senior, and have a parent who is a veteran of the U.S. military. To be eligible you must be able to provide proof of your need for financial aid to pursue your college education. The award is for $600 a year for up to four years. If you would like more information about how to apply, contact:
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Pennsylvania
P.O. Box 1285
Camp Hill, PA 17105
Phone: 717-763-7545
There is no website available for this resource.

**The Gates Millennium Scholars Program**
The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

One of the most unique aspects of the GMS program is the partnership and collective efforts of the four partner organizations providing services to the continuing Gates Millennium Scholars. GMS program staff members at the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS), the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) and UNCF service students from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Who’s Eligible?**
Students are **eligible** to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they meet all of the following criteria:
- Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian Pacific Islander American**, or Hispanic American
- Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
- Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
- Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma). First-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients.
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
- Have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student’s application (Nominee Personal Information Form), an evaluation of the student’s academic record (Nominator Form)
and an evaluation of the student’s community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline.

*American Indian/Alaska Native Requirements: American Indian/Alaska Natives will be asked to provide proof of tribal enrollment or certificate of descent from a state or federally recognized tribe if selected as a GMS finalist. [https://www.gmsp.org/](https://www.gmsp.org/)

**Mail applications to:**
Gates Millennium Scholars
P.O. Box 1434
Alexandria, Virginia 22313
Toll-Free Phone: 1-877-690-GMSP (4677)

**Note:** We are unable to accept faxes or mail that requires a signature for receipt of delivery.

**Pell Grant Eligibility**
If selected as GMS finalists, students must demonstrate eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant Program as part of their financial aid package. Students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs. Federal Pell Grants typically are awarded to families that demonstrate significant financial need. Eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant is a function of many factors, including dependency status, family income, family size and the number of students in the family. For more information, visit [https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility).

**Note:** Students should not submit a FAFSA with the GMS application. GMS does not have a school code that a student can use on their FAFSA. If a student is selected as a finalist, GMS will request that he/she send a copy of his/her Student Aid Report (SAR) to the GMS office. The application process for GMS awards is highly competitive, we urge students to submit their application as early as possible.

**Pennsylvania Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship**
The amount of this award varies from year to year, but is renewable beyond your freshman year. It is to be applied to full time undergraduate study at any 2 or 4-year institution in the United States. To apply you must be a high school senior living in Pennsylvania. You must have a record of outstanding academic achievement with GPA of at least 3.5, 1150 on the SAT or 25 on the ACT, or 3550 GED. Visit your high school guidance counselor for more information, and further details can be found on the website: [http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduesbyrd/eligibility.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduesbyrd/eligibility.html).

**Burger King Scholars Program (Burger King McLamore Foundation)**
All company and participating franchise restaurant, corporate and field employees, children of employees and high school seniors are eligible to apply.

**What are the details of the award?**
BURGER KING® Scholars awards are awarded each year. The number of awards will be determined by the funds available and the number of applicants. Most scholarships are non-renewable awards of up to $1,000. Awards cannot exceed educational costs. The scholarships can be applied to tuition, fees or books required for course load at accredited, non-profit two or four-year colleges/universities in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico (Note: Employees may use awards to take enrichment courses at accredited institutions). A student may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award provided the institution and their enrollment fulfill eligibility criteria.

**Can I apply every year for a scholarship?**
Awards are not renewable; however, $1,000 Employee-Based Track recipients may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility and receive up to a maximum of four awards (up to $4,000).

**What are the selection criteria?**
Academic achievements and records
Participation in school and community activities
Length of employment (BURGER KING® System Employee Only)
For additional information regarding the scholarship program: Call (507) 931-1682, referring to the BURGER KING® Scholars Program or email burgerkingscholars@scholarshipamerica.org. https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars_information.php

**BG Scholarship**
Sponsor: Brandon Goodman Scholarship
**Eligibility Requirements**  Residency: U.S. citizen - Permanent resident
**Qualified Institutions & Level of Study**  Award may be used for: Any undergraduate study; Award may be used at: Two-year college - Four-year college
**Application Requirements**  Essay
Applicant must demonstrate: Academic achievement - Financial need - Service to others
Additional information: 2.0 minimum GPA

**General Information**
Type of award: Private – Scholarship - Individual award amount: Maximum: $300
Number of awards granted: 12

**Contact Information:**
Brandon Goodman Scholarship
Phone: 949-547-9427
Fax: 949-716-6102
Email: virginiapijlman@bgscholarship.com
Web: www.bgscholarship.com/scholarship

*Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship*
To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must:
- Be a graduating, minority high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four–year institution within the United States
- Show leadership potential - Demonstrate a dedication to community service
- Present evidence of financial need - Be a United States citizen
- A minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 22
- Not possess a degree from a 2 or 4–year College when applying for the scholarship

**Where do I send my application?**
The application and the letter of recommendation can only be submitted electronically via JRF’s online application program, Infosnap. http://www.jackierobinson.org/

**UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

*The National Italian American Foundation Scholarship Program*
The awards will be made on the basis of academic merit and divided between two groups of students.

**General Category I:** Italian American students who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements. Area of study: open.

**General Category II:** Those students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American studies or a related field, who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements.
Scholarship awards range from $2,000-$12,000. Each scholarship award can only cover tuition and university-provided room and board. Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of scholarship support. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the following academic year. Scholarship applicants and winners can and are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Applications for NIAF scholarships can only be submitted on-line.
http://www.niaf.org/scholarships/

CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a NIAF scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:
* Be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.
* Have a grade-point average of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 (or the equivalent).
* Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien.
* Fit into one of the two NIAF scholarship categories.
* For the purposes of the NIAF Scholarship Program, to be 'Italian American' the student must have at least one ancestor who has immigrated from Italy.

No immediate family members of the NIAF Board of Directors, Regional Vice-Presidents, Area Coordinators or staff are eligible for NIAF scholarships.

SELECTION CRITERIA
NIAF scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, field of study, career objectives, and the potential, commitment, and abilities applicants have demonstrated that would enable them to make significant contributions to their chosen field of study. Some scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Applicants may be contacted for an interview by phone if deemed necessary by the selection committee.

The following must be submitted in order to constitute a complete NIAF Scholarship application:
* Completed student application (Sections A & B) submitted on-line.
* Evaluation Form submitted on-line (completed by applicant's teacher/professor).
* An official school transcript submitted by mail.

The following may be submitted by the applicant if the applicant wishes to claim financial need:
* FAFSA Financial Aid Form (optional) submitted by mail.

Please contact:
Alexandra Dall at adall@niaf.org
or call (202) 939-3118

Note: Many of the scholarships listed below have financial need as a consideration, and, if so, you are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Upon completion you will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) based upon the results of your application.

Adult Learners Scholarships for Union Members
Are you a member of an AFL-CIO affiliated union? You might qualify for scholarships through your local union chapter. Scholarship opportunities vary from chapter to chapter so you might be eligible for
more money than you thought. To find out more, contact your state union office about scholarships or visit [http://www.aflcio.org/About/Member-Benefits/Scholarships](http://www.aflcio.org/About/Member-Benefits/Scholarships) for additional info.

**Returning Students and Adult Learners Scholarships for Military**
Did you serve in the military or are you related to a former serviceman? As a member of the American Legion, you might qualify for special scholarships. Former servicemen, military reservists and veterans of wars such as Desert Storm, Vietnam, Panama or Grenada are often eligible for American Legion scholarships. Descendants of an American Legion member may also qualify for scholarships. To get additional details, visit your local American Legion post or their website [http://www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships).

**Adult Learners and Returning Students Scholarships for Non-Traditional Students**
Executive Women International offers the ASIST program for Adult Students in Scholastic Transition. This non-discriminatory educational scholarship program benefits non-traditional students such as those past high school age, returning students and first time adult students. Funds can be used for tuition, books, mandatory school fees and child care. Applicants must show financial need, social, physical and/or economic challenge with clear career goals, specific educational objectives, be 18 or older, use re-entry programs available and reside within the boundaries of the EWI Chapter where the application was submitted. To find out more, visit [http://ewiconnect.com/?s=scholarship](http://ewiconnect.com/?s=scholarship).

**Adult Learners Scholarships for Walmart Associates**
Do you work for Walmart? You might qualify for the Walmart Associate Scholarship, formerly referred to as the Higher Reach Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based on community involvement and financial need. Find out more about these scholarships opportunities at [http://foundation.walmart.com/](http://foundation.walmart.com/).

**Adult Learners and Returning Student Scholarships for Rotary Members**
If you belong to the local Rotary International, you might be eligible for scholarships. Volunteers qualify for scholarships regardless of their student status or age based on the rules of each local branch. To find out more about opportunities in your area visit: [https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document facts-about-rotary-scholarships](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document facts-about-rotary-scholarships).

**Returning Students and Adult Learners Scholarships for National Exchange Club Members**
Do you volunteer or perform community service through the National Exchange Club? If so, you might qualify for scholarship dollars regardless of your age or school status. Each local branch has its own rules for awarding scholarships to worthy applicants. To learn more about National Exchange Club scholarships, visit [http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/exchangescholarships](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/exchangescholarships/).

**Adult Learners Scholarships for Financial Need**
The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation offers a variety of scholarships and grants to stellar students demonstrating financial need. The application deadlines are late January. For additional details about these scholarships for adult learners and returning students, visit [http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/).

**Adult Learners Scholarships for Jaycees Members**
Are you an active member of the Jaycees? You might qualify for the Charles R. Ford Scholarship. Each year an active member of the Jaycees looking to return to college to complete their education is awarded a one-time scholarship of $2,500. The award is sent directly to your college or university of choice to be applied to tuition, lab fees, books, academic costs and room and board under the control of the institution of higher education. To get more details, visit [http://www.jci.cc/local/info/usa](http://www.jci.cc/local/info/usa).
Adult Learners Scholarships for ANTSHE Members

Are you a member of the Association of Nontraditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE)? Check out the annual Kazimour Scholarship sponsored by ANTSHE and Dr. Kim Kazimour. The scholarship awards three $500 awards, two for undergrads and one for a grad student. Find out more about these scholarships for adult learners at http://www.myantshe.org/ANTSHE-Scholarships.

Scholarships for Women

Women's Independence Scholarship Program (WISP)

Purpose and Availability

The objective of the Women's Independence Scholarship Program is to help survivors of intimate partner abuse obtain an education that will in turn offer them the chance to secure employment, personal independence and self sufficiency. Support is available for full or part-time students interested in attending accredited programs at educational institutions listed below, in order of preference:

- State supported community colleges
- State supported colleges or universities
- Technical/vocational schools
- Private colleges or universities
- For Profit schools

Requests for assistance are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Notes About the scholarship: The Women's Independence Scholarship Program (WISP) was created in 1999 to help formerly battered women overcome barriers to the education necessary for their becoming employable and financially stable. The primary intent is to help single mothers with young children who have the greatest financial challenges (childcare costs, etc.) to gain work skills so they can support their families. Our funds target women who are in desperate financial situations and absolutely must have both an education and our funds to assist them.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must be a woman who is a direct survivor of intimate partner abuse. While we abhor abuse from any source, our effort is in assisting those women who are survivors of partner abuse.

The primary intent of the WISP program is to assist women who have been parted from an abusive partner for a minimum of one year. Women who have been separated from their batterers for more than five years may also apply. However, funding for these individuals may be limited. Special consideration will be given to those interested in using their education to further the rights of, and options for, women and girls.

WISP Program Eligibility Criteria

A woman who meets the following requirements is eligible to apply:
* Survived intimate partner abuse & has been separated from their abuser a minimum of one year;
* Is a citizen or legal resident of the United States;
* Has applied to or is officially accepted into an accredited course of study at a United States institution;
* Demonstrates a critical need for financial assistance;
* Exhibits a strong desire and the ability to complete a training and/or academic program;
* Has a definite plan to use the desired training to upgrade skills for career advancement, to train for a new career field, or to enter or reenter the job market; and
* Has sought services from a non-profit, domestic violence agency for a minimum of 6 consecutive months, and this agency is willing act as sponsor by mentoring and providing support to the student throughout her educational experience.

Website: http://www.wispinc.org/
**American Association of University Women (AAUW) – Project Renew Grant**
This scholarship is designed to give college graduates the opportunity to pursue graduate studies. It is in the amount of $5,000. The number of awards given each year varies. For more information write to the Director of Scholarships, American Association of University Women, 1111 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036, or go on line to [http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/).

**Possible Woman Foundation International Scholarship**
Since 2001, the Possible Woman Foundation program has distributed over $100,000 in scholarships, but out of over 2,000 applications each year, only a few can be selected. PWFI is looking for special women whose education had to be put on hold, but who have retained the dream and the drive to complete college despite the hardships they have encountered. Community service is another requirement for these awards. If you are a woman who wants to return to school to complete an interrupted education, or if you would like further education to advance your career, this may be your answer. For more information about turning your passion into a career, please check into [http://www.emergescholarships.org/index.php/apply](http://www.emergescholarships.org/index.php/apply).

**Soroptimist’s Women’s Opportunity Awards**
Soroptimist is an international women’s service organization whose mission is making the lives of challenged women better by providing scholarships. They present these awards annually in varying amounts. Recipients are women who have overcome great obstacles such as poverty, alcoholism, or abuse, and who provide the sole support for their families. The awards are designed to be used in any way – books, tuition, or childcare – whatever is needed to make attending college easier, or even possible, for these women. For more information go to: [http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/eligibility.html](http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/eligibility.html)

**Jeannette Rankin Fund Adult Learners Scholarships for Low Income Women Over 35**

**About the Scholarships** The scholarships may be used for tuition, books, transportation, childcare and other living expenses. Selection is competitive, which means that meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship.

**Which Students are Eligible?**
- Women, at least 35 years of age,
- U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents of the United States, and are pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate’s degree, or a first bachelor’s degree,
- Students who have already earned a bachelor’s degree and/or will be pursuing a graduate degree.

**Selection Factors** The quality and completeness of information in your application is critical. The selection committee will consider your goals, your plan for reaching your goals, any challenges you have faced, and your financial situation, among other factors.

**Contact:**
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Website: [http://www.rankinfoundation.org/students/eligibility](http://www.rankinfoundation.org/students/eligibility)

**College Scholarships Foundation Women’s Scholarship**
If you are female, currently enrolled in an accredited university or college, are a U.S. citizen, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, you may qualify for one of multiple awards given by this foundation every year in the amount of $1,000 each. Details can be found at: www.collegescholarships.org/our-scholarships/women.htm.

The Sunshine Lady Foundation – Women’s Independence Scholarship Program
If you are survivor of partner abuse, and are trying to make a better life for you and your children by going to college, you may qualify for this generous award. Special consideration is given to women with small children because they face the greatest hardship associated with working and going to school, such as increased expenses for childcare. This award has no specific dollar amount set, however, is usually for around $2,000. Awards are designated to be used first for tuition, books, and fees and will go directly to the school in which you are enrolled. Secondary purposes for use include childcare and transportation costs. You may apply at any time of the year. The website for more information is: www.wispinc.org/programs/WISP/tabid/62/Default.aspx.

Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation for Low Income Women and Children
This was the first woman of color ever to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives where she served the 2nd Congressional District of Hawaii. Her major concerns were women’s rights, integrity of domestic progress, and justice. There are five scholarships presented each year in her name to low income moms in pursuit of higher education to better opportunities available to her and her family. Application information is available at http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org.

Adult Learners and Returning Students Scholarships for Royal Neighbors Members
Did you know you might qualify for scholarship money from Royal Neighbors of America? Their non-traditional scholarship program gives education support to members who do not fall into the usual college age range. You might receive one of fifteen scholarship awards for applicants age 23 and older. Part-time students are eligible for a $500 scholarship and full-time students are eligible to apply for a $1,000 award. To get more information, visit http://www.royalneighbors.org/membership-benefits/scholarship.

Returning Students Scholarships for Women with Interrupted Education
Are you a woman whose education was interrupted to take care of family or attend to other changing demands in your life? The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education grants might be perfect for you. They offer grants up to $1,500 to help cover educational expenses, transportation, childcare and tuition. To find out more about scholarships to resume higher education, check out http://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-program-continuing-education-pce.

Returning Students Scholarships for Women Re-Entering the Workforce
Are you entering or re-entering the workforce looking to get essential skills and education to improve your employment status? Check out the Soroptimist's Women's Opportunity Awards for women attending or accepted into an undergraduate degree program or vocation/skills training. Awards up to $10,000 may be used for all kinds of educational expenses including child care, books, tuition, transportation and housing. Learn more about this scholarship at http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/live-your-dream-awards.html.

California University of Pennsylvania
Cal has a section dedicated to helping students find scholarships through Cal’s main website. You can type in the search bar at the top right “scholarships” or you can click on the following URL to take you there directly: http://www.calu.edu/tuition-and-aid/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/index.htm
Other scholarship search websites to check:

http://socialworklicensemap.com/become-a-social-worker/social-work-scholarships/
http://schoolsoup.com
http://www.fastweb.com
http://www.scholarship.com
https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/
http://www.collegeanswer.com/
http://www.thepafoundation.org/scholarships/index.asp