

SCHOLARSHIP LIST – Updated 03/24/2021

Scholarships added since the last updated list are in red.

Below is a list of the local scholarships sites that have reached out to Sammamish High School. Included too are scholarship resources, a ton of information on scholarship websites and pointers on how to apply for private scholarships.

There are many, many scholarships you may be eligible for so *please do further research of scholarship opportunities through the scholarship search engines and scholarship tips listed at the end of this document.* **More local scholarships will be coming so stay tuned for updates.**

Note: there are scholarships for four-year schools, two-year schools, technical schools, certification programs and many other types of programs!

Any questions please email Ms. Scott - scottar@bsd405.org

*Note: Vetting of the scholarship you apply to is your responsibility. **Know there are scams out there!!** **Never pay for a scholarship opportunity and beware of scholarships that request personal information such as your Social Security number or bank account numbers.***

Always confirm the scholarship deadline on the scholarship's website!

Local Scholarships:

Scholarship Packet with eight scholarships listed ***deadlines vary so please read carefully!***

My name is Adrienne Hairston and I am the current president of Seattle NPHC and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I have the esteemed honor of presenting this scholarship packet to you and our community. Every year, each of our organizations hold fundraisers so that we are able to provide scholarships to a graduating high school senior (or seniors) to help lessen the burden of college costs.

I am EXTREMELY proud that in this packet you will find over **\$20,000 in scholarships** from eight organizations of the "Divine 9". I am overjoyed that even during a pandemic, we are still able to serve our community!

To understand the need for and concept of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., one must first consider, understand, and familiarize oneself

with the historical accounts and significance of predominantly Black Greek-letter organizations. While having their own distinct heritages, the nine (9) member organizations of NPHC offer insight and a unique perspective into this understanding and the development of Black socioeconomic and cultural life.

Each of the nine (9) NPHC organizations evolved during a period when African Americans were being denied essential rights and privileges afforded others. Racial isolation on predominantly white campuses and social barriers of class on all campuses created a need for African Americans to align themselves with other individuals sharing common goals and ideals.

With the realization of such a need, the African American (Black) Greek-lettered organization movement took on the persona of a haven and outlet, which could foster brotherhood and sisterhood in the pursuit to bring about social change through the development of social programs that would create positive change for Blacks and the country. Today the need remains the same.

While NPHC affiliate organizations recognize the social aspect of Greek college life, the primary purpose and focus of member organizations remains community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities.

NPHC affiliates and their respective members have pledged to devote their resources to service in their respective communities, realizing that the membership experience of NPHC organizations goes beyond organizational membership during an individual's college career.

Please read organization's page. You will find their history, information on the scholarship they have available, and how to apply! Please reach out to seattlenphc@gmail.com if you have any questions and/or you need any help.



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Digital Responsibility Scholarships - deadlines vary so please read carefully!

E-waste Scholarship (\$1000)

Deadline: April 30, 2021 to coincide with Earth Day

To highlight the impact of e-waste and what can be done to reduce e-waste. You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college student. Home schooled students are also eligible.

Complete the application and answer the short essay prompt about the problem of e-waste.

www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/

Digital Privacy Scholarship (\$1000)

Deadline: June 30, 2021

To highlight why you should be cautious about what you post on the Internet. You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college student. Home schooled students are also eligible.

Complete the application and answer the short essay prompt about digital privacy.

www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship (\$1000)

Deadline: September 30, 2021 to coincide with September's No Texting while Driving Day

To highlight the risks of texting while driving. You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college student. Home schooled students are also eligible. Complete the application and answer the short essay prompt about the dangers of texting while driving. www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/

Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship (\$1000)

Deadline: January 30, 2022

To highlight the negative effects of too much screen time. You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college student. Home schooled students are also eligible. Complete the application and answer the short essay prompt about technology addiction. www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/

Digital Responsibility

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The Korum Family Art Scholarship virtual entry is open thru 3/29.

[Korum Family Arts Scholarship Competition](#)

Enter this VIRTUAL Competition!

This competition is virtual in 2021 in order to award scholarships in a timely manner for those potential winners who will be entering secondary education this fall. Students competing in the virtual competition can also participate in the JR/SR High Art Show (see info below).

Entry Information

- [Download entry information](#)
- Students grades 11 & 12 during the 2020-21 school year are invited to participate
- Contest entries will be accepted March 8-29 (online entry only)
- [Korum Family Arts Scholarship Application Form](#)

For more information and to participate, read the [entry information](#) then click the link below to enter.

[ENTER ONLINE](#)

Bessie Coleman Legacy Scholarship

The scholarship is inspired by Ms. Bessie Coleman, who was an early American civil aviator. She was the first woman of African American descent, and also the first of Native-American descent, to hold a pilot license. Ms. Coleman overcame tremendous racism in U.S. aviation by saving up money and obtaining sponsorships to go to France for flight school. Afterward, she became a high-profile pilot in notoriously dangerous air shows in the United States. She was popularly known as “Queen Bess” and “Brave Bessie”, and she hoped to start a school for

African American fliers. Ms. Coleman died in a plane crash in 1926 while testing a new aircraft. Her pioneering role was an inspiration to early African American and Native American pilots. Learn more about our inspiration here. We have permission from the [Bessie Coleman Aerospace Legacy](#) to name the scholarship in her honor.

The Scholarship Award

In honor of Queen Bess, the Bessie Coleman Legacy Scholarship works relentlessly to ensure that students with a broad array of backgrounds and life experiences are given the educational opportunities they deserve. This includes students from groups or with skills or attributes that are underrepresented in STEM industries and specifically students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Each scholarship is administered by Aviation Youth Empowerment Foundation and granted to students after a rigorous selection process wherein applicants demonstrate their passion and dedication to aviation, science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. In the 2021 Winter Cycle, recipients of the Bessie Coleman Legacy Scholarship will be awarded a possible total of \$4,000, which will be paid in increments during the first, second, third, and/or fourth year of college school to help defray the cost of school tuition and related expenses, such as fees, books and technology. We will discuss the financial award in detail with the scholar finalists.

Our mission with the Scholarship program is to not only assist in the increasingly high cost of attending college, but to create a network and community of young, gifted, and ambitious talent that is ready to take off in an aviation STEM career following graduation. The scholarship program combines financial support, mentorship, community values and what we hope to be life-long relationships and connects that can be passed down and carried forward.

Eligibility Requirements – Who Should Apply?

High school students of color and girls of all races and ethnicities with aspirations to major in areas of study that focus on aviation, sciences, technology, engineering, and math fields are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are limited to students who currently reside in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. The scholarship award may be applied toward any U.S. institution of higher learning. You may not apply the award to institutions outside of the U.S.

The deadline for submitting applications is 11:59PM, PST March 30, 2021. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Link to more information and the scholarship application: <https://www.ayefoundation.org/application-criteria-2021>

THE LOTUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT SYL FOUNDATION

SYL Foundation is committed to creating opportunity and access to higher education. Guided by the belief that immigrant students are deserving of respect and support, the Foundation's Lotus Scholarship Program provides assistance to recently immigrated students in Washington's King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The purpose of the scholarship program is to give financial support to immigrant and refugee students who are pursuing post-secondary education, regardless of the students' immigration status. All application information is kept strictly confidential. More information about both the scholarship and Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation can be found at <http://www.sylfoundation.org/english/what-we-do/lotus-scholarship-program/>

The application can be found at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=sylscholarship>

Scholarship Amount

The total scholarship amount is \$9,000 over four years for most students (exceptions noted below): \$1,500/year for each of the first two years and up to \$3,000 for two additional years IF the student is enrolled in a four year university for those additional two years. The scholarship is renewable for up to 3 additional years after the first year. It is our expectation that the Scholarship will be utilized in four *consecutive* years, beginning with the year of the award. In rare cases, exceptions may be made.

Eligibility

- Student attends high school in King, Pierce or Snohomish county and is due to graduate in June 2021. We do not accept applications from students already in college.
- Student is 21 years of age or younger
- Immigrated to the United States during high school on or after **January 1, 2017**
- Plans to attend a community college, university, technical or trade school
- Participated or enrolled in a college readiness program (sample programs [here](#). These are only examples. We are willing to accept participation in other programs.)
- Will commit to participating in a college persistence or support programs in college
- Available for a virtual (e.g. Skype) interview in April or early May of 2021
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Students who are eligible for two years of college funding through the Seattle Promise program may still apply for the Lotus Scholarship. They will be eligible to receive funding of \$3,000 per year in their third and fourth years of college for a total award of \$6,000.

Summer Workshop

In 2021, SYLF will partner with College Possible Washington to offer a three-day college preparation workshop to all first-year Lotus Scholars. We expect all students to attend unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond their control. The three-day workshop will cover topics such as financial aid planning, study skills, course selection, and career preparation. Students may receive a stipend to offset lost wages and/or transportation costs for each day they attend. The workshop will be held **July 21-23, 2021**. At this point, the plan is to hold the workshop virtually unless conditions change.

Timeline

- **Completed applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2021.**
- Semi-finalist candidates will be scheduled for an interview in April or May 2021. Please note that this is a competitive scholarship and not everyone who applies will be awarded a scholarship.
- Candidates will be informed of the status of their application by late May or early June of 2021.

Eastside Audubon - Brian Gershon College Scholarship

Eastside Audubon offers this scholarship for high school seniors from the Eastside of Lake Washington who have demonstrated a keen interest in the environment/nature. The application is available in both [Word](#) and [PDF](#) formats. **Due March 31, 2021.**

Please note the email address for the Eastside Audubon Youth Education Committee on the application form if you need any more information.

Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships

The BAM Scholarship was created to enable Black and African American students to attend college and pursue a career in technology. The goal is to empower future generations to do and be more.

To be considered for a BAM Scholarship, you must:

- Be a US-based high school senior of African descent (for example, African American, African, Ethiopian, etc.)
- Plan to attend a four-year college or university in the US in the fall immediately following your high school graduation
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing)
- Demonstrate a passion for technology.
- Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- Require financial assistance to attend college.

How to Apply

To apply for a BAM Scholarship, submit your application online through the link below **by March 31st, 2021 11:59pm Pacific Time** with the following items:

- **Two letters of recommendation.** At least one letter must be from a faculty or staff member at your school. Letters of recommendation should be original and should not be duplicates of college recommendation letters. (Letters must be on letterhead.)
- **Résumé.** Your résumé should include the following information:
 - —Extracurricular activities (school and community related)
 - —Honors and awards that you have received (if possible, include awards that are technology related)
 - —Work experience
- **Picture of yourself.** Pictures must be in color.
- **Transcript.** Include a copy of your current academic transcript. (Official or Unofficial copies will both be accepted.)

➤ **Two Essays.**

- —In no more than 500 words, describe how you plan to engage in the technology industry in your future career. (If you have done exemplary work using technology during high school, please describe that also.)
- —In no more than 250 words, demonstrate your financial need for this scholarship.

All materials **MUST** be submitted through the online application link below. Emailed or mailed documents will not be accepted. For questions please email BAMScholarshipInfo@microsoft.com.

[Submit application >](#)

OVERLAKE-BELLEVUE ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC (OAPH)

This scholarship opportunity is for **high school women** who are senior level status. They must reside and attend high school on the eastside of Greater Seattle, WA. Also, they plan on applying to a four-year college or university that has membership available in a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sorority. NPC is made up of 26 women's-only international member organizations, and NPC is the world's largest umbrella organization specifically charged with advancing the sorority experience.

Our merit-based scholarship awards are monetary and range from \$500 - \$1,000 per award.

Our [2021 Scholarship Application](#) is below

Your application must be typewritten and saved in a PDF file. It is our expectation that every application question will be answered completely in typewritten form. We will not accept applications if you only write, "See My Resume."

Send your completed application, transcript and photograph to:

2020OAPHScholarApp@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION SUBMISSION IS: (Pacific Time) 11:59 P.M. **Friday, April 2, 2021.**



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Scholarship for Cambodian High School Seniors

For **high school seniors** who identify as **Khmer** or **Cambodian American**!

Khmer Americans are among the **least represented within colleges nationwide**. KhSA's mission this year is to help unite our community and empower our youth. As Khmer students attending university now, we want to aid young Khmer Americans in their pursuit of higher education.

This year we will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors in Washington state.

The link to apply is: tinyurl.com/khsascholarship2021

All application materials are due on **Sunday, April 4th, 2021 at 11:59 PM.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at khmer@uw.edu.

2021 We the Students Essay Contest

Essay Prompt: *What is the relationship between Equality and Justice?*

Answering this question requires considering each of these principles and analyzing the relationship between them.

To truly explore this question in an essay that is between 500 -800 words, you'll need to go beyond "dictionary definitions," and express your understanding and reasoning about the connection between these two principles. This reasoning involves a combination of observation, experience, and some pretty "big ideas." What does it take to understand them? To build toward and maintain them? To see them with regard to each other? Why is this relationship important?

We encourage you to bring emotion, creativity, specific examples, and well-researched facts into what you write. A good essay will demonstrate how equality and justice are not just abstract ideas but are part of the actions and choices of people every day.

We genuinely want to know how you would answer the question – what is the relationship between Equality and Justice?

Deadline for entry is April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

Freestone Future Leaders Scholarship application

Scholarship Overview Our organization offers 4 scholarships for high school and college students. All are focused on recognizing the impact of our digital culture. Could you please help us make your students aware of these awards? I've listed the scholarship details below and ordered them by deadline. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mia Jefferson

Community Coordinator

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Freestone Capital Management will award five "Freestone Future Leaders" scholarships to college students for the 2021-2022 school year. The scholarships will provide five students each with a \$5,000 tuition reimbursement, totaling \$25,000 in financial support.

All high school seniors and current undergraduate college students are invited to apply, who meet the criterion below.

Important Dates

The scholarship entry period begins on March 3rd and the **application deadline is April 16, 2021**. Students who are awarded scholarships will be notified by the second week of May 2021, with a public announcement to follow shortly after.

Award Details and Rules

The following rules apply to all Freestone Future Leaders Scholarship applicants and outline the requirements, consents and, selection and distribution of awarded funds.

- Five students will each be awarded with a \$5,000 scholarship, totaling \$25,000 in financial support.
- The scholarship(s) will be paid as a tuition reimbursement directly to the college or university of each of the five recipients upon receiving official documentation of a tuition payment.
- All decisions of the selection committee are final and are not subject to appeal.
- Selected recipients authorize their name and image to be shared publicly in Freestone communications, and to participate in marketing activities as appropriate.

Application Criterion

To be eligible to apply for a Freestone Future Leaders Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year technical college or university.
- All scholarship recipients must be enrolled as full-time students.
- Post-graduate, master's or doctorate candidates are not eligible to apply.
- Any degree can apply. The scholarship is not limited to finance or business-focused majors.
- Applicants should be involved in community, entrepreneurship, or other extracurricular activities.
- Applicants must also be U.S. citizens and reside in Washington State, Oregon, or California.
- Please note that previous award recipients, along with Freestone employees, clients, partners and their families, are not eligible to apply.

How to Apply

To apply for a Freestone Future Leaders Scholarship, review the applicant criteria above to ensure eligibility, complete the scholarship form, answer the essay question, and attach all required supplemental materials.

<https://www.freestonecapital.com/form/freestone-future-leaders-scholarship-application>

2021 ADK Mamie Mar Education Scholarship Application

Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Alpha Chapter will again be offering a \$2,000 scholarship to one student in the Bellevue School District who is preparing for a degree in teaching or a closely related career in education. This scholarship was established by the Mar family and Alpha Delta Kappa – Beta Alpha Chapter in honor of long time Bellevue School District elementary teacher Mamie Mar (retired).

Attached you will find a scholarship application from our educators' sorority. We have included the scholarship application which can be filled out and submitted to the email below. **The deadline for submitting the application is April 23, 2021.**



ADK Scholarship
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Contact Carol Stern with any questions: carol.z.stern@gmail.com

Washington Pointe Pest Control Scholarship

For this scholarship, do something good for someone else and include a note telling them to pass it on. Bonus points are awarded for including pictures. We want to hear what good deed you did to help your community.

After you have finished your good deed, pass along this scholarship to as many friends as you can. For every submission we get that says you referred/told them about this scholarship, you get bonus points. (Feel free to post the scholarship on your Facebook page to spread the word.)

Once your good deed is finished and you have told all of your friends about this scholarship, play the [Pointe Pest Control game](#) and take a screenshot of your highest score. Bonus points are added to your application for playing the game.

<https://pointepest.com/washington-scholarship-application/>

- The scholarship must be submitted, in full, **by April 29, 2021**. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- Applications for the scholarship can be submitted by any high school senior or college freshman from the state of Washington.
- This scholarship is a one-time scholarship worth \$750. It will be awarded May 30, 2021.
- All applicants must be submitted electronically using this form.

The Edmund F. Maxwell Foundation Scholarship is offering high-achieving students financial aid of up to \$5,000 (renewable for up to four years) who plan on attending a **private college**.

- Qualifying students will have spent at least the last two years at a high school and lived in a city west of the Cascade Mountains.
- Students will have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college that the student is planning to attend)
- Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we have waived our SAT/ACT requirement, but if a student has been able to take the test, we encourage reporting of those scores on the application.
- **Application due date: April 30, 2021**
- **Additional materials due date: May 14, 2021** (Additional materials include a high school transcript and a completed Financial Aid Worksheet from the student's potential PRIVATE colleges)

Please direct any interested students to our website: www.maxwell.org where they can find all necessary information about how to apply. Any additional questions can be directed to our contact, Shannon Valderas at support@maxwell.org

Bennett Elementary Scholarship

One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a former Bennett student who is currently a senior at one of the six Bellevue public high schools. The student who is most likely to receive this award will have the following attributes: **a minimum of a 3.0 GPA; has taken challenging courses; involvement in a variety of school activities; and demonstrates a financial need for the scholarship.**



Bennett PTSA 2021
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The award recipient will be notified within four weeks after the deadline. Incomplete and/or late applications will be disqualified. Please email by Monday, May 3, 2021 to: Scholarship Committee, Bennett Elementary, Sandra.low@gmail.com and ptsa_treasurer@bennettptsa.org. Contact Sandra Low, low.sandra@gmail.com with any questions.

Max Meyers Law believes in supporting those who look to further their education. College costs continue to rise each year, which can cause stress and financial burden to families in our community. We want students to be able to focus on learning and not have to worry about how they will pay for their schooling. This is why we have rolled out the Max Meyers Law Scholarship program. A **\$2,500** scholarship will be given to the individual who is selected as the winner of our essay challenge. Here is how you can apply:

Scholarship Application

Choose one of the following essay topics to write about:

- How has the justice system impacted your life, and do you believe any changes are needed to improve the justice system?
- Have you had to overcome any obstacles due to a vehicle related accident? If so, how did you overcome these obstacles?
- Texting while driving is a hot topic in the media. This is particularly relevant with young people in our community. What can we do as a society to reduce or eliminate texting and driving related accidents?

Essay Instructions

- Your essay must be a minimum of 700 words.
- Your essay should be double-spaced and without spelling or grammatical errors.
- Your essay must be submitted in PDF format.
- Please include a separate cover page in PDF format that includes your full name, address, phone number and email address. We will use this information to contact you if your essay is selected as the winner. Please also include 1-2 sentences about yourself, your education, and your plans for the future.
- Email your essay and cover page to info@maxmeyerslaw.com. **The deadline for applications is 11:59PM on June 1st, 2021.**

- **Applicant essays will be reviewed by our staff and a winner will be selected and contacted no later than June 30th, 2021.**
- Please DO NOT call the firm asking where to send your essay.

Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants for the Max Meyers Law Scholarship must agree to the following terms and conditions for their application to be considered:

- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident.
- MUST have a minimum 3.0 GPA to apply.
- MUST be currently enrolled at an accredited high school, college, or university in the U.S.
- Must be enrolled as either an undergraduate or in the final year of high school.
- Essay applications MUST be **submitted by June 1st, 2021, no exceptions.**

Please read the complete application for complete information: <https://www.maxmeyerslaw.com/library/max-meyers-law-scholarship-program.cfm>

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with our scholarship program for the 15th year.

We will be awarding up to **\$1,000** to the winner(s) each year.

Scholarship Deadline - **June 12, 2021.**

Application Process

Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Full details are available on our site.

Angels Wings Thai Scholarship Initiative 2021

The Angels Wings Foundation founded by Porntip Bui Simon announces our fifth round of Thai Scholarships to rising college students of Thai ancestry residing in the United States. The initiative behind the Angels Wings Thai Scholarship is to recognize and honor Thai American students who have demonstrated academic excellence, concern for their Thai community, heritage connection and desire to continue their education. The required factors may be demonstrated through participation in community, high school/college, and advocacy activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for the Angels Wings Thai Scholarship must:

- Live anywhere in the US
- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be entering an accredited college, university, or trade school for the 2021-2022 school year
- Have an unweighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better
- Demonstrate your aspiration through a 500-1000-word Essay:

How has your Thai background affected your personal growth? This scholarship is intended to help those with financial need, how will this scholarship empower you?

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

ACCESS AN APPLICATION ONLINE :<https://www.angelswingsfoundation.org/application>

Scholarship Resources

Beyond Dreaming Scholarship Handbook & List

*Thought the dates in the handbook reflect 2018, many of these scholarships are annual – click on the links or google the scholarship to learn of its current status! **Most do not require a Social Security Number.***

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/176/2018/03/Scholarship-List.pdf>

Dollars for College – from the Ready, Set, Grad website:

<https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/college/scholarships>

Scholarships

Scholarships can be an important part of how you pay for college. The time you invest in searching and applying for scholarships could make the difference in the type of college you attend and the amount of loans you have to borrow. Eligibility and criteria for scholarships vary widely - they may be awarded for academic achievement, leadership potential, artistic talents, athletic ability, career plans, a field of study, or special hobbies or interests. Also, for many scholarships, citizenship status is not an automatic disqualifier for eligibility, so all students are encouraged to search!

GearUP Washington Scholarships

GearUp Washington <https://gearup.wa.gov/student> is an amazing resource for all things college, including scholarships <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships> !

Independent (Private) Colleges of Washington Scholarships

Thanks to the generous contributions from corporate and foundation partners, Independent Colleges of Washington is able to provide more than \$500,000 annually in need and merit-based scholarships, financial aid programming, and in-kind gifts to students attending our member colleges. *Members include Gonzaga, Heritage U, Pacific Lutheran, St. Martins, Seattle Pacific, UPS, Walla Walla U, Whitman, and Whitworth.*

All competitive scholarships require online submission (one submission per scholarship application). **The link is the same for all scholarships** and can be found at <https://icwashington.org/page/Scholarships>

Scholarships for Minority Students

In addition to general awards based on location, discipline, merit, and financial need, many scholarships exist that specifically help minority students achieve their dreams of attending college.

<https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/financial-aid-for-minorities/>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Think about applying to scholarships as a part-time job. Instead of trying to sort out how many scholarships you need to apply to, to hopefully achieve results, set aside two to three hours a week to focus on finding good matches and applying. Use the resources you have at hand – college essays, activities lists that are already completed, papers from classes that you have already written, letters of recommendation you already have, etc. While you may not get awarded each scholarship you apply to, just one or two could provide you dollars that would make up for the two to three hours a week you spent.

Scholarship Tips

- Apply to many! Students who win the most scholarships also fill out the most applications. You will be rejected more often than awarded, so continue to fill out applications!
- **You can't win if you don't apply.** The vast majority of students do NOT fill out several applications, so your chances of winning are good!

- Extra-curricular activities can be more important than grades! Funders often look for students who've given back to their community over students who just have good grades. Don't assume your grades will hold you back.
- Brag about yourself! Know your accomplishments and market them well.
- Tailor your essays. Each Funder is looking for someone different, so appeal to each one differently in each essay.

Helpful Financial Aid and Scholarship Websites

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> – official website to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa> – official website to submit the Washington Application for Student Financial Aid (WASFA) for those students who, due to immigration status, cannot complete the FAFSA. Eligibility requirements can be found on this website.

TheWashBoard.org is a free, student-centered, online clearinghouse for Washington students seeking college scholarships for Washington schools. Scholarships are available year-round, so students should keep their profile up to date and log-in periodically to see if there are new matches.

[Act Six](#) provides scholarship funds for emerging urban and community leaders. Students must attend one of these schools: Gonzaga, PLU, Northwest, Whitworth, Trinity Lutheran, George Fox, Warner Pacific, or Heritage.

www.collegeboard.com – free information about scholarships

www.collegescholarships.com – free scholarship search service

www.collegesuccessfoundation.org – scholarships for low-income and minority students

www.fastweb.com – free scholarship search service

www.finaid.org – source for grants, loans, and scholarships

www.legion.org/scholarships - American Legion scholarships

www.nasfaa.org – general information about student financial aid

[SallieMae - Scholarship Search](#) - College Answer features over 600,000 scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, internships, and fellowships.

www.scholarships.com – helping students find scholarships since 1998

[Scholarship Finder](#) - US Department of Education financial aid and scholarship finder.

www.studentaid.gov – free information about ALL types of financial aid for college

www.wiche.edu/wue – Western Undergraduate Exchange. Reduced out of state tuition awards for qualifying students from nearby western states.

<http://scholarshipamerica.org> – non-profit organization that helps connect students with scholarships

Diversity Scholarships

www.hsf.net – scholarships for Hispanic Americans

www.collegesuccessfoundation.org – scholarships for low-income and minority students

www.blackexcel.org – major college/scholarship resource for African American students

HB-1079 & International Students

www.edupass.org – information for international students

<https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/college/scholarships>www.maldef.org – Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund Scholarships, for Latino students

<https://roybal-allard.house.gov/students/> - Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's website with information on paying for college

www.salef.org – Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund

STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS:

Regardless of which college or university you are interested in attending, you should speak with the college's scholarship office. Many colleges offer scholarships and some tuition waivers without regard to immigration status.

College Information Websites

www.sbctc.edu – admission and financial aid info for community/technical colleges

www.wiche.edu/wue – Western Undergraduate Exchange.

In addition to scholarship search tools be sure to check with:

- High school counselor
- Colleges and universities (including departments)
- Local banks and department stores
- Employers - and parents' employers
- Member organizations (such as YMCA, Elks, etc.)
- Local civic organizations, foundations