

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

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You can check out compendia of scholarships targeted at students with an interest in environment and sustainability at:

Scholarships.com

Specific scholarship opportunities are listed below. Scroll down for scholarships targeted at under-represented groups. If you know of relevant scholarship opportunities not listed here, please let the [IES](#) know.

Scholarships Focused on Environment and Conservation

[Air & Waste Management Association West Michigan Chapter](#)

Description

The West Michigan Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association (WM-AWMA) is pleased to announce the availability of up to three (3) individual scholarships, each in the amount of \$3,000, to be awarded to selected college juniors, seniors, and graduate students pursuing a career in qualifying environmental studies. Preferred courses of study include environmental engineering, physical or natural sciences, and natural resources, though students in other, related fields may also qualify. Each successful applicant will also receive a one-year student membership in WM-AWMA.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must be in or going into a junior or senior undergraduate class standing and must have declared their major, or in or going into graduate school pursuing a graduate degree. Merit will be of primary interest, and the applicant should have at least a "B" average (i.e., 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale). Extracurricular activities and interests will also be considered.

Filing Period

Deadline: December 1

[Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Student Sustainability Leadership Award](#)

Description

Each year, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) grants awards to honor students from AASHE-member institutions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting campus sustainability at their community college, four-year university, and graduate institution levels. In addition to an application essay, students or teams are encouraged to submit photos, videos, or other media coverage of their green activities.

Eligibility

- Students (or groups of students) must submit a case study of a sustainability project

Filing Period

Deadline: Varies

[Earth Island Institute's Brower Youth Awards](#)

Description

Established in honor of the renowned environmentalist David Brower, the Earth Island Institute grants the Brower Youth Awards for Environmental Leadership to young environmental change leaders between the ages of 13 and 22 who live in North America. In order to be considered for the \$3,000 scholarship prize with a week-long trip to the San Francisco Bay Area, applicants must submit a completed application, photograph, and reference letter on environmental work.

Eligibility

- Must be aged 13 to 22 years old
- Must be living in North America (including Mexico, Canada, some Caribbean Islands, and US Territories)

Filing Period

May 1

[Eckenfelder Scholarship](#)

Description

In honor of his career as an environmental trailblazer for more than 50 years, the Eckenfelder Scholarship (\$5,000) is offered by Brown and Caldwell for junior, senior, or graduate students who are enrolled full-time at an accredited institution with a declared major in civil, chemical, or environmental engineering and other environmental sciences.

Eligibility

- A United States citizen or permanent resident.
- A full-time student enrolled in his/her Junior, Senior year or graduate program at an accredited college/university.
- Declared major in civil, chemical, mechanical, electrical or environmental engineering or one of the environmental sciences (e.g. geology, hydrogeology, ecology).
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on a 5.0 scale).
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Filing Period

Deadline: April 15

[Environmental Fellows Program, University of Michigan](#)

Description

Cultivates career aspiration of master's and doctoral students from historically underrepresented groups by connecting students to work opportunities in environmental nonprofits, grant makers, and government sectors

Eligibility

- See program website

Filing Period

February 1

[Garden Club of America College Scholarships](#)

Description

NGC is proud of its college scholarship program which offers financial aid to students majoring in fields of study related to horticulture and the environment. Applicant must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

Eligibility

- Must be an undergraduate junior or senior

Filing Period

February 1

[Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program, Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society](#)

Description

Scholarships are to encourage qualified students to enter the field of natural resource conservation and to prepare them for such careers through an organized program of study in an institution of higher education offering training in appropriate areas. Awards will be based on interest in conservation as evidenced by scholastic ability and participation in conservation activities.

Eligibility

- Be an undergraduate enrolled in a curriculum associated with Soil & Water Conservation in an accredited Michigan college or university.
- Be a full-time sophomore, junior or senior in the fall term of the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Have submitted a complete scholarship application by the due date provided in the announcement.

Filing Period

December

[Michigan Environmental Council Helen and William Milliken Scholar Program](#)

Description

The Helen and William Milliken Scholar Program will provide an unsurpassed practical experience to Michigan college students who aspire to honor the Milliken legacy with a successful career in environmental law, policy and/or advocacy. Each year a Michigan college student will be selected through a competitive process. The winner will receive a \$6,000 prize and complete 400 hours of service learning with MEC. Winners may complete their 400 hours of service learning during any 16-32 week span in the 12-month period following their selection.

Eligibility

- Current students in undergraduate or graduate programs at Michigan Colleges or Universities

Filing Period

January 31

Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education Undergraduate Scholarships

Description

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education offers a chance to earn scholarships to all undergraduate students. Students can earn funding toward their education through various STEM-based scholarship opportunities promoted by ORISE.

Eligibility

- Open to college freshman to seniors

Filing Period

March 31

[One Planet, Many People Scholarship Video Contest](#)

Description

To enter the One Planet, Many People Scholarship Video Contest (4 awards of \$1,000) you must create and submit a video of 60 seconds or less that explores the impacts of human

population growth on your neighborhood, city, state, country, or our planet in order to be considered for this award. You must show an interest in historical architecture, preservation and adaptive reuse to be eligible for this award.

Eligibility

- Open to college freshman to seniors

Filing Period

April 15

[Ray Diversity Fellowship](#)

Description

To promote members of underrepresented groups working in conservation and clean energy

Eligibility

- Come from a racial / ethnic background underrepresented in conservation and clean energy, and demonstrate a commitment to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Be less than one (1) year out of college
- Have not had a full-time job in conservation or clean energy
- Have the ability to work in the United States and commit to the entire fellowship

Filing Period

March 28

[Solar Energy International Scholarships](#)

Description

SEI's Scholarship Program is able to provide a limited number of scholarships to students to cover the tuition costs for their training sessions in solar photovoltaic and renewable energy applications. The scholarships provide partial and in some cases, full financial assistance. The amount of each scholarship is determined by the applicant's financial need, their fit for the program, and scholarship funds availability.

[Windstar Environmental Studies Scholarship](#)

Description

Offering two \$500 scholarships for qualified undergraduates entering their junior or senior year of college and one \$1,000 scholarship for graduate students entering their second year of a master's program, the Windstar Environmental Studies Scholarship program seeks to inspire students to take direct actions to achieve an environmentally sustainable future.

Eligibility

- Must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution for environment studies or environmental engineering.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must submit a 500-word essay on previous environment service work.

Filing Period

June 1

Scholarships directed at under-represented groups:

Unrestricted:

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- Be less than one (1) year out of college
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- Have the ability to work in the United States and commit to the entire fellowship

Filing Period

March 28

Scholarships for African American Students

[Leidos STEM Scholarship](#)

Description

Leidos STEM Scholarship was established by UNCF and Leidos Holdings Inc. to provide merit-based scholarships to assist students majoring in STEM related fields.

Eligibility

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better on a 4.0 scale;
- Major in any STEM-related Fields;
- Be undergraduate attending an HBCU or any other accredited four-year college or university in the fall 2018.
- For scholarship award consideration, students must submit an online application for the program, complete with a letter of recommendation, a one-page statement of career interest, and a current transcript.

Filing Period

May 29 through July 3

[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\) through POISE Foundation Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship](#)

Description

The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship was established in the memory of the late Agnes Jones Jackson who was a long time NAACP member from the San Francisco branch.

Eligibility

- Must be a current member of the NAACP.
- Be a US citizen.
- Must not have reached the age of 25 by the application deadline.
- Must be currently enrolled or accepted to an accredited college or university in the United States.
- Must demonstrate financial need based on the federal poverty guidelines.
- Must be full-time student.
- Must possess a grade point average of 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system.

Filing Period

Due March 7

[The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. The Dr. Blanca Moore-Velez Woman of Substance Scholarship](#)

Eligibility

- African American Female – age 35+
- Undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale by February 1st
- United States Citizen
- Complete the scholarship application online
- Submit a 500 word essay – Topic: “Challenges to the Mature Student and How I Overcame Them”

Scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander Students

[The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#)

Description

Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$20,000 awards. APIASF provides scholarships to underserved APIA students with a special focus on those who:

- Live at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status;
- Are the first in their families to attend college;
- Are representative of the APIA community's diversity, geographically and ethnically, especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity; and
- Have placed strong emphasis on community service and leadership as well as solid academic achievement.

Eligibility

- Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply
- Be enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall of 2018. Please read the scholarships by supporter details below for specific eligibility requirements regarding the academic standing required for each scholarship.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED
- Must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Submit one letter of recommendation online.

Filing Period

September 21 through January 11

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

[American Council for the Blind Scholarships](#)

Description

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) have partnered together to offer educational scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500 for those attending a technical college or as an entering freshman, undergraduate or a graduate student. This program awards students with scholarships to help with post-secondary education financial needs such as tuition, fees, room and board and other additional costs associated with adaptive technology.

Eligibility

- U.S. citizens or naturalized citizens.
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for most scholarships
- Must be a full-time student
- Must be legally blind

Filing Period

November 1 through February 14

[Christian Record Services Anne Lowe Scholarship](#)

Description

The Anne Lowe Scholarship is awarded for the purpose of furthering educational pursuits of people who are legally blind.

Eligibility

- U.S. Citizenship
- Undergraduate Studies
- Attending accredited colleges or universities in the U.S.
- Full-time Students
- Minimum of a 2.0 GPA

Filing Period

January 1 through April 15

[National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program](#)

Description

Each year at its National Convention in July, the NFB gives a broad array of scholarships to recognize achievement by blind scholars. All applicants for these scholarships must be (1) legally blind and (2) pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time, post-secondary course of study in a degree program at a United States institution in the fall of the year of application. One scholarship may be given to a full-time employee also attending school part-time.

Eligibility

- Must be legally blind in both eyes
- Must be residing in the United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico
- Must be pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in a degree program at a United States institution in the 2018 scholastic year, except that one scholarship may be given to a person employed full-time while attending school part-time

- Must participate in the entire NFB national convention and in all of its scheduled scholarship program activities
- In addition to a scholarship, each winner will receive assistance to attend the National Federation of the Blind Annual, providing an excellent opportunity for high-level networking with active blind persons in many different professions and occupations

Filing Period

November 1 through March 31

Scholarships for Latinx Students

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund \(HSF\) Scholarship Programs](#)

Description

HSF empowers families with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education, while providing scholarships and support services to as many exceptional students as possible. All majors and graduate fields accepted, but STEM majors emphasized.

Eligibility

- Must be of Heritage
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for High School Students
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for College and Graduate Students
- Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university, or graduate school, during the FALL of a scholarship cycle (year)
- U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
- Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable)

Filing Period

December 31 through April 2

[La Unidad Latina Foundation, Inc. \(LULF\) Scholarship](#)

Description

La Unidad Latina Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce scholarship for those who are currently enrolled in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university. The foundation believes in supporting organizations that are dedicated to the civic empowerment of the Latino community. Award scholarships range from \$500 to \$1000 to scholars who are pursuing academic excellence in higher education.

The La Unidad Latina Foundation was established in 1999 to serve as an independent, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to funding educational achievement and civic empowerment in the Latino community.

Eligibility

- Minimum cumulative GPA above 2.80 out of a 4.0 GPA Scale. Cumulative gpa's below 2.80 do not qualify for a scholarship
- Currently enrolled in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university. Eligible Degrees: all Bachelor degrees and Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration/Policy, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy
- Completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants
- Must reside in the United States

Filing Period

September 1 through October 15

[League of United Latin American Citizens National Scholarship Fund \(LNSF\)](#)

Description

LNESC and LULAC established the LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) to help youth in underserved communities make the dream of college enrollment a reality. LNSF is a unique partnership between grassroots advocates and corporations that funds educational opportunities for deserving youth across the U.S. Every dollar raised by local LULAC Councils is matched by corporate partners secured by LNESC, increasing the amount given in both the council and corporate names. This model results in a true grassroots/corporate partnership for the empowerment of the Latino community. Former recipients of LNSF scholarships are now leaders in fields of business, science, government, and education. A rigorous selection process assures the expectation that future recipients will demonstrate the same level of excellence. LULAC offers three awards: the National Scholastic Achievement Awards, the Honors Awards, and the General Awards.

Eligibility

- High school seniors, full-time undergraduate students, part-time and full-time graduate students who live in a state with a participating LULAC council
- Students of any racial background
- Students with a 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (for the National Scholastic Achievement Awards) or a 3.0 or better (for the Honors Awards)
- Emphasis may be placed on individuals' motivation, sincerity, and community involvement (for the General Awards)

Filing Period

Ends March 31

Scholarships for LGBTQ Students

[Campus Pride National Scholarship Database](#)

Description

A fully-searchable database of scholarships, fellowships, and grants for LGBTQ and ally students at both the undergraduate and graduate-level.

[Human Rights Campaign \(HRC\) LGBTQ Student Scholarship Database](#)

Description

A database of scholarships, fellowships, and grants for LGBTQ and allied students at both the undergraduate and graduate-level, searchable by state.

Campus Pride National Scholarship Database

[The National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund Point Foundation Scholarship](#)

Description

Point Foundation (Point) is the nation's largest higher education scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students. Point's multifaceted support of its scholarship recipients ("scholars") extends far beyond direct financial contribution toward the cost of their education. Each scholar is paired with a mentor and participates in leadership development programs and events.

Point Foundation considers many factors when assessing scholarship applicants, including academic performance, leadership skills, financial need, personal goals and the applicant's involvement in the LGBTQ community. Attention is also given to students who have lost the social support of their families and/or communities as a result of revealing their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Each person who applies for a Point Scholarship is evaluated on the totality of their situation.

Eligibility

- Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university based in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, in the fall of 2018. Students enrolled or intending to enroll in a college or university in a United States territory are NOT eligible.
- Must be "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.
- Must be enrolled full-time for the full academic year.
- Must be enrolled in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate/ doctoral program. Post-doctoral research programs are not eligible.
- Students studying at community colleges, online programs, or trade schools, are NOT eligible.
- Community college students must be transferring to a four-year college or university.
- Must be at least a senior in high school.
- If selected as a finalist, the finalist must be in North or Central America on April 26-28 and be available to fly to Los Angeles in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. All travel expenses will be covered by Point.

Filing Period

November 1 through January 29

[Pride Foundation Scholarship Funds](#)

Description

Thanks to the generosity of our community, Pride Foundation is able to offer a diversity of scholarships, which encourage students of different backgrounds and educational interests to apply. We offer over 50 different types of scholarships, but students only need to complete one application. Most scholarships are available for ally or questioning students as well. All funds promote leadership and diversity in the LGBTQ community. Scholarships are organized in four distinct categories: academic pursuits, community leadership, cultural identities, and geography.

Scholarships for Native American Students

[Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarship](#)

Description

The Eastern Association on Indian Affairs was started in New York in 1922 to assist a group of Pueblo people seeking to protect their land rights. The following decades saw it growing and merging with other like-minded organizations and it became the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) in 1946.

Over the years AAIA has played an integral part in drafting a number of important laws, including the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act. We have established organizations like the Medicine Wheel Coalition for the Protection of Sacred Sites and negotiated landmark agreements to protect sacred lands such as the Bighorn Medicine Wheel/Medicine Mountain in Wyoming. We have awarded scholarships to Native American college and graduate students from both federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes.

AAIA is a national Indian organization headquartered in Maryland. We are governed by an all-Native American Board of Directors from across the country. Our programs fall into three main categories: youth/education, cultural preservation and sovereignty.

Eligibility

- Be enrolled with his or her respective Tribe, either federally recognized or non-federally recognized Tribe, from the continental US or Alaska.
- Submit a copy of Tribal enrollment (*there is no minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility*). This can be a copy of the student's Tribal I.D. card or a copy of an official letter from the Tribe.
- Be enrolled as full-time student.
- Have a minimum 2.5 out of 4.0 GPA.
- Submit a current class schedule and transcript.
- Attend an accredited institution and be seeking an Associate's Degree or higher (*AAIA does not fund certificate programs or seminaries*).

Filing Period

Ends July 16

[American Indian Science and Engineering Society Scholarships](#)

Description

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) helps students move forward in their educational journeys by providing a wide range of programs and scholarship opportunities. AISES scholarships help students acquire skills and training that will help them meet the unique STEM needs of our communities. We highly encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for! To apply, you must be an AISES member.

Filing Period

December 15 through March 31

[AISES A. T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship](#)

Eligibility

- Must pursue a degree in Mathematics, Medical Sciences, Physical Science, Technology, Science, Engineering, or Natural Resources

- Must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited four-year college/university
- Must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Applicants must be: an enrolled member or a decedent of an enrolled member of a federal or state recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village; or Native Hawaiian or decedent from a Native Hawaiian; or Pacific Islander or decedent from Pacific Islander; or Indigenous person of Canada
- Must be a current AISES member

[AISES Chevron Corporation Scholarship](#)

Eligibility

- Must be pursuing a degree that is beneficial to Chevron business. This may include STEM degrees as well as business related studies
- Must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited four-year college/university
- Must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Applicants must be: an enrolled member or a decedent of an enrolled member of a federal or state recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village; or Native Hawaiian or decedent from a Native Hawaiian; or Pacific Islander or decedent from Pacific Islander; or Indigenous person of Canada
- Must be a current AISES member
- Must demonstrate knowledge and interest in Chevron and energy industry through a scholarship-specific essay.
- A minimum of 1 noteworthy achievement/recognition (Dean's List, etc.)

[Catching the Dream Native American Scholarship Fund](#)

Description

Catching the Dream (CTD), a national scholarship program for Native American college students, announced today that its completion rate after 30 years is 85.1%.

Eligibility

- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.00
- Must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student
- Must be pursuing a degree in Computer and Information Sciences, Education, Engineering and Engineering-related fields, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science, Accounting, Physical Sciences, Science Technologies, Psychology, Health Professions and related programs, Business, Management, Marketing, or related support services
- Must demonstrate financial need and proof of application to other supplementary funding sources

Filing Period

Multiple deadlines March 15, April 30, September 15

Scholarships for Women

[Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund](#)

Description

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund (JRF) provides scholarships and support for low-income women thirty-five and older across the U.S. to build better lives through post-secondary education.

Eligibility

- A woman, age 35 or older
- Low-income
- A U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.
- Pursing a technical or vocational education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree.
- Enrolled in or accepted to a regionally accredited school.

Filing Period

Ends March 1st