PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY:
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Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
http://www.act.org/goldwater/index.html

- Up to 300 scholarships for up to $7,500 per year for tuition, fees, books, room and board.
- Renewable if received in junior year.
- May nominate up to four sophomore or junior students per institution.
- Must plan to pursue career in STEM (medical not allowed, unless medical research).
- GPA of at least 3.0; upper quartile of class; U.S. citizen, resident alien or national.
- Requires a statement of interest (must intend to pursue advanced degree in STEM) and biography from student; nomination by institution; three letters from recommenders; transcripts.
- **Deadline:** January 28.
- **WMU deadline:** December 2, 2014.

Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships
http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx

- 80 scholarships of up to $5,000 and 30 honorable mentions for $350/each.
- Requirements sophomore or junior; GPA≥3.0; full time student; U.S. Citizen, U.S. National or U.S. Permanent Resident; and
  - Must be committed to a career related to the environment (policy, science, engineering, education, urban planning/renewal, business, health, justice, economics or related fields)
  OR
  - Must be a Native American or Alaska Native student with a demonstrated commitment to careers related to tribal public policy (including fields related to tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, natural resource management, cultural preservation and revitalization, Native American economic development, other areas affecting Native American communities)
  OR
  - Must be a Native American or Alaska Native student with a demonstrated commitment to careers related to Native health care (health care administration, social work, medicine, dentistry, counseling, research into health conditions affecting Native American communities and related fields).
- University may nominate up to six candidates.
- Requires a nomination by the institution; 11-question application form; 800-wod essay; official college transcripts; three letters of recommendation.
- **Deadline:** March 4.
- **WMU deadline:** February 2, 2015.

OTHER HIGHLY COMPETITIVE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

AmGen Scholars
http://www.amgenscholars.com/

- The Amgen Scholars Program provides hundreds of undergraduate students (primarily STEM disciplines) with the opportunity to engage in a hands-on summer research experience at some of the world’s leading institutions.
• Amgen Scholars is an international program funded by the Amgen Foundation with direction and technical assistance provided in the United States by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in Europe by the University of Cambridge.
• The FAQ section provides specific answers to help students determine eligibility: http://www.amgenscholars.com/about_amgen_scholars/faq/US_program_FAQs/

Boren Scholarships
http://borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

• Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East.
• Boren Award amounts are based on the length of time the Boren Scholar or Fellow spends overseas and the cost of the program. Boren Scholarships can provide undergraduate students with up to $20,000, and Boren Fellowships can provide graduate students with up to $30,000.
• Boren Scholars and Fellows represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for scholarship and fellowship funding, Boren Award recipients commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.
• **Deadline: February 4, 2015.**
• **WMU deadline: December 15, 2014.**

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program
http://www.buickachievers.com/

• 100 renewable scholarships of up to $25,000 per year (plus an additional year for those pursuing 5 year engineering programs) and 1,000 one-time scholarships of $2,000.
• On-line application.
• Requirements: full time student majoring in engineering, technology, mathematics, or statistics or select design and business-related programs of study (graphic, industrial, product or transportation design; accounting; business administration; ergonomics; finance; industrial hygiene; international business; labor & industrial relations; management information systems; marketing; occupational health and safety; production management; supply chain/logistics).
• Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, participation, leadership in community and school, work experience, demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in automotive or related industries.
• Special consideration for first-generation college students, women, minorities, veterans and dependents of military personnel.
• **Deadline: end of February.**

Critical Language Scholarship
http://www.clscholarship.org/

• Fully-funded overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students.
• Goal is broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries.
• Provides study opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.
• The CLS Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.
• Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply.
• Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period, and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.
• Languages include: Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Chinese, Japanese and Russian.
• Deadline: early to mid-November for the next summer.

Environmental Protection Agency Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study
http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013_gro_undergrad.htm
• Approximately 40 fellowships.
• Must be pursuing a degree in an environmental science related field.
• Support for junior and senior year of study (up to $20,700 per academic year) and three month internship at an EPA facility in summer of junior year ($8,600).
• Eligibility: full time student; U.S. citizen or resident alien; must not have already earned a bachelor’s degree; must be entering last two years of undergraduate; GPA≥3.0.
• Application: online form; personal statement; background information; three letters of recommendation.
• Deadline: early December.

Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/scholarships/hollings.html
• Approximately 100 scholarships of up to $28,425: includes $8,000 per year for full-time junior and senior years and a 10 week full-time summer internship at NOAA or partner institution ($650/week + housing subsidy); also provides travel expenses for end of program conference (approximately 900 applications received each year).
• Must be a major in: oceanic, environmental, biological and atmospheric sciences; mathematics; engineering; remote sensing technology; physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics; computer and information sciences; teacher education that supports NOAA’s program and missions.
• Requirements: GPA ≥ 3.0 (overall every semester and cumulative in major); US Citizen.
• Requires an on-line application form; essay; official college transcripts for each institution attended; two academic references from university or college faculty members.
• Evaluation rubric: 30% relevant course work; 40% education plan/statement of career interest; 20% recommendations; 10% additional relevant experience (diversity of education; extracurriculars; honors & awards; non-academic/volunteer work; interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.
• Deadline: January 31.

National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program
https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp
• Approximately 15 awarded per year.
• Up to $20K per year for tuition, fees, books, room and board; can be renewed for up to 4 years; paid research training at NIH for 10 weeks in each summer; paid employment/training at NIH after graduation (commitment to 1 year employment for each year of scholarship).
• Requirement: students from disadvantaged backgrounds (see website for income requirements) interested in pursuing biomedical, behavioral and social science careers at the NIH.
• Recipients must participate in NIH 10-week summer lab experience after each year of scholarship support and must commit to one year of full-time employment at NIH for each year of scholarship support.
• GPA ≥ 3.5 or in top 5% of class.
• Online application form; financial need form; three letters of recommendation.
• Deadline: March 3.

Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship Program
http://www.thephillipsfoundation.org/reagan_home.cfm

• Up to $10K scholarship (awarded for junior year, may be renewed senior year).
• Students must demonstrate “leadership on behalf of the cause of freedom, American values and constitutional principles”; merit-based, but will consider financial need.
• Must be sophomore (preferred) or junior; full time; U.S. Citizen.
• Application: on-line application; dean or registrar’s certificate of enrollment in good standing; 500-750 word essay describing background, career objectives, scope of participation in leadership activities promoting freedom, American values and constitutional principals; supporting documentation (newspaper articles, tapes, letters, etc) providing evidence of leadership activities; two letters of recommendation; transcript optional.
• Application deadline: January 15.
• WMU deadline: December 2.

Pat Tillman Scholarship
http://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply-to-be-a-scholar/

• 60 of the best poised leaders, who show strength in character, academic excellence and incredible potential, are chosen as Tillman Military Scholars.
• Awarded to individuals who will apply the best lessons they’ve learned in life and the military to impact our country for years to come in medicine, business, law, education and the arts.
• The scholarship covers educational expenses, including tuition and fees, books and living stipend.
• Eligibility: Veteran or active-duty military service members or their spouses pursuing a degree full-time.
• Application: online form; information required includes military service history, educational history, enrollment plans, and expected academic/living expenses and income for the upcoming academic year. Must have submitted a FAFSA to be considered.
• Deadline: February 15, 2015.
• WMU deadline: January 14, 2015.

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest
http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/entercontest.aspx

• First prize: $5,000; second prize $2,500; third prize $1,500, 2 honorable mentions of $500/each.
Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program
http://www.xerox.com/jobs/minority-scholarships/enus.html

- $1,000 to $10,000 scholarships.
- Full-time minority students studying chemistry, information management, computing & software systems, material science, printing management science, laser optics or chemical, computer, electrical, imaging, manufacturing, mechanical, optical or software engineering or physics.
- GPA ≥ 3.0 or better; US Citizen or Permanent Resident; African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Alaska Native or Hispanic descent.
- On-line application; financial aid form; resume (using provided format).
- **Deadline: September 30.**

PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Fellowships
http://carnegieendowment.org

- Approximately 10-12 students hired to work full-time in Washington, DC for one year.
- Applicants must be graduating college seniors or have graduated within the past year but have not started graduate study (this does not apply to accelerated degree programs).
- Applications are available in fall and must be submitted by January 15th. Applications include a personal statement/cover letter, substantive essay (most important), two recommendations, transcripts, and completed application form.
- Each school can nominate two applicants for consideration.
- Monthly salary is $3,083.33 ($37,000/year) and fellowship includes medical, dental, and life insurance as well as vacation leave.
- H1B sponsorship is NOT available, but most international students have one year of OMB after graduation.
- It is strongly recommended that applicants put careful consideration when choosing which program for which to apply. There are many more applicants to the Democracy program than the other options.

Winston Churchill Scholarship
http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/

- 11 one-year scholarships per year (worth $45,000-50,000); tuition, fees and living expenses; ~$25,000 for tuition/fees + living allowance + travel allowance + research grant.
- **For graduate study in science, mathematics or engineering at Cambridge University:** must complete program of study at Cambridge.
- Eligibility: U.S. citizen; senior undergrad; will have a bachelor's degree, but not a doctorate; between ages 19 and 26.
- Selection criteria: exceptional academic talent and achievement (GPA usually ≥3.7); capacity to contribute to advancement of knowledge in STEM by pursuing original, creative work at advanced
level as evidenced by awards, prizes, research, letters of recommendation; extensive laboratory experience, internships or related work for science/engineering; substantial independent work for math; outstanding personal qualities – talents & activities outside of academics (e.g. music, athletics, social service).

- Up to 2 students may be nominated from each undergraduate institution.
- Application: choose program of study; apply for admission to Cambridge (due in mid-October but recommend early applications); complete on line application: four academic letters of recommendation; scholarships/prizes, research experience, proposed program of study, personal statement docs; institutional letter of nomination; official transcripts.
- **Deadline:** November 12 (mid October deadline for programs of study).
- **WMU deadline:** September 15.

**Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Fellowship Program**
http://www.jkcf.org/

- Approximately 200 nominees compete annually for up to 15 awards.
- Up to $50,000 per year for up to 6 years for graduate tuition, room and board, fees.
- Eligibility: GPA ≥ 3.2; unmet financial need; must be senior or recent graduate; complete bachelor's degree by start of fall 2014; planning to begin **graduate or professional degree in visual arts, performing arts or creative writing** in fall 2014.
- Must be nominated by institution.
- To apply: Phase I – submit portfolio of work, short app with demographics, GPA; financial info for last three years (and parents if <30 yrs old); Phase II (by invitation) – student application; financial forms; two letters of recommendation, nomination from faculty representative.
- **Deadline:** mid-November.
- **WMU Deadline:** October 15.

**Environmental Protection Agency NCER’s Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study**
http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.welcome/displayOption/grants

- NCER’s Science to Achieve Results or STAR program funds research grants and graduate fellowships in numerous environmental science and engineering disciplines through a competitive solicitation process and independent peer review.
- Engages the nation’s best scientists and engineers in targeted research that complements EPA’s own outstanding intramural research program and those of our partners in other federal agencies.
- Through this same competitive process, NCER periodically establishes large research centers in specific areas of national concern. At present, these centers focus on children’s health, hazardous substances, particulate matter, and estuarine and coastal monitoring.
- STAR research is funded through Requests for Applications (RFAs) that are derived from the ORD Strategic Plan and from research plans for specific topics developed by ORD. RFAs are prepared in cooperation with other parts of the Agency and concentrate on areas of special significance to the EPA mission.
- At present, STAR is focusing on the health effects of particulate matter, drinking water, water quality, global change, ecosystem assessment and restoration, human health risk assessment, endocrine disrupting chemicals, pollution prevention and new technologies, children’s health and socio-economic research.
- **Deadline:** varies depending on program. RFAs are announced at: http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/.
Fulbright Fellowships
http://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/getting-started

- Three types: scholarships for U.S. students to complete academic study or research abroad; student grants for practical training in the creative and performing arts; English Teaching Assistant program.
- Online application (see website for details).
- **Deadline: October 15 (campus application is 4-6 weeks earlier).**
- **WMU deadline: September 15.**

Gates Cambridge Scholarships
http://www.gatescambridge.org/

- Approximately 230 scholarships, 100 from U.S.
- Covers full tuition, fees and maintenance allowance for **graduate study at Cambridge.**
- Selection criteria: outstanding intellectual ability; leadership potential; commitment to improving the lives of others; good fit between applicant’s qualifications and aspirations and the postgraduate program at Cambridge for which they are applying.
- Must be admitted through regular university admissions process.
- Application: online form; two academic letters of recommendation and one personal recommendation; transcripts; documents required for specific grad study program.
- **Deadline: October 15.**
- **WMU deadline: September 15.**

Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships in Applied Physical Sciences
http://www.hertzfoundation.org/

- 20 fellowships awarded annually.
- $25,000 stipend and cost of education allowance for up to 5 years of support.
- Open to college seniors who **intend to pursue a Ph.D. in applied physical, biological and engineering sciences at specific U.S. institutions** (around 3 dozen); must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident; willing to morally commit to making skills available to U.S. in times of national emergency.
- Application: online, personal essay; letters of recommendation; GRE; transcripts.
- **Deadline: November 1.**

Jacob K. Javits Graduate Fellowship
http://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html

- 60 to 100 new fellowships awarded each year.
- Stipend of up to $30,000/year for up to 4 years and tuition/fees.
- For **graduate study in the arts, humanities and social sciences;** must intend to enroll in graduate program leading to doctorate or terminal master's degree.
- Selection based on superior academic ability, financial need and exceptional promise.
- Eligibility: accepted to or attending grad program in eligible field.
- Must be U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident.
- **Deadline: end of September.**

James Madison Graduate Fellowships
http://www.jamesmadison.com/
- One awarded in each state.
  - $12,000 per year for up to 2 years for full-time graduate study of the roots, principles, framing, history and development of the U.S. Constitution leading to master's degree at any accredited U.S. institution.
  - Must intend to become secondary school (G7-12) teacher of American history, American government and/or social studies.
  - Eligibility: US Citizen; must be a teacher or plan to become one; must receive bachelors by August of year applying.
  - Application online; transcripts; letters of recommendation.
  - **Deadline: March 1.**

**Marshall Scholarships**  

- Up to 40 per year.
- May be used for graduate study at any British university, in any field of study, for 2 years (occasionally extended to 3 years).
- Pays for university fees, living expenses, research/travel grants and travel to/from U.S.
- Eligibility: US citizen; GPA ≥ 3.7; graduate after April 2012 to begin study in 2015; you do NOT need to have already applied/been accepted to the British university where you wish to study.
- Selection criteria: academic merit; leadership potential; ambassadorial potential
- Application: On-line application; university endorsement; four letters of recommendation; transcripts.
- **Deadline: October 1.**
- **WMU deadline: September 1.**

**George Mitchell Scholarships**  

- Up to 12 scholarships awarded annually to complete one year of postgraduate study at an Ireland university.
- Provides tuition and housing, stipend for travel and living expenses, for one year.
- Must be between age 18 and 30.
- Applications become available in spring and are due in October.
- Successful applicants have documented evidence of significant achievement in academics, leadership and commitment to community and public service.
- **Deadline: Application process opens in April for study the following academic year.**  
  **Deadline to complete application process is October 1 with awards announced in late November.**

**National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships**  
[http://ndseg.asee.org/](http://ndseg.asee.org/)

- 100 to 300 new fellowships each year.
- $27,500 fellowship in first year, $28,000 in second year and $28,500 in third year plus full tuition and required fees.
- Must intend to pursue doctoral degree in STEM.
- Must be college senior; U.S. citizen or national.
Deadline: early January.

National Physical Science Consortium Fellowship
http://www.npsc.org/

- Scholarship to pursue PhD in physical sciences at >100 participating universities.
- $20,000 stipend, tuition and fees for up to 6 years.
- Must have GPA of at least 3.0; apply in senior year; U.S. Citizen.
- Deadline: November 30.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201

- 900 to 1,000 new awards each year.
- Graduate students in STEM.
- Stipend of $30,000, one time $1,000 travel allowance; $10,500 toward tuition and fees.
- Must be U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; apply in senior year.
- Deadline: Early November.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship
http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering/

- Up to $40,000 per year for tuition, room and board, books, fees and round trip ticket between residence & academic institution.
- Winners must enroll in a 2-yr, full time master's degree program in academic field relevant to work of the Foreign Service (public policy, international affairs, public administration, business, economics, political science, sociology, foreign language; does NOT fund law or joint law programs); must be available to fulfill summer internship obligations (2015 & 2016); must intend to enter the U.S. Department of State foreign service and work with them for at least 5 years following graduation.
- Selection: outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement in relevant programs; financial need is considered; finalist interviews.
- Eligibility: rising senior (i.e. in junior year) or before entering first year of graduate school; GPA≥3.2; U.S. citizen.
- Application: on-line application; proof of citizenship; SAT/ACT or GRE/GMAT scores; unofficial college transcripts; student aid report; Form 1040; resume; most recent financial aid award letter; two letters of recommendation.
- Deadline: January 24.

Rhodes Scholarship
http://www.rhodesscholar.org/

- 32 American scholars selected each year out of 800+ candidates.
- For study at the University of Oxford.
- Requirements: U.S. Citizen, 18-23 yrs old; will complete a bachelor’s degree within a year.
- To apply: University endorsement, 5-8 letters of recommendation (4 must comment on academic ability/standing); personal essay of ≤1000 words; list of principal activities; official transcripts; passport size photo; proof of citizenship; be prepared to attend reception/personal interview (see dates and locations).
Criteria for selection: literary and scholastic attainments; energy to use one’s talents to the full; truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship; moral force of character and instincts to lead and take an interest in one’s fellow beings.

Covers all tuition, fees and maintenance allowance for 2 years, possible renewal for third year, plus travel to/from Oxford.

**Deadline:** October 2.

**WMU deadline:** September 2.

### Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Program for New Americans
[http://www.pdsoros.org/overview/](http://www.pdsoros.org/overview/)

- 30 recipients selected each year.
- Covers up to 2 years of graduate study; half tuition plus $20,000 maintenance grant.
- Eligibility: New American (born in the U.S., but both parents born outside the U.S., with at least one subsequently nationalized; born outside the U.S. but now naturalized or have green card); <31 years old; college seniors.
- **Deadline:** November 1.
- **WMU deadline:** October 1.

### Harry S. Truman Scholarship

- 75-80 recipients each year.
- $26,000 grant.
- Must plan to pursue graduate school in preparation for a career in public service (government or nonprofit/advocacy sectors).
- Open to college juniors; must be U.S. citizen; should have strong record of campus and community service.
- College may nominate up to 4 students.
- **Deadline:** early February.
- **WMU deadline:** January 5.

### Whitaker International Program

- Sends emerging leaders in U.S. biomedical engineering (or bioengineering) overseas to undertake a self-designed project that will enhance their careers within the field.
- Goal is to assist the development of professional leaders who are not only superb scientists, but who also will advance the profession through an international outlook.
- Along with supporting grant projects in an academic setting, the program encourages grantees to engage in policy work and propose projects in an industry setting.

**Requirements include:**
- Have U.S. citizenship OR be a permanent legal resident of the U.S.
- Be in the field of biomedical engineering/bioengineering or a closely related field (Chemical, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering with substantive interest and background in Biomedicine).
- At the time of your grant start date, be no more than 3 years from the receipt of your most recent degree, or be currently enrolled.

*Example:* If you are applying for the 2015-16 award, the earliest you can start your grant is July 1.
2015 so if you are not currently enrolled, your last degree should have been awarded no earlier than June 30, 2012.

- Have language ability to carry out the proposed project in the host country at the time of departure.
- Both fellowships and summer research grants available.
- **Deadlines: January 20, 2015 for Fellow and Scholar applications; February 3, 2015 for Summer applications.**