

Funding for Special Groups

This packet outlines opportunities for groups in special funding categories, such as minorities, religious groups, etc... There are countless scholarships for students in these categories, so be sure to do general searches on the Internet in addition to pursuing these opportunities.

General Minority

The Aspen Institute

Aspen Washington DC (Headquarters)

The Aspen Institute

One Dupont Circle, NW

Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036-1133

202.736.5800

202.467.0790 (fax)

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students

The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, a grantmaking program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC, annually offers the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. The Hearst Scholar serves as a summer intern with the Fund. Through this program, the Fund seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism, and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for this experience.

A scholarship grant of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 will be awarded, depending on the recipient's educational level, financial need, and time commitment.

The student must be able to intern for 10-12 weeks full-time during the summer at the Washington, DC office of the Aspen Institute. All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student.

Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship

Kenneth W. Thompson

Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship. Competition

1755 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Phone number not available

Awarded to African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students pursuing

Master's or Ph.D. degrees in preparation for careers in world affairs (as scholars or as practitioners).

Applicants should be U.S. citizens pursuing degrees from U.S. institutions. Stipends vary.

Deadline: typically February

Some Good Resources:

-Cornell Graduate School's database of minority graduate fellowships:

<http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Student/GRFN/list.phtml?category=MINORITIES>

-Directory to Scholarships for Religious Faiths:

<http://collegeapps.about.com/od/religiousscholarships/a/religious.htm>

-Fastweb's listings: <http://scholarships.fatomei.com/minorities.html>

-Finaid.org's listings: <http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml>

-Michigan State University's listings: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.htm>

-Minority On-line Information Service (MOLIS): <http://www.molis.org/>
-Yale's fellowship listings: <http://www.cs.yale.edu/homes/tap/fellowships.html>

For African American Students

Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
4805 Mt. Hope Drive
Baltimore Maryland 21215
Tel. (410) 580-5760

Applicants must 1) Be a current (verifiable) NAACP member 2) Be a U.S. citizen 3) Be a full-time student in an accredited college (A graduate student may be full or part-time student) 4) Graduate students must possess a 3.0 GPA [All others, 2.5] Graduate students can receive a \$2,500 award; Undergraduate students \$1,500 5) All applicants must demonstrate a financial need 6) Must be under the age of 25. Members of the National NAACP Board of Directors, SCF Trustees, National Youth Work Committee, the NAACP Scholarship Selection Committee, employees and their spouses or families to the first degree of consanguinity, are not eligible to apply for or receive this scholarship.

Deadline: typically March

<http://www.naacp.org/>

For American Indian Students

American Indian Graduate Center Fellowships

American Indian Graduate Center
4520 Montgomery Boulevard NE Suite 1B
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 881-4584

The AIGC offers fellowships to American Indians and Alaskan Natives pursuing a master's degree or Ph.D. Applicants must be members of federally recognized tribes, and demonstrate financial need. Fellowships cover one year of a Masters program and are based on financial need. The Bureau of Indian Affairs administers the grants. There is no preference given to any field of study. Funding is based on unmet need.

Deadline: typically June 3

www.aigc.com.html

Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc.

Box 268
Sisseton, SD 57262
(605) 698-3998

Sequoyah Graduate Fellowships are available to American Indian and Alaskan Natives who are pursuing graduate degrees in any field. The one-year fellowships carry a \$1,500 unrestricted stipend.

Deadline: typically Sept. 10

AAIA/Adolph Van Pelt Special Fund for Indian Scholarships awards range from \$500 to \$800. Awards are based on merit and financial need. Grants are renewable for up to four years. Each year the grant is renewed, \$100 is added to the award. Applicants for both awards must prove one-quarter Indian blood from a federally recognized tribe.

Deadline: typically Sept. 25

www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.cfm

Navajo Nation Graduate Fellowship

Navajo Division of Education
P.O. Box 1870
Window Rock, AZ 86515
1-800-920-8320

The Navajo Nation offers scholarships of \$5,000-\$10,000 for full-time graduate students of Navajo descent. Scholarships are also available for part-time students. Contact the above address for additional information.

Deadlines: typically June, November, and April

<http://www.onnsfa.org/gradfund.asp>

For Asian American Students

Japanese American Citizens League

To obtain materials:

JACL National Scholarship Awards

1765 Sutter Street

San Francisco, CA 94115

Tel. 415.921.5225

Email: jacl@jacl.org

The National Scholarship and Awards Program offers scholarships to entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, law, and creative & performing arts students. The National Scholarship and Awards Program also offers a student aid award. All scholarships are one-time awards. Every applicant must be an active National JACL member at either an Individual or Student/Youth Level. Parent membership will not meet this requirement.

Deadline: typically March

<http://www.jacl.org/scholarships.html#cal>

For Catholics

AMDG Charitable Foundation

746 Walker Rd., Ste. 10-110

Great Falls, VA 22066

Telephone: (703) 757-7430

FAX: (703) 757-7431

Email: info@amdg.org

Application address: 746, Walker Rd., Ste. 16-110, Great Falls, VA 22066

Grants to individuals for educational and living expenses, with emphasis on Catholicism. Organizations or persons involved in activities that further the goals of AMDG Foundation and in need of financial assistance can apply for a grant. See website for goals.

<http://www.amdg.org/grants.html>

For Christian Students

Harvey Fellows Program

Mustard Seed Foundation

3330 Washington Blvd., Suite 100

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 524-5620

The Harvey Fellows Program seeks to encourage Christian graduate students to integrate their faith and vocation and pursue leadership positions in strategic fields where Christians tend to be under-represented. Annual stipends of \$14,000 are granted to students who are evangelical Christians with a strong faith commitment, and who are planning to study in departments of international economics and development, corporate and international finance, engineering, journalism, research, high-tech science, telecommunications, performing arts, government, teaching and administration. Fellowships are renewable for up to two years after initial award.

Deadline: November 1 annually

www.msfdn.org/home/index.cfm

<http://www.harveyfellows.org/index.cfm?FuseAction=About.Home>

For Families/ Students Dealing with Illness

Children of Breast Cancer Scholarship Fund

c/o Laurie Richardson

3070 Stage Run

Hixson TN 37343

The Children of Breast Cancer Foundation® scholarship fund is designed to lift the financial and emotional burden faced by a growing number of children in our country who have lost a parent to breast cancer, or are children of breast cancer survivors.

The intent of these scholarships is to acknowledge the trauma these children experienced through their parents' illness, honor the memory of a deceased parent, and address the financial stress placed on these families due to medical expenses and/or loss of income. It also serves to encourage these children in creating the best future possible for themselves, and to encourage cancer risk education in young adult students.

Deadline: February 15, 2006

http://www.childrenofbreastcancer.org/scholarships_overview.html

The Ulman Cancer Fund: Marilyn Yetso Memorial Scholarship

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults/MS Scholarship

PMB #505

4725 Dorsey Hall Drive, Suite A

Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Tel. 410-964-0202.

Email: scholarship@ulmanfund.org

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults established the Marilyn Yetso Memorial Scholarship to support the financial needs of a college student who has lost a parent to cancer or has a parent with cancer and who display financial need. These \$1000.00 competitive awards seek to honor the spirit, energy, and determination that Marilyn displayed during her life, her love for her family and friends, and her courageous battle with colon cancer. At the time of her death in March 2000, Marilyn was a loving wife, a dedicated mother to five, and an unconditional friend to many.

Deadline: typically April or August

http://www.ulmanfund.org/Services/Scholarship/scholarship_main.htm

PAF Scholarships for Survivors

Patient Advocate Foundation

Attn: Ruth Anne Reed

Vice President of Special Programs

700 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 200

Newport News, VA 23606

Phone: (800) 532-5274

Fax: (757) 873-8999

PAF will award the following ten (10) scholarships will for the 2006-2007 school year:

-The Cheryl Grimmel Award

-The Monica Bailes Award

-Scholarship for Survivors (8)

The purpose of the scholarships are to provide support to individuals seeking to initiate or complete a course of study that has been interrupted or delayed by a diagnosis of cancer or other critical or life threatening disease.

A primary criterion for eligibility is that the recipients pursue a course of study that renders them immediately employable after graduation. This scholarship may be used for a two-year degree, four-year degree, or advanced studies if the regimen pursued satisfies the main employable criteria.

-Must be a survivor of a life threatening, chronic or debilitating disease.

-Must obtain written documentation from physician.

-Must provide last year's tax returns which will demonstrate financial need.

Deadlines: May 1, 2006

<http://www.patientadvocate.org/events.php?p=69>

For Jewish Students

Aida Foreman Fleisher Fund

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Scholarships, 6th Floor

2100 Arch St.

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 832-0593

(no website)

Contact: Erica Miller

Grants for Jewish women who seek professional education. Awards are given directly to universities ranging from \$2,000 - \$7,000. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to receive application.

Deadline: typically May

Jewish Community Centers Association

15 East 26th Street

New York, NY 10010-1579

tel: (212) 532-4949

fax : (212) 481-4174

Email: info@jcca.org

JCC Association administers graduate-education scholarships for students interested in pursuing careers in Jewish Community Centers. This aid perpetuates the entire JCC Movement and enhances the level of service at individual JCCs.

Deadline: typically February

http://www.jcca.org/professional_dev.html#Scholarship

For Latin American Students

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Northeast Regional Office

170 Broadway Suite 1006
New York, NY 10038
Tel: 212-608-8884
Fax: 212-608-8887
Email: info@hsf.net

To qualify for an HSF scholarship, applicants must:

- Be of Hispanic heritage: persons descended from Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central, South American or other Spanish Cultures
- Be a U.S. Citizen OR legal permanent resident
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a U.S. accredited and Title IV-eligible institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam
- Be completing your first undergraduate or graduate degree

<http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/graduates.php>

IIE/Latin American Regional Program for Graduate Fellowships in the Social Sciences

Institute of International Education

Liverpool No. 31, Col. Juárez

06600, México, D.F.

México

Tel.: (52) (55) 5703-0167; (52) (55) 5080-2801

Fax: (52) (55) 5535-5597

E-mail: mcolin@iie.com.mx

The Institute of International Education announces the new fellowship promotion for the Regional Program for Graduate Fellowships in the Social Sciences, funded by the Ford Foundation.

The program offers complementary scholarships to Mexican citizens from the following states: Campeche, Chiapas, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Veracruz and Yucatan and Central American citizens from: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to pursue master's or doctoral degrees in the social sciences, outside their country of origin. In general terms, these scholarships cover maintenance and medical insurance for the participant and three dependents for a maximum of twenty months.

Students should not apply if they have already started their program of study.

The fields of study include: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science and Sociology. Among these fields, the priority areas are: Human Rights and Judicial Reform, Social, Economic and Community Development, Environment and Sustainable Development, Education and Development, Gender Studies, Government and Democracy, Reproductive and Sexual Health.

Requirements:

- Be a citizen of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua or a citizen of the following Mexican states: Chiapas, Campeche, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Veracruz and Yucatan.
- Demonstrate that your activities and analytical work will entail the promotion of social justice and the development of your country or region.
- Present a statement of purpose for your academic project and incorporate how your past experience and future plans are relevant.
- Possess outstanding academic qualifications (a minimum of 8.5 or its equivalent)
- Have plans to study in a graduate or post graduate program of higher learning that will enhance your academic and professional objectives.
- Demonstrate official admission to this graduate or postgraduate program before receiving the scholarship.
- Present titles obtained.
- Score a minimum of 213 on the computerized TOEFL exam and 550 on each section of the GRE. These exams are necessary if the postgraduate work will take place in the United States or if the Institution or University requires these exams. If you would like to study in a language other than English you need to take the relevant exam and receive a score equivalent to the one mentioned above.

Deadline: typically February

http://www.iie.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Locations/International_Offices/Latin_America/IIE_in_Latin_America/Programs2/socscien.htm

Jesse Arias Scholarship Fund

181 N. E St.

San Bernardino, CA 92401

(909) 384-9957

Contact: Rita Arias

For Hispanic students who want to pursue careers in law or public policy. The

\$2,000 scholarship was created in memory of Jesse Arias, a prominent Hispanic attorney who devoted his life to defending the less fortunate.

Deadline: typically May 31

League of United Latin American Citizens

LULAC National Scholarship Fund

Applicants apply to their local LULAC council.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- Must have applied to or be enrolled in a college, university, or graduate school, including 2-year colleges and vocational schools that lead to an associate's degree.
- A student will not be eligible for a scholarship if he/she is related to a scholarship committee member, the Council President, or an individual contributor to the local funds of the Council.

Deadline: typically March 31

<http://www.lnesc.org/services.htm>

For Men

Maud Glover Folsom Foundation Graduate Scholarship

Maud Glover Folsom Foundation, Inc.

25 Patterson Avenue

Greenwich, CT 06830

Deadline: Applications accepted throughout the year.

The Foundation was established in 1957 by Charles Stuart Folsom in remembrance of his wife, Maud Glover Folsom. Its purpose is to provide educational scholarships limited to young men involved in a full time educational curriculum. The scholarship amount is limited to \$5000 per year. Principle requirements of successful applicants are: Must be between the age of 14 and 20 years (Ineligible upon reaching age 20); Applicant must be of English and/or German descent for at least three generations; Must be willing to come for a personal interview in Connecticut. Must annually attend the July 20 memorial service at the gravesite of Maud Glover Folsom. Must not be considering theological or divinity school. Letters of inquiry, indicating your qualifications and your ability to meet our basic requirements, can be sent to the address above.

<http://www.folsomfoundation.net/enter.htm>

For Muslim Students

Fadel Educational Foundation, Inc.

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P.O. Box 212135

P.E.O. Scholar Awards

P.E.O. International Headquarters
3700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
Phone: 515-255-3153
Fax: 515-255-3820

P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) was established in 1991 to provide substantial awards to women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing advanced degrees or are engaged in advanced study and research at an accredited institution.

Deadlines: Nominations from local chapters accepted from September 1 to December 31

<http://www.peointernational.org/projects/policies-psa.php>

Third Wave Foundation Scholarship Program

511 W 25th St. Suite 301
New York, NY 10001
212-675-0700

Program Description: Grants are available to women who are international students or U.S. citizens, full-time or part-time students, aged 30 and under, who will be attending university programs in the U.S. Preference is given to applicants who show financial need and are activists who seek to make change in their lives and the lives of others. The website lists a number of different scholarships with applications that may be downloaded. Grants range in amounts of \$500 - \$5,000.

Deadlines: April 1 and October 1

www.thirdwavefoundation.org

For Special-Needs Students

American Council of the Blind

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
(800) 424-8666

Provides scholarships to blind post-secondary students annually. Also publishes a listing of other scholarships available to blind and visually impaired students.

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation Scholarships

2460 North Lake Ave., PMB #128
Altadena, CA 91001
Tel. 626-398-884
Email: executivedirector@ela.org

Applicant must be a woman with a physical disability and must be accepted to a graduate program working towards a Masters degree or above. The applicant must be active in a local, state or national disability organization, providing services and/or advocacy for people with disabilities.

Deadline: June 1

<http://www.ela.org/>

Opportunities for the Blind, Inc.

PO Box 510
Leonardtown, MD 20650
(800) 884-1990

Provides financial assistance for career-oriented purposes such as graduate school tuition assistance, vocational grants, job counseling and placement services, aids and appliances. Deadlines for applications are: February 15th, May 15th, August 15th and November 1st.

For Veterans

**See the HESC website for a list of funding options for veterans:
<http://www.hesc.com/bulletin.nsf/>.**