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Financial Aid

Federal Programs

Federal Student Aid Scholarship Search

<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/v3browse.asp>

This page of the Federal Student Aid Web site offers a scholarship search. The Student Aid site also offers a Financial Aid and Scholarship Wizard.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school. We consistently champion the promise of postsecondary education to all Americans—and its value to our society.

GI Bill Web site

www.gibill.va.gov/

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.

Students.gov

www.students.gov

This U.S. Department of Education site links students with information on financial aid, tuition assistance, and scholarships. There is a section for military members and their families.

U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov

U.S. Department of Education Web site provides information on educational programs and financial aid regulations.

Branch Programs

Air Force Aid Society

www.afas.org/Education/STAP.cfm

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the official charity of the United States Air Force. AFAS offers a Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) for spouses of active duty personnel who accompany members to overseas locations. More detailed information about eligibility can be found at the Web site.

Army Emergency Relief

<http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

Army Emergency Relief is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own." This link offers access to their educational resources, which include assistance in finding general and military related scholarships.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

www.nmcrs.org/education.html

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's education programs help eligible Navy and Marine Corps families pursue their academic goals by providing a source of education financing.

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Other Programs

Air Force Spouse Scholarship Program

www.afa.org/aef/aid/spouse.asp

The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. The applicant must be a spouse of Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve to be eligible. Spouses who are also members of the service are not eligible. Additional requirements are available on their Web site.

American Association of University Women

www.aauw.org

The American Association of University Women offers scholarships for women. These scholarships are awarded to eligible women who meet the specific requirements of AAUW Branch and State offices.

Army Scholarship Foundation

www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org

The Army Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships for spouses of enlisted active duty Army members, as well as for spouses of active duty Guard and Reserve members.

Book Scholarship

www.bookscholarship.com

This site offers an annual scholarship for textbooks. Students may register for the drawing at the site.

Broke Scholar

www.brokescholar.com

Broke Scholar is a free scholarship search engine.

CinCHouse.com

www.cinchouse.com

This site, dedicated to military spouses, has information and resources for spouses going back to school. Follow the links under "My Career" and "Education" to find a list of scholarships for military spouses and children.

College Board

www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/

College Board allows students to search for available grants and scholarships.

College Net

www.collegenet.com/mach25

This database contains listings of more than 500,000 private-sector awards from 1,570 sponsors.

College Toolkit

www.collegetoolkit.com

College Tool Kit, formerly Lunch Money, provides a free scholarship search program.

College Scholarships

www.collegescholarships.org

College Scholarships provides information about scholarships for students across the country. Browse available scholarships by subject, state, student status, or other categories.

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Fast Web

www.fastweb.com

Fastweb is a free scholarship Web site for parents and students. The site includes a loan calculator and list of key dates for financial aid and admissions.

Fin Aid

www.finaid.org

Fin Aid is a comprehensive Web site that provides information on loans, scholarships, military aid, and other sources of educational funding.

FreschInfo

www.freschinfo.com

This Web site is a scholarship search. There are over 2000 scholarships listed here.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

www.hsf.net

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers several scholarship programs for students of Hispanic heritage.

National Military Family Association

www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/military-spouse-scholarships/

The National Military Family Association Scholarship Fund awards scholarships for Military spouses. Applications, when available, are posted on their Web site.

Military.com

www.military.com

This commercial site has information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities for military family member. Click on "Education" and follow the link under "Military Spouse and Family Educational Assistance Programs."

Military Community Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer

www.mcsfex.net

This site helps military members and their families research scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Military HOMEFRONT

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

Click on "Troops and Families" and "Education for Family Members" for information and links to financial support for spouses pursuing an education. You'll also find information on branch-specific tuition assistance programs.

Navy Wives Clubs of America

<http://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/scholarinfo.htm>

The Navy Wives Clubs of America offers a scholarship program for spouses of enlisted Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard members.

Pat Tillman Foundation

www.patillmanfoundation.org/programs.aspx

The Pat Tillman Foundation offers Tillman Military Scholarships for service members and their dependents.

Scholarships

www.scholarships.com

This Web site is a free searching tool for finding scholarships.

StraightForward Media

www.straightforwardmedia.com/sfm_v2/scholarships/

Straight Forward Media offers six scholarship programs.

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Student Scholarship Search

www.studentscholarshipsearch.com

This site offers information about scholarships, loans, grants, and more.

Thanks USA

www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html

Thanks USA offers scholarships to spouses and dependents of active duty service members or Reservists and National Guard members who have been activated.

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org/

The United Negro College Fund administers numerous college scholarship programs. Each program has its own eligibility criteria, deadlines and documents.

Alternative Sources of Financial Aid

Due to the current status of the Nation's economy most of the student loan providers either do not offer this type of assistance or they are not accepting new applications. Please contact the providers with the number provided on their Web sites for information on when they will be accepting new applications.

Payment Plans

Contact your school's Financial Aid Office for information regarding tuition payment plans that allow you to pay as you go. Contact your employer to see if they offer an Employee Reimbursement Plan. This may also allow eligible students to defer tuition payment while awaiting reimbursement. If you are a graduate student you may want to talk to your department head for previously awarded scholarships in your area of study.

Alternative/Private Student Loans

The terms and conditions of these private educational loans are similar to the Federal Stafford Loan. Often students who are not eligible for Federal Student Loans or students who want to supplement their Federal Loans will apply. Consideration is based on the creditworthiness of the applicant or co-signer. Contact the lender to apply, or for requirements, interest rates, and fees which can vary among lenders. There are no federal forms to complete when applying for these loans.

- **Key Education Loans**
www.key.com/html/education-financing.html
- **National Education**
www.nationaleducation.com
- **Nellie Mae**
www.nelliemae.com
- **Nelnet Student Loans**
www.nelnet.com
- **Sallie Mae**
www.salliemae.com
- **Student Loan**
www.studentloan.com
- **Wachovia Education Loans**
www.wachovia.com/personal/page/0,,325_496,00.html
- **Wells Fargo Student Loans**
www.wellsfargo.com/student/

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Tuition Payment Plans

Tuition payment plans are short-term (12 months or less) installment plans which split your tuition into equal monthly payments. Many such plans are essentially interest-free, but some have fees or finance charges. Ask about the costs to you before using a tuition installment plan.

- **FACTS Tuition Management**
www.factsmgt.com
FACTS Tuition Management offers tuition management and budgeting services for educational institutions at all levels, from pre-school through post-graduate institutions.
- **Sallie Mae Tuition Pay**
<https://tuitionpay.salliemae.com/>
Sallie Mae's Tuition Pay lets you pay your tuition bill in small, monthly installments at more than 1,500 schools nationwide. The service is interest-free. An application fee is required. 1-800-635-0120.
- **Tuition Management Systems**
www.afford.com
Tuition Management Systems provides tuition payment programs for kindergarten through college. The interest-free monthly payment option allows students and families to spread educational costs over a several months, without interest and without borrowing. (There is an enrollment fee that ranges from \$30 to \$60, depending on the school.) Their BorrowSmart counseling optimizes the combination of tuition payment plans and PLUS loan debt to minimize loan interest payments for a given monthly payment.

Books for Scholarships

Kaplan Scholarships 2010: Billions of Dollars in Free Money for College, by Gail Schlachter and R. David Weber. (Kaplan Publishing. 2009). ISBN-13: 978-1419553080

Scholarships, Grants & Prizes 2010 (Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes), by Laura Paul (Editor). (Peterson's. 2009). ISBN-13: 978-0768927924

The College Board Scholarship Handbook 2010, by The College Board. (College Board. 2009). ISBN-13: 978-0874478495

Getting Financial Aid 2010, by The College Board. (College Board. 2009). ISBN-13: 978-0874478488

Paying for College without Going Broke, 2009 Edition, by Princeton Review. (Princeton Review. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-0375428838

The Scholarship Book 13th Edition: The Complete Guide to Private-Sector Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Loans for Undergraduates, by National Scholarship Research Service. (Prentice Hall Press. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-0735204270

Financial Aid for African Americans, 2009-2011 (Financial Aid for African Americans), by Gail Ann Schlachter and R. David Weber. (Reference Service Press. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-1588411778

The Scholarship & Financial Aid Solution: How to Go to College for Next to Nothing with Short Cuts, Tricks, and Tips from Start to Finish, by Debra Lipphardt. (Atlantic Publishing Co. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-1601382610

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How to Write a Winning Scholarship Essay: 30 Essays That Won Over \$3 Million in Scholarships, by Gen Tanabe and Kelly Tanabe. (Supercollege. 2006). ISBN-13: 978-1932662139

The Best Way to Save for College: A Complete Guide to 529 Plans (Best Way to Save for College), by Joseph F. Hurley. (Bankrate, Inc. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-0981549101

Complete Idiot's Guide to Financial Aid for College, by David Rye. (Alpha. 2008). ISBN-13: 978-1592577460

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