

# Beyond Government Aid: Scholarships and Grants

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Financial aid is available through a variety of sources. The Federal government offers sizable financial aid, totaling \$92 billion dollars in 2007. Outside the federal government, however, there is a significant pool of aid given collectively by state governments, private and public charities/organizations and foundations that equals or exceeds that of the federal government.

Keep in mind that filling out your FAFSA can be an essential component to securing non-government aid. Many grant and scholarship foundations and organizations use FAFSA as a major decision factor.

Below is a list of scholarship and grant sources that should serve as a good starting point. It is by no means exhaustive. Organizations have different requirements to qualify for scholarships, such as a minimum GPA, membership or participation in the organization, family income levels, ethnicity, etc. In tailoring the scholarship search, the student should consider all the scholarships they qualify for on the basis of race, income, academic interests, etc. In the search for scholarships it is important to be diligent, thorough and timely. The scholarship search and application process can be extremely time-consuming. Stay the course. It is important to start the scholarship search early. The sooner you begin to research and familiarize yourself with the scholarships available, the requirements and the application deadlines, the better the opportunity you will have for securing scholarship aid.

## **Local Financial Aid Resources**

1) **The best place to start is with your local high school's counseling office. You can visit the web sites below:**

Anderson- <http://www.andersoncubs.com/counseling/senior.php>

ANTHS- [www.anths.org](http://www.anths.org) -look for the scholarship bulletin

Burney- [www.shastalink.k12.ca.us/FRJUSD/bhs/bhs.html](http://www.shastalink.k12.ca.us/FRJUSD/bhs/bhs.html)

Central Valley- [www.prephq.com/?id+centralvalley](http://www.prephq.com/?id+centralvalley) -Student ID required

Enterprise-<http://www.enterprisehornets.com/counseling/Scholorandfinancial.php>

Fall River-[www.shastalink.k12.ca.us/frjUSD/frhs/Bulletins/Senior%20Bulletins.htm](http://www.shastalink.k12.ca.us/frjUSD/frhs/Bulletins/Senior%20Bulletins.htm)

Foothill-<http://www.foothillcougars.com/counseling/index.htm>

Shasta- [http://www.shastawolves.com/student\\_life/seniorclass.php](http://www.shastawolves.com/student_life/seniorclass.php)

U-Prep- <http://www.ups.suhsd.net/>

West Valley- <http://www.auhsd.net/wvhs/> -Look for the Scholarship bulletin

2) **Other Local Scholarship Resources:**

- **The McConnell Foundation-** <http://www.mcconnellfoundation.org/scholarships.html>
- **The Shasta regional Community Foundation** [http://www.shastarcf.org/index.php?page\\_id=103](http://www.shastarcf.org/index.php?page_id=103)
- **The Grotfend Scholarship-** [www.shastacoe.org/services/grotfend/default.asp](http://www.shastacoe.org/services/grotfend/default.asp) (Shasta County scholarship, usually handled by the high school. This application is used as a generic application to consider students for other local scholarships as well.)
- **Ford Scholars Program(Siskiyou County)** <http://www.tfff.org/>
- **BOGG Waiver application-** Shasta College fee waiver information-
- <http://www3.shastacollege.edu/financialaid/feewavier/main.htm>
- **California Student Aid Commission** <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>

3) **Other Considerations:**

- **Be sure to research scholarships offered by the campuses and/or departments you are applying to. Be sure to check "continuing student" scholarships beyond freshman year as well.**
- **Check with parent and student place of employment to see if scholarships are offered.**

## **Selected National Scholarship Search Engines**

**FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid**

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

**FindTuition: A service of CareerBuilder.com**

<http://www.findtuition.com>

**FastWeb: Matching Students to Scholarships**

<http://www.fastweb.com>

**The College Board Scholarship Search**

[http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)

## **Selected Scholarship and Aid Opportunities**

**Be an Actuary**

<http://www.beanactuary.org/minority/>

**AFL-CIO: Union Sponsored Scholarships and Aid**

<http://www.aflcio.org/familyfunresources/collegecosts/scholar.cfm>

**American Indian College Fund**

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

**American Indian Endowed Scholarship**

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/FinancialAid/other/indian.asp>

**Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund**

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

**American Psychological Association (APA) Scholarships and Fellowships**

<http://www.apa.org/students/funding.html>

**Astronaut Scholarship Foundation**

<http://www.astronautscholarship.org/scholarship.html>

**Boeing scholarships**

<http://www.boeing.com/educationrelations/scholarships/>

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation**

<http://www.coca-colascholars.org/>

**Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarships**

[http://www.aasa.org/awards\\_and\\_scholarships/Discover/index.htm](http://www.aasa.org/awards_and_scholarships/Discover/index.htm)

**Gates Millennium Scholars Program**

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

**Hispanic College Fund**

<http://www.hispanicfund.org>

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

<http://www.hsf.net/>

**Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans**

<https://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm>

**Institute of International Education**

<http://www.iie.org/Template.cfm?&Template=/programs/lucent/default.htm>

**Intel Science Talent Search**

<http://www.sciserv.org/sts/>

**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships**

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/index03.htm>

**League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship Funds**

<http://www.lulac.org/Programs/Scholar.html>

**Marine Corps Scholarships**

<http://www.marine-scholars.org/>

**Microsoft Scholarship Program**

<http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/>

**MSU Grants for Minorities: Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Latinos, Native Americans, and Other Ethnic Groups**

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.htm>

**NAACP Scholarship Program**

[http://www.naacp.org/departments/education/scholarship\\_index.html](http://www.naacp.org/departments/education/scholarship_index.html)

**National Academy of American Scholars**

<http://www.naas.org/senior.htm>

**National Institutes of Health Scholarships for Undergraduates**

<http://ugsp.info.nih.gov/InfoUGSP.htm>

**National Society of Black Engineers**

<http://www.nsbe.org/programs/nsbescholarships.php>

**NCAA Sports Scholarships and Internships**

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>

**Presidential Freedom Scholarships**

<http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/>

**Ron Brown Scholar Program**

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

**Roothbert Scholarship Fund**

<http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php>

**ROTC Military Scholarships (Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force)**

[http://www.todaysmilitary.com/wyg/t5\\_wyg\\_rotc.php](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/wyg/t5_wyg_rotc.php)

**Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships**

[http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/)

**State Higher Education Agencies**

[http://bcol02.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org\\_list.cfm?category\\_ID=SHE](http://bcol02.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_ID=SHE)

**Student Inventors Scholarships**

<http://www.invent.org/collegiate/>

**Target Scholarships**

[http://target.com/target\\_group/community\\_giving/scholarships.jhtml](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/scholarships.jhtml)

**Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund**

[http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk\\_v6.cfm?](http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk_v6.cfm?)

**25 Scholarship Gateways from Black Excel**

<http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>

**Tylenol Scholarships**

<http://scholarship.tylenol.com/>

**United Negro College Fund**

<http://www.uncf.org/scholarships/index.asp>

**United Negro College Fund Merck Science Initiative**

<http://www.uncf.org/merck/program.htm>