

## **Scholarship Seminar March 1, 2018**

First, we will highlight several scholarships you may not be aware of. We will do this briefly, not going into too much detail.

<https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships>

### **Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships**

I tell students to check this website about every 2-3 weeks to learn about opportunities. Sometimes there are no scholarships available or only 1 or 2, but sometimes there are several. The last presentation I did, there were only two; now, there are six currently open.

We will look at the above link and discuss some of the current open scholarships and their requirements.

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/what-we-do/students-parents/open-scholarships/>

### **Scholarships administered by Scholarship America**

We will explore some of the scholarships here, including those open and those soon to be open.

<https://www.cfmt.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/search-scholarships/>

### **The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee scholarships, Deadline: March 15, 2018**

If you type "Tennessee State University" into Scholarship Type, several scholarships show up. We will explore those.

We also type in "Davidson County," exploring some of those scholarships.

## Other Community Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.cof.org/community-foundation-locator>

Not from the Middle Tennessee.

Then, use this Community Foundation Locator at the link above to find a community foundation close to your permanent residence and see what scholarships may be available.

<http://www.beyondtheboroughs.org/the-scholarship/scholarship-requirements/>

### **Beyond the Boroughs Scholarship, D: March 15, 2018**

**Up to \$20,000; \$5,000 each year**

Selected criteria from website:

“Scholarships up to \$20,000 over four years will be awarded to full-time students who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent (culinary school, for example). **Applicants can be current high school seniors entering college in the fall or students currently attending a college or university.**

The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning. Everyone who meets the requirements below is invited to apply. Scholarship recipients will receive notice of their award by June 15 of the school year prior to when the scholarship will commence.

#### **Scholarship Application Requirements:**

- Acceptance to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent
- Low income household
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Involvement in an extra-curricular activity or work
- Completion of full application including a completed **Student Aid Report** from the FAFSA or the CSS Profile
- Submit application by the March 15th deadline.

## Our Range

Beyond the Boroughs was not created to benefit a single segment of the population, students of a particular ethnic or racial group, or those from a specific geographic area. It is not a scholarship fund for only the academically or athletically "gifted," but rather aims to benefit all hardworking, low-income students who are motivated to further their education beyond high school."

<http://www.writerssquare.org/home>

### **Writers' Square Essay Contest**

"Sponsor: Hakka Foundation

**Amount: Up to \$1,000**

**Closing Date: March 31, 2018**

Description: Contest is open to students in 1st grade through college. Applicant must submit an essay on the theme of "Character."

The above description of scholarship taken from Jessica Velasco's website: <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/march-scholarships/39/>

Selected from website above:

"Session 1: Character

Topic: **If you could be a character from a movie, TV show, or book, who would you be and why?**

Contest and voting begins: 12:01 AM PDT on January 1, 2018

Contest and voting ends: 11:59 PM PDT on March 31, 2018"

<http://www.davisputter.org/apply-for-scholarships/>

**Davis Putter Scholarship Fund, D: April 1, 2018**  
**Up to \$10,000**

"**Description:** Scholarship is open to current college students who are active in movements for social and/or economic justice and have financial need."

Description comes from Jessica Velasco's list of scholarships:  
<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/april-scholarships/2/>

### More Where that Came From

<https://tigerscholars.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/writing-for-scholarships-feb-14-2018.pdf>

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, students who attended the Scholarship Write-In at the TSU Writing Center got a chance to write and submit for a \$1,000 scholarship.

They also got a chance to brainstorm for up to \$25,000 scholarship.

If you couldn't attend the workshop, here is the handout with those scholarships and much more!

Toward the end of this pdf I list the following opportunities:  
**Shawn Carter/Jay Z Foundation Scholarship, AFSA Scholarships, and Up to \$10,000 Aspire Higher Ortho Dermatologics Scholarship**

### **How TSU University Foundation Scholarships Work**

<https://tnstate.academicworks.com/>

**Deadline for Applying for scholarships is Saturday, March 31, 2018.**

You can work on your general application and apply for specific scholarships administered by the TSU Foundation until March 31, 2018.

Only new and currently enrolled undergraduate students at Tennessee State University may apply.

Only on-line applications will be accepted, and all Foundation housed scholarships must be applied for on-line.

TSU University Foundation scholarships are not guaranteed.

Meeting the minimum requirements is not enough.

Your FAFSA (which determines financial need) is tied in with your application. If you haven't filled out your FAFSA, talk with Mr. Turner individually after the workshop.

For questions regarding the scholarship application process, students should contact Dr. Darlene Harris-Vasser at 615-963-5794.

## How to Make Your TSU University Foundation Application Stand Out

Scholarship funding is limited, so you want your scholarship application to stand out and highlight what makes you unique and different.

Often students just list brief information in what they do. This will severely put you at a disadvantage to those students who go into more detail.

Think of what you are doing now and what you did in high school, and make a list as you go on. You will remember things as you go along, and you can add these to your application.

Identify positions (volunteer, president, co-founder, vice-president, founder, etc.)

Identify organizations, including briefly what the organization does or is

Identify responsibilities or activities you did for that organization and go into brief but "telling" detail

If you held responsibilities that called upon leadership skills, highlight them.

You want to make sure your grammar and punctuation is consistent and correct.

You can save and go back to your application as necessary.

Once you submit your application, you can then start applying to separate scholarships for which you are qualified. Some of these require answering questions to make sure you are qualified for that particular scholarship or writing a brief essay.

Make several appointments in the TSU Writing Center to go over your general application to make it as strong as you can, and make appointments to go over essays you are writing for individual scholarships.

***Most often, the same questions being asked for the TSU University Foundation Scholarships are similar to other applications, so strong, consistent work can pay off in that you can reframe what you write here and use that toward other scholarships.***

## **Where to Find More Scholarships**

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2/>

Here is a list of scholarships with monthly deadlines. Explore March to see scholarships with **March 2018 deadlines**, including those with deadlines for today.

**Click NEXT to see the next page of scholarships.**

I would then explore April and May and June for scholarships with **April 2018, May 2018, and June 2018 deadlines**.

Some of these are easy, requiring very little work; some require more work.

Some are based on financial need; some are based only on merit.

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

To find more scholarships, search out Jessica Velasco of JLV College Counseling's list of scholarships and contests. These are scholarships that can be searched by major, age/grade level, minority, gender, military, etc.

***As you can tell by my list above, I discover many scholarships using this website.***

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Browse millions of scholarships at Unigo's Scholarship Directory at the above link.

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships#>

List of over 600 scholarships at Chegg.com, including scholarships for college (including graduate school) and high school students

**SKIP THE ADS!** (Some of the ads are legitimate, but sadly I can't vouch for them all. Avoid the single mom or single dad scholarships—I and a few other students have received calls, and some of the operators are not scrupulous, trying to pressure students in pursuing degrees at for-profit colleges and to take on heavy student loans.)

They often ask very extensive, very invasive questions if you sign up for them, in order to give that information to marketers.)

<http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm>

**Grants for Individuals page**, updated and maintained by Jon Harrison, contains a breakdown of "funding opportunities for individuals, such as financial aid or scholarships for students."

**Funding is broken down by subject, by population group, and by academic level (precollege, undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctorate).**

Also, consider multiple categories you can explore. For example, if you are sociology major but also play an instrument or sing, you might check under Music.

If you are pre-law, besides Law, you might check under Writing for writing competitions you can enter. Be creative. Do not limit yourself.

The links on this page are checked regularly and updated.

## **For Tennessee State University students only: How to Make an Appointment for the TSU Writing Center**

First, you must make an appointment on the scheduling system.

How to set up an appointment:

<https://tnstate.mywconline.com/register.php>

Once you create an account for the schedule, you can see when I, Michael Turner, am available. You would put "scholarship coaching" for the session.

Go to the above link and register. It will ask you questions. I would choose an email that I check often. It could be the email associated with your phone.

Once you have registered, you can sign in to the schedule by putting in your username (email address) and the password you created.

Your student ID is your complete Tnumber.

Select "**Writing Center**" for the current TSU Writing Center schedule.

You cannot schedule for the day you register, but there are directions once you log on for what to do if you need an appointment for that same day.

***If you wish to email me instead, Mr. Mike Turner can be reached at [mjturner@tnstate.edu](mailto:mjturner@tnstate.edu).***