

More Scholarship Money, Less College Debt October 29, 2018

Goal: To apply for as many scholarships as possible—to apply to a 1,000 scholarships or less

Complete your FAFSA application and get that in as soon as possible

Seek scholarships that will pay for Spring 2019 and 2019-2020 school year

1. <http://www.getupgetactive.org/active-life-weakness/>

\$1,000; D: Oct 31, 2018; 3-5 sentences

2. <http://www.getupgetactive.org/>

\$1,000 each; two other scholarships; D: Dec 31, 2018

3. <https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/>

\$500 Courage to Grow Scholarship, offered monthly

Eligibility: “You must be a junior or senior in high school or college student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better. U.S. citizens only please.

Please explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship: (Note: Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are important.)”

4. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, Deadline: Oct 31, 2018

Submit an online written response to the question:

"Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive." (250 words or less)

5. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

More scholarships offered by Unigo, such as **\$10,000 Unigo Scholarship** (D: Dec 31, 2018); **\$5,000 Education Matters Scholarship** (D: Nov. 30, 2018); and **\$1,500 Top Ten List Scholarship** (D: Dec. 31, 2018)

To apply for the Unigo scholarships, you will need to create a profile at Unigo, which will assist you in finding more scholarships

6. <https://www.halloweenexpress.com/blog/halloween-express-scholarship/>

\$1,000 Halloween Express Scholarship, Deadline: Oct. 31, 2018

7. <https://resumegenius.com/scholarship>

\$1,000 Resume Genius Scholarship, Deadline: December 15, 2018

“Create a resume based on the life of any fictional or non-fictional character, from TV, history, literature or myth.”

8. <https://www.ivein.com/scholarship/>

\$2,500 iVein Health & Wellness Scholarship: Dec. 31, 2018 for Winter/Spring; D: Aug. 31, 2019 for Fall Semester (most likely)

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Any current full-time undergraduate/graduate student attending an accredited US university or college with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4 is welcome to apply. Eligible students will:

- Write an essay of 800 to 1000 words, promoting a practical approach to healthy lifestyle during college years and how these habits can be sustained over a lifetime.
- Demonstrate detailed knowledge of health and wellness and discuss why healthy living is a lifetime endeavor based on your personal experiences.”

9. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>

\$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 Center for Alcohol Policy National Essay Contest, D: Dec 7, 2018

Selected criteria from webpage:

“The Center for Alcohol Policy is now accepting entries for its 11th Annual National Essay Contest. The topic for this year’s contest is:

The licensing of individuals and businesses that are involved in the commerce of alcoholic beverages is an important feature of state-based alcohol regulation. Why is licensing necessary for an orderly marketplace, what impact does it have on public health and safety and what are the benefits provided by licensing systems?

WHO CAN ENTER: The contest is open to all persons who are over the age of 18 as of December 2018. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and the general public are encouraged to submit essays.”

10. <https://www.foreclosure.com/scholarship/>

\$2,500 and \$500 Foreclosure.com Scholarship Program, D: Dec. 15, 2018

Min. 800 words—Max. 2,000 words

“2018 essay topic: Discuss the pros and cons of renting versus homeownership.

Is renting just a short-term solution before homeownership? Or has America just taken the easier way out with renting and homeownership is dying with Millennials. Discuss what factors could increase or decrease homeownership among the generation, is it a location, financial or culture issue?”

11. <https://www.rentlingo.com/scholarship>

\$1,000 Dream Big Scholarship, Deadline: March 1, 2019; October 1, 2019

“Write an essay about what's your dream job (750 words or less). The top overall winner will receive the \$1,000 scholarship and the top three submissions will have the option to get career advice / coaching from RentLingo's founders, Dan Laufer and Byron Singh.”

12. <http://www.genkellyscholarship.com/>

\$1,000 Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, Deadline: Dec. 31, 2018

Guidelines: “In 250 words or less, please submit an essay on one of the following:

1. Why do you deserve to win this scholarship? -OR-
2. Describe your academic or career goals. -OR-
3. Any topic of your choice.

Feel free to re-use an essay that you wrote in class, for college admission or another scholarship competition.”

13. <https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships>

DoSomething.Org is for people ages 13-25 and encourages young people to do something, to complete social action through campaigns.

Scholarships and opportunities are ongoing throughout the year, some times as much as \$10,000.

From webpage: “That’s right: no essays, no GPA requirements, no recommendations, no applications. We've given dozens of scholarships away and are excited to continue supporting students!”

14. <https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/programs/essay-contest>

Association for Women in Mathematics Essay Contest, Deadline: Jan 31, 2019

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Open to: Students Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, College Undergraduates

Request deadline for those who would like to be matched with a woman to interview: January 10 each year

What is the subject of the essay?

Your essay should be based primarily on an interview with a woman currently working in a mathematical career. The submission must be in essay form, not just a transcript of your interview.

How long should the essay be?

The essay should be approximately 500 to 1000 words in length.

Who can I write about?

You may interview and write about any woman currently working in a mathematical sciences career.

If you would like to be put in contact with someone who has agreed to be interviewed for this contest, please contact Dr. Joanna Bieri (interviewee coordinator) at joanna_bieri@redlands.edu. Please note that interviewee contacts will only be given out for requests received by January 10 each year.

Here are some suggestions for finding possible women to interview:

- female math teachers
- female professors in mathematics at a local college or university (you can try looking up the school's website and looking for the mathematics department; many departments list their faculty and their email addresses)
- also consider other mathematical department such as applied mathematics, computer science, statistics, physics, engineering, finance, etc.
- to find mathematicians from underrepresented minorities, you may want to try the website for the National Association of Mathematicians (NAM), the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), or the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS).
- Request to be matched with a woman to interview”

Future Scholarships

(We will discuss these during the seminar)

1. <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>

\$25,000; \$10,000; \$5,000 Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship; Opens up Nov 12, 2018

2. <http://bryancollinsscholarship.org/to-apply/>

\$2,000 Bryan A. Collins Scholarship, open to TSU students with a 3.0 average and community service D: Feb 15, 2019

3. http://www.tnstate.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.aspx

TSU Foundation scholarships; Opens around Feb 2019; closes Mar 31, 2019

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

Open scholarships administered by **Scholarship America**

5. <https://www.aspirehigherscholarships.com/index.html>

\$10,000 Aspire Higher Ortho Dermatologics Scholarship, application submission period: Feb 1, 2019-April 26, 2019

6. <https://www.shawncartersf.com/scholarship-fund/>

Shawn Carter/Jay Z scholarships; opens April 2019

“ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- High school seniors, students with GED diplomas, undergraduate (2 year or 4 year) college students, and students at vocational or trade schools
- US citizen or Permanent Resident
- 25 years old or younger
- Minimum 2.0 GPA” or higher

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

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

8. <https://www.uncf.org/>

United Negro College Fund

Other Discoveries Made During the Seminar

Community Foundation of Middle TN, D: Mar 15, 2019
Community Foundation locator

<https://www.coloradolaw.net/scholarship/>

\$2,000 Bachus & Schanker, LLC Scholarship, D: Nov. 30, 2018 for spring semester; July 30, 2019 for the fall semester

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Students have the opportunity to apply for one of the \$2000 semiannual scholarships to be paid toward tuition for the upcoming semester. Each student must write an essay about his or her opinion(s) on the importance and efficacy of the 7th Amendment. Students are encouraged to think critically about the right to trial by a jury, and other elements of the Amendment, and it how affects their lives.

How To Apply

Eligible Students Will:

- Write an essay of no fewer than 800 words about your opinion on the importance and efficacy of the 7th Amendment and how it affects your life. Consideration for the entirety of the Amendment (rather than the well-known nutshell explanation of the right to trial by jury) is encouraged.
- Email their essay as a .doc or .pdf attachment to scholarship@coloradolaw.net.

Who Can Apply

Any high school senior accepted to attend a four-year university by the time of the award, or full time student attending a four-year university in the United States who carries a 3.0 cumulative GPA may apply.”

<https://bettertennessee.com/healthcare-students-apply-for-a-bluecross-diversity-scholarship/>

Opens around Jan-Feb 2019

<https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/students/>

\$2,500-\$15,000 Scarlett Family Fnd Scholarship, Business and STEM majors in Middle TN; D:
Dec 15, 2018

<http://www.pushexcel.org/scholarships/#1517367062822-f0a8aa64-c830>

up to \$25,000 a year (business or stem), opens Jan 15, 2019; D: May 31, 2019 (most likely)

Where to Find More Scholarships

I maintain a scholarship blog for TSU students. This is where I find a lot of the scholarships.

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

Search for scholarships here first

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

Scholarships by Monthly deadlines

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

Good database of scholarships

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

Unigo Database of Scholarships

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

Goodcall Scholarship Database

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

Scholarship Finder at CareerOneStop

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

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

<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.

<https://www.benefits.gov/>

Started in 2002, **Benefits.gov** has become the portal for information about government benefits, which includes state information.

Students, and also parents, can choose to answer questions in the Benefit Finder Tool and find benefits, including scholarships, internships, and government programs, they can apply for.

Or

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/browse-by-category>

You can click on Browse on the menu to get an overview of many different programs

Warning!!!!

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.)

Find more scholarship information and handouts at the Scholarship Tigers blog:

<https://scholarshiptigers.com/>