

Write Your Way to Money

There are several scholarships that many students do not enter because they require writing. If you enter these scholarships, you improve your odds of being selected because competition is less. As one of our students who attended our workshops told me recently, she wrote and entered several competitions in the Fall 2018 semester and earned a \$5,000 scholarship.

If you are a Tennessee State University student, you also have the resource of the TSU Writing Center, located in room 310, Student Success Center, also known as the LRC.

You can register at <https://tnstate.mywconline.com> ; use your TSU email address and Tnumber when you register the first time. Then, you can make an appointment in the TSU Writing Center with one of our writing tutors.

You can also sign up for a scholarship coaching session with Mr. Mike Turner, where we will look for scholarships and money for your major or your career goals.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mr. Turner at mjturner@tnstate.edu.

3-5 Sentence Scholarships

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

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship to Tackle Your Weakness, D: Feb. 28, 2019

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

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship for Financial Literacy, D: Mar. 31, 2019

<http://www.getupgetactive.org/active-life-political-awareness/>

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship for Political Expression

Don't be in a hurry to enter these scholarships. Take your time. Sculpt your answer. Get help in the TSU Writing Center if you are a Tennessee State University student.

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

Digital Responsibility Scholarships

Here are 4 different scholarship possibilities.

Possible \$1,000 Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship's deadline is January 30, 2019.

250 Words or Less Scholarships

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

\$1,500 I Have a Dream Scholarship, D: Jan. 31, 2019

From website: "Submit an online written response to the question:

"We want to know... what do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us for a chance to win \$1,500 for college." (250 words or less)"

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/sweet-and-simple-scholarship>

\$1,500 Sweet and Simple Scholarship, D: Feb. 28, 2019

From website: "Submit an online written response to the question:

"Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you." (250 words or less)"

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

More scholarships like those above offered by Unigo monthly, including the **\$10,000 Unigo scholarship, D: Dec. 31, 2019.**

<https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/>

\$500 Courage to Grow Scholarship, offered monthly

From website: 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.)"

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

\$1,000 Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, D: July 31, 2019

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.”

Essay Scholarships

<https://www.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>

\$3,500 College and \$5,000 High School—Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest, D: Feb. 28, 2019

Most TSU students can enter this essay contest.

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Your story will inspire the future. Tell us about an African-American who inspired you and you could earn a \$5,000 or \$3,500 college scholarship in celebration of Black History Month and those who have inspired the next generation to make history.

WRITE YOUR ESSAY

Choose the African-American you want to write about. It could be someone famous, a relative or a person you know. Just make sure the individual inspires and motivates you. For guidance, review the “How to Enter” instructions and the “Contest Judging Criteria” in sections 4 and 5 of the Official Rules, and be sure your essay is 500 words or less. You can write your essay directly in the application or you can copy and paste it into the appropriate area in the application form.

REVIEW AND SUBMIT

Review your information, check your essay for spelling and submit your entry by 11:59:59 p.m. Central Time on February 28, 2019.

Eligibility

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- Either be a legal U.S. resident of one of the following states or a legal U.S. resident (of one of the 50 United States or D.C.) currently attending an accredited college located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas
- Be age 16 or older
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time college undergraduate freshman, sophomore or junior at an accredited college in the U.S. and have least one year (or 18 credit hours) remaining before graduation
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Plan to attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2019-2020 academic school year
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

- Be a legal U.S. resident of either Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas
- Be age 13 or older
- Be enrolled in 12th grade in a public or private school (or home school) located in one of the states listed above
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Plan to attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2019-2020 academic school year”

<https://www.village-bakery.com/scholarship/>

\$1,000 Village Bakery Aspire-To-Be Scholarship Program, D: July 31, 2019

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Under this program, Village Bakery will award one scholarship each year in the amount of \$1,000. The amount will be paid directly to the recipient of the scholarship during the last week of August. This scholarship is aimed at providing supplemental help to students who are looking to pursue a college education; particularly students who are looking to run their own business one day.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be considered for this scholarship, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old as of the application deadline
- Currently enrolled in high school, secondary school, or University
- Be an outstanding student, with a proven GPA of 2.5 or above
- Have a career goal of running their own business

All applicants are to submit a 2,000 word essay to scholarship@village-bakery.com. The topic of the essay is ‘what fuels your drive to succeed’. We all dream of big things when we’re growing up. These dreams shape the decisions that we make, and ultimately who we become. For us at Village Bakery, we dreamed of making a life from our passion for cooking. There is no topic off limit – so if you want to write about you and your Grandmother baking bread in a [bread maker](#) or you and your Father making waffles in a waffle maker or working hard to buy the [best kitchen products](#), go ahead – just make sure it ties back to the overall theme of ‘what fuels your drive to succeed’

The essays must be submitted as a .doc or .docx.

Applicants must also provide a CV/Resume and proof of being a student (i.e. copy of Student ID, transcript, etc).”

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

<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/>