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Scholarship and Grant Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care

Orphan Foundation

<http://www.orphan.org/index.php?id=30>

OFA has served thousands of foster teens all across the United States help orphans and foster youth as they transition from foster care to young adulthood, with particular emphasis on helping these young men and women attend college and vocational school. Deadline March 31, 2007.

National Foster Parent Association

<http://www.nfpainc.org/content/?page=58&nmenu=4&title=Youth%20Scholarships>

The NFPA offers scholarships for foster youth who wish to further their education beyond high school, including college or university studies, vocational and job training, and correspondence courses, including the GED. Scholarships are also available for birth and adopted youth in foster homes.

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<http://www.iowacollegeaid.org/scholarshipsandgrants/index.html>

Education and Training Voucher grant application and fact sheet

Youth and Shelter Services

<http://www.yss.ames.ia.us/>

Youth & Shelter Services, Inc., was formed in 1971 to meet the needs of runaways and homeless youth in the Central Iowa area. In that time, YSS has grown to over ten facilities in five Iowa counties.

YSS participants can be eligible for scholarships, contact YSS staff at 515-233-3141 and ask about the Reggie Kelsey Memorial Award.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Horatio Alger

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

<http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/sp.cfm>

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have:

- demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- strength of character
- financial need
- a good academic record
- commitment to pursue a college education; and
- a desire to contribute to society

College Board

http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

The "Pay for College" link has a free on-line scholarship search

FinAid – The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid

<http://www.finaid.org>

Scholarships and tools for calculating college costs, loan payments, savings, and the expected family contribution (EFC).

Presidential Freedom Scholarship Program

http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/pfs_about.asp

For students who are high school junior or senior and have contributed at least 100 hours of service within the prior 12 months

KFC Colonel's Scholars

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

For students planning to attend a public, in-state college or university

<http://scholarshiphunter.com/awardsbymajor.html>

www.collegenet.com

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

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

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

<http://www.collegefund.org/> - American Indian College Fund

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

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

<http://www.princetonreview.com/home.asp>

<http://www.gmsp.org>

www.gocollege.com

<http://www.iefac.com/> - For students wishing to study abroad

<http://www.scholarship-page.com/>

<http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm>

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

<http://www.ackinson.com/scholarships.htm>

<http://www.textbookx.com/scholarship/>

<http://us.penguingroup.com/static/html/services-academic/essayhome.html>

<http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=FindScholarships&Subpage=Biblical>

<http://www.elpublishers.com/content/AboutUWS.php>

<http://www.cardonors.com/car-donation-scholarship-essay.html>

<http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/law-enforcement/form.php> - Law enforcement scholarships

<http://www.neh.gov/wtp/essay/index.html>

Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students

<http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/mini/smas.htm>

This scholarship program provides awards of up to \$5,000 to outstanding minority students to encourage their selection of accounting as a major and their ultimate entry into the profession.

Talbots Women's Scholarship

<http://www1.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp>

Sponsored by the Talbots Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic program of apparel retailer Talbots. The Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund is a \$100,000 scholarship program that awards five \$10,000 scholarships and fifty \$1,000 scholarships annually to women seeking a bachelor's or associate's degree later in life. Please visit the website for eligibility criteria and application.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

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

HSF offers a variety of scholarship programs for students at different points in their academic careers. However, each HSF-administered scholarship is different, and many have varying requirements; be sure to consult all of the guidelines and requirements for the specific programs to which you plan to apply.

Coca Cola Scholars Foundation

www.coca-colascholars.org

High school seniors can apply online through Coca Cola's website between September 1 and October 31 of his/her senior year. Student must be carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.

USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships

<http://www.usafunds.org/planning/index.htm>

A student must: 1) enroll full-time or half time in college or vocational school; 2) Have an annual adjusted gross family income of \$35,000 or less, as documented on a 2005 federal income-tax return on which the applicant is claimed as a federal tax exemption

An online application for the scholarship programs will be available beginning Jan. 2, 2006.

Scholarship awards also will be based on the applicant's:

- Past academic performance and future potential.
- Leadership and participation in school and community activities.
- Work experience.
- Career and educational aspirations and goals.
- Unusual personal or family circumstances.

First in Family® Scholarship Program – The Sallie Mae Fund

http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/projectaccess/scholarships/smf_firstinfamily.html

Offers scholarships to Hispanic students who are the first in their family to attend college. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000. Scholarship applicants must:

Be a US citizen;

Be of Hispanic descent;

Be the first in their family to attend college;

Be a high school senior or graduate planning to enroll or a student already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university; and,

Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Application Deadline: April 15, 2006

Writers of Passage Scholarship (Sallie Mae)

<http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/projectaccess/need.html>

This program involves an essay competition which awards winning students from a Historically Black College or University, or a predominantly black college, with a \$5,000 college scholarship. Universities of winning students will receive a \$20,000 grant from The Sallie Mae Fund.

The Sallie Mae Fund Community College Transfer Scholarships

<http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/programs/cctransfer.php>

This scholarship is designed to assist community college students of Hispanic heritage obtain a bachelor's degree. It is available to community college students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution the following academic year. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

American Dream Scholarship program (Sallie Mae)

<http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/projectaccess/need.html>

This program was developed with the United Negro College Fund and provides scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to African-American students with a demonstrated financial need.

College Answer

http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp

College Answer claims listings for over 2.4 million scholarships. The search requires free registration. Once you fill in your profile, you'll be matched with potential scholarships. And each time you log into the site, the search repeats to catch new listings.

Medical/Nursing Scholarships

CampusRN

<http://www.campusrn.com/scholarships/scholarships.asp>

For students pursuing professional nursing education programs

Discover Nursing (Johnson & Johnson)

http://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship_search.aspx

This site has a several nursing scholarships, use search tool to determine your eligibility.

BoundTree Medical

<http://www.boundtree.com/training/scholarships/>

You must be the son or daughter of a career or volunteer firefighter or EMT, who is on active duty, retired or deceased. You must plan to attend a state approved EMT Basic certification program or increase your level of certification through an EMT Intermediate or Paramedic certification program.

You can apply for the program if your primary caregiver meets the criteria stated above. A primary caregiver is defined as someone who provided for you and who you lived with for some period of time, i.e. stepparent, grandparent, neighbor, foster and/or adopted parent.

Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association EMS Educational Scholarship

<http://www.iemsa.net/site/training.html>

The Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association provides motivated and outstanding individuals with up to \$1,000 to pursue programs of study or courses leading to EMT or paramedic certification. Applicants must prove financial need.

Health Science Scholarships

<http://www.scholarships-ar-us.org/scholarships/health/ems.htm>

Scholarship opportunities for the following disciplines: Administration, Diet and Nutrition, EMS and Paramedic, Forensics, Gerontology, Health Informatics, Health Information Technology, Management, Occupational Safety/Health, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistants, Promotion and Education, Psychology, Public Health, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Sports Science

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/>

Nurse Education and Practice Grant Programs

Nursing Scholarship Listing

<http://www.minoritynurse.com/financial/scholarships.html>

For students pursuing undergraduate or graduate education in nursing.

Tylenol Scholarship

www.tylenolscholarship.com

For students pursuing careers in healthcare

Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association

http://www.nsna.org/foundation/pdf/Application2006_2007.pdf

FNSNA scholarship eligibility criteria include:

- Current enrollment and matriculation in a state-approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic doctorate or generic master's degree;
- Pre-nursing students taking courses to prepare for matriculation into a nursing program;
- Pursuing **first** degree or diploma in nursing; or enrolled in an RN to BSN, RN to MSN, or LPN to RN program;
- Attending classes and taking no less than six (6) credits;
- Involvement in student nursing organizations and community health activities;
- Document academic achievement;
- Establish financial need;
- High school students are not eligible to apply.

Social Work Scholarships

National Association of Social Workers

<http://www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships.asp>

Applications for the 2006-2007 award will be accepted January 9 - March 17, 2006.

Michigan State University

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

Lists a variety of scholarship opportunities for students attending any college

Applying for Financial Aid

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Question 53 is critical – if youth aged out of care, then they answer “yes” to ward of court. Deadlines vary by college and most deadlines occur in the spring of the senior year of high school

College Board

<http://www.collegeboard.com/html/newsletters/newsletters.html>

Sign up for free newsletters specific to your grade 9-12

Other Resources

Mapping Your Future

www.mapping-your-future.org

College planning and financial aid information for middle school, high school and college students.

College Planning Center

www.collegeplanning.org

Be sure to watch the Calendar of Events for a workshop in your area and high school juniors and seniors can sign up for a free reminder service.