

Scholarship Bulletin
July 6, 2018

**Important: Before starting work on scholarships,
please read the information on the bottom for helps & hints
that may ease your efforts and increase your return.**

DEADLINE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP
Varied	Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) A tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. http://msep.mhec.org
Employment Scholarship	Holy Family Scholarship Program offers scholarship per semester for technical, state, or private college respectively to students for tuition in high-demand medical programs and who are willing to make an employment service commitment. 3.0 GPA https://www.hfmhealth.org/scholarships
Various	Daughters of American Revolution DAR provides a legitimate site for a variety of scholarships in various fields for high school seniors, undergrads and graduate students. http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#history
Various	The Christian Connector, Inc. offers a scholarship drawing and information for select/participating Christian Colleges. www.ChristianConnector.com
Accepting 2017-18 applications.	Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing renewable scholarships for their children under age 26 at time of application and are a high school senior or currently enrolled as a full-time undergrad student. Students must be dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine AND whose military parent meets one of the following: has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident; OR, has been KIA; OR, has been classified as MIA; OR, has been classified a POW. www.FAScholarship.com
Check your EFC on your SAR report!	TIP Grant/Gear Up Scholarship. To be considered for the TIP grant a student must meet two criteria. The majority of the dependent students who qualify have a parent contribution below \$200 (EFC on the FAFSA) and are first generation. First generation means neither parent graduated from a four-year college. See Mrs. Bruckner with questions or if you think you may qualify or need assistance. This grant & scholarship is open until funds are exhausted. http://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant
UW System SCHOLARSHIP S	Students attending any UW System campus need to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines and processes. All the UW scholarship search sites in one location: https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/counselors/navigating-financial-aid/uw-system-scholarship-links/

- UW Madison** **Bucky's Tuition Promise** commits to providing some of our most financially vulnerable students and families with the opportunity to attend UW-Madison without concern of the cost of tuition and segregated fees. We feel that one of the best parts of this new initiative is that the clarity and simplicity of the criteria and commitment- if an incoming student's household adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than or equal to \$56K, we'll ensure that tuition and segregated fees are paid with gift aid (i.e. scholarships and grants). <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/types-of-aid/tuition-promise>
- July 30, 2018 **NEW!** **Bachus and Schanker LLC Scholarship** awarded to a high school senior attending a four-year university in the United States who carries 3.0 gpa. <https://www.coloradolaw.net/news/college-scholarship/>
- July 31, 2018 **NEW!** **Minecraft Scholarship** awarded to a US citizen currently enrolled in college or high school with a current 3.0gpa. <https://apexminecrafthosting.com/minecraft-scholarship/>
- September 15, 2018 **NEW!** **FormSwift Scholarship** awarded to graduating senior or undergrad to assist students interested in entrepreneurship. Create a Business Plan Infographic. <https://formswift.com/startup-scholarship>
- September 30, 2018 **NEW!** **Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship** awards US citizen, GPA 2.5. Essay. http://www.odenzascholarships.com/awards/9/application_odenza_marketing_group_scholarship.php
- October 25, 2018 **NEW!** **Horatio Alger Scholarship** seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need. <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>
- December 30, 2018 **NEW!** **Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Award** encourages students to make a positive contribution to their individual communities, while providing scholarship awards to those who have done so over the previous 12 months odenzamarketinggroupvolunteeraward.com
- May 31, 2019 **NEW!** **LM Scholarship Program** awards scholarship to a deserving student in a degree program of two-years length or greater. Student gpa 3.0 and a US resident. https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10415/lm_scholarship_program_scholarship.php#sthash.HBvsa0eY.dpbs

Scholarship Nuts & Bolts: How do I write scholarships and get the scholarship applications to work for me? How can I type right into a pdf file? How will I get my money?

INFORMATION FOR PDF FILES or paper copies!!

Students should not manually type or handwrite any pdf document or paper copy.

If the document is a pdf file on this bulletin, (we suggest using Google chrome browser) open and download the document by doing a “save as” a pdf document. Next, click on “sign” on the upper right hand corner. Then, click on “Add Text” or “Fill & Sign”. You will not be able to do this directly from the browser...do a save as. If you need assistance, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East. (Hint: You can always sloppy copy at home and then type at school if having difficulties.) [Additionally, if you only have access to a paper copy or pdf file of a scholarship not listed on this bulletin—SEE MRS. WILHELM.](#) She can save you time and effort and scan and email you the scholarship from the big copier so that you can then enter your information on it. Don’t handwrite things! ☺ Good luck and if ?’s see us!

Keep a copy of every scholarship that you submit, whether you submit it or Student Services submits it. In the event you are awarded the scholarship, you will be responsible for contacting the agency/person who awarded the scholarship to you and follow their directions to collect your money. Local scholarships may have instructions on your awards certificates. Keep them handy!

Start the application process early. Don’t procrastinate.

Read & FOLLOW the instructions. Don’t hesitate to ask questions.

Highlight the deadlines – note who the deadline is TO (Student Services or the organization).

Allow ample time for mailing the scholarship or transcript if needed. (Official transcripts are mailed from Student Services to the organization and not given to Students. We will mail your scholarships if a transcript is needed. You mail your scholarships when transcripts are NOT needed.)

Write and rewrite the essay – remove the “fluff,” provide solid reasons. –

Computer generate or type everything -- typed applications make it to the top.

Hint #1: See above on how to scan and convert pdf to an editable format.

Hint #2: OR, use a pdf-to-word converter available on line.

Do not use acronyms or abbreviations – spell everything out.

Be professional, check for grammar, and check for spelling errors.

Be neat – no whiteout, erasures, or paper smudges.

Take responsibility for your application. Does it need to be signed or have other documentation submitted with it? Submit all materials together. Keep a copy for your records.

Scholarships collected in Student Services are due on the due date by 4:00PM (Hard & Fast Rule) unless noted on the scholarship bulletin above.

Please note: You may access scholarships using either *Internet Explorer or Google Chrome from home. If you have difficulty accessing local scholarship web links, check your browser to see that it is up to date and in-sync. If still having difficulty, you can also try to save it to your desktop (see below * if you have an older version of IE or Windows). From school, use only the Google Chrome browser. These files should open; we do test them; however, if you ever note difficulty and have tried these methods, **please let us know.**

Attention all students who have *Internet Explorer AND Windows XP (or older version) of Microsoft Word: there is a KNOWN **Microsoft error**. If you have IE, you may want to use Google Chrome or try this wrap-around fix: Open the file. **Choose “SAVE.”** When it states the file name, it will have “.zip” after it. Change this “.zip” to “.docx” and save it to your home computer drive. You can then open the document from your drive. If you have any questions or would like to be shown what to do, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East.

Where do I get more information & how do I find other scholarships?

Get Started Here: Federal Student Aid An Office of the Dept. of Education

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

Don't forget to periodically check the High School Announcements for information on contests open to HS students that could **net you money for college!**

<http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/announce/hmessage.htm>

UW System SCHOLARSHIPS. Students attending any UW System campus need to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines and processes. UW information is in one location:

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/pay-for-college/financial-resources/> *Hint: For UW Manitowoc, look under "UW Colleges" Due April 15th!*

LTC Foundation: <http://gotoltc.edu/foundation/scholarship/> Please note that LTC Foundation has several full-tuition scholarships for specific programs in addition to the general new high school student scholarship. Due mid-to end of April.

TIP Grants. To be considered for the TIP grant a student must meet two criteria. The majority of dependent students who qualify have a parent contribution below \$200 (**EFC on the FAFSA; Check your EFC on your SAR report!**) and are first generation. First generation means neither parent graduated from a four- year college. See Student Services with questions or if you think you may qualify or need assistance. This grant is open until funds are exhausted. <http://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant>

Free Scholarship Search Engines

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

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

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com;);

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

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

[https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships;);

<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarships>

Military Scholarships and Benefits

Every branch is different in the amounts and types of educational benefits and scholarships they offer. There is a difference between National and Wisconsin Army Guards as well. **Ensure you check out ALL your options** if interested in funding your education with a military career. A few places to get started:

<http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc?source-id=ROTC&content-id=+rotc&medium-id=BMM&campaign-id=G Military Training Programs BMM>

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

<http://www.airforce.com/benefits/enlisted-education/>

<http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education>

<http://www.goarmy.com/benefits/education-benefits.html>

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>

<http://www.marines.com/being-a-marine/benefits/education>

<https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc>

<http://www.navy.com/joining/benefits/education-opportunities.html>
https://www.uscg.mil/hr/cgi/active_duty/pay_for_college/ta/default.asp

FinAid.org: This award-winning site includes a comprehensive database of scholarships, student financial aid information, tools and advice including:

Lessons Learned: Apply for every scholarship for which you are eligible, no matter how small (or how large). Every dollar you win in scholarships is a dollar less you have to borrow. Your chances of winning a small scholarship are greater than your chances of winning a more lucrative scholarship because they are less competitive. Winning several small scholarships can add up to big money. It also gives you practice for the bigger awards and provides you with credentials to add to subsequent applications. Essays can often be reused on multiple scholarship applications with slight tweaks, saving you a lot of time. Winning a scholarship is a mark of excellence, indicating that someone thought it worthwhile to invest their money in your future.

Be thorough in searching for scholarships. Besides the free online scholarship matching services like FastWeb, ask every organization with which you are associated whether they offer scholarships. These include you and your parents' employers, unions and fraternal organizations, religious organizations, ethnic groups, cultural organizations, volunteer groups, clubs, your local PTA and your high school. Ask local businesses, such as community banks, grocery stores, bowling alleys and any other business that is not part of a national chain, whether they sponsor scholarships for local students. The chamber of commerce might have information about local businesses that award scholarships. Also, ask your high school guidance counselor and the financial aid administrators at nearby colleges about small local awards.

Additional information for colleges, technical colleges, specialty schools, scholarships, FAFSA, ACT & financial aid are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/valdershighstudentservices/>

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL AID.

Fast Tip: Applying for financial aid should never cost more than a postage stamp!

Bonus Tip: An upfront fee is not needed for scholarship or loan applications!

If you have questions about financial aid, see the counselor.

FAFSA HELP!!!!!! *College Goal* is held at various locations throughout the state. Bring your tax forms and information and get help with the FAFSA. Info online for other dates <http://collegegoalwi.org/>
Attend for a chance to win a scholarship. The closest College Goal event is held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 6PM @ UW Manitowoc. They will help you with your FAFSA no matter which college you are attending.

UW Help Online <http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>

If you do not have access to a computer at home and do not have study halls to access a school computer, feel free to see Student Services for assistance.

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