

Outside Scholarship and Loan Opportunities

The following is a list of scholarship and loan opportunities compiled by the Financial Aid Office at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. We encourage you to research and apply for scholarships you may be eligible for to assist in the costs of your education. Inquiries about specific scholarship eligibility requirements or application procedures should be directed to the awarding organization.

Some quick pointers:

Be prepared. Online scholarship searches may require you to enter a lot of information. Be patient and allow time to carefully complete the applications.

Start early. Most scholarships are awarded six months to one year prior to the start of the semester.

Don't pay. Penn State does not endorse any scholarship search that charges a fee. You should never have to pay for a scholarship search! Be aware of scholarship scams. For more information on scholarship scams and how to avoid them, please contact the financial aid office.

Be persistent. Revisit the sites listed below on a regular basis. Many repost new scholarships frequently.

(Please be advised, the college does not endorse or guarantee success in receiving a scholarship from these sources. This information is available for you to consider as possible opportunities.)

We hope you find this information helpful. In addition to the scholarships listed below, you may find it helpful to visit these other important sites:

<http://www.ufo.psu.edu/>

<http://www.psu.edu/studentaid/index.shtml>

There are also many additional scholarship search engines listed at the end of this list

AARP Foundation – Women’s Scholarship Program

Deadline: August 2009

Amount of Award: Varies

Description: The AARP Foundation's Women's Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to women 40+ seeking new job skills, training, and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families. The AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program is available to eligible individuals with moderate to lower incomes and limited financial resources.

Additional Information: To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must be: Women, Age 40 or over by August 31, 2009, Able to demonstrate financial need, Enrolled in an accredited school or technical program within 6 months of the scholarship award date.

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.aarpfoundationwlc.org/>

AAUW - The Erie Branch of the American Association of University Women – Re-entry Scholarship

Deadline: April 3, 2009

Amount of Award: \$2000

Description: The scholarships are for Erie County women who are full or part-time, non-traditional students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program accredited by the Middle Atlantic States Association.

Additional Information: Must be Erie County resident who completed high school more than five years ago, be working towards their first undergraduate degree, have completed at least 12 credit hours in the last three years, at least a sophomore,

3.00 QPA.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Applications will be available in the financial aid office at Behrend. Please e-mail the financial aid office at tlv13@psu.edu or call 814-898-6162.

AAUW - American Association of University Women

Deadline: Varies

Amount of Award: Varies

Description: One of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, the AAUW Educational Foundation supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

Website: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/

ACEC – American Council of Engineering Companies

Deadline: December 5, 2008 and March 2009

Amount of Award: varies

Description: A student must be a U.S. citizen pursuing a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in engineering or in an accredited land-surveying program to qualify.

Grade Level: Junior, Senior, Fifth, or Graduate Year

How to Apply: Visit website for application information – scholarships at the national level and state level

Website: <http://www.acec.org/awards/scholarships.cfm> or <http://www.acecpa.org/Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

ACS – American Chemical Society Scholars Program

Deadline: March 1, 2009

Amount of Award: \$2500 - \$5000

Description: The American Chemical Society awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students who want to enter the fields of chemistry or chemistry-related fields. Awards of up to \$5,000 are given to qualified applicants based on academic standing, financial need, career objective, leadership skills, and involvement in school activities and community service.

Additional Information: If you are an African American, Hispanic or American Indian high school senior or college freshman, sophomore or junior pursuing a college degree in the chemical sciences or chemical technology, you may be eligible for an ACS scholarship.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.acs.org/scholars

ACT – Air Force Aid Society

Deadline: March 6, 2009

Amount of Award: \$2000

Description: The centerpiece of the Society's education initiatives is the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides \$2000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.afas.org/Education/body_grant.cfm

Addison H. Gibson Foundation

Deadline: n/a

Amount of Award: up to \$12000 for undergraduate and up to \$18000 for graduate (cumulative)

Description: Low-interest loan program for residents of Western, PA

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.gibson-fnd.org

AICPA – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Deadline: varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: varies

Description: Numerous scholarships available to students in the accounting field.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://ceae.aicpa.org/Resources/Scholarships+and+Awards/>

AIST – Association for Iron and Steel Technology

Deadline: Applications open December 1, 2008 and are due by March 5, 2009

Amount of Award: varies

Description: AIST Foundation scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to talented and dedicated students to encourage them to pursue careers within iron- and steel-related industries. Approximately \$340,000 will be awarded each year through foundation scholarships, FeMET Scholarships, StEEL Scholarships, endowment scholarships and Member Chapter scholarships. If you are an engineering major interested in the steel industry be sure to check out the AIST Foundation web site for scholarship information.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.aistfoundation.org/>

American Water Works – David A. Long Scholarship

Deadline: February 1, 2009

Amount of Award: \$2000

Description: The Pennsylvania Section of the AWWA encourages study in fields relating to the water supply industry and is offering scholarships to eligible students. Students must be a junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in a field which may lead to a career in the water supply industry.

Grade Level: Junior, senior or graduate student

How to Apply: E-mail paawwa@paawwa.org for application information or visit the Behrend financial aid office

Website:

AmeriCorps - Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

Deadline: n/a

Amount of Award: \$4725

Description: After successfully completing a term of service, AmeriCorps members who are enrolled in the National Service Trust are eligible to receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. You can use your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans. The award is \$4,725 for a year of full-time service, and is prorated for part-time.

Grade Level:

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.americorps.org/for_individuals/benefits/benefits_ed_award.asp

AMS – American Meteorological Society

Deadline: February 2009

Amount of Award: varies depending on scholarship

Description: The American Meteorological Society administers an array of graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships with the support of its members, corporations, and government agencies nationwide. The fellowships and scholarships help further the education of outstanding graduate and undergraduate students pursuing a career in the atmospheric and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/scholfeldocs/index.html>

AMVETS – National Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 2009

Amount of Award: varies depending on scholarship

Description: AMVETS annually awards scholarships to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.amvets.org/programs/programs_scholarships.html

Army Emergency Relief

Deadline: March 2009

Amount of Award: varies depending on scholarship

Description: AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own". AER provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of soldiers. AER funds are made available to commanders having AER Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers - active & retired - and their dependents when there is a valid need.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

ASCO Numatics

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Amount of Award: varies depending on scholarship

Description: ASCO Numatics, a division of Emerson, has been the world's leading manufacturer of comprehensive flow control and pneumatics solutions for over 100 years. They offer engineering college scholarship programs aimed at rewarding exceptional undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in manufacturing and processing engineering.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.asconumatics.com/scholarship

ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Deadline: March 2009

Amount of Award:

Description: Over \$100,000 in academic scholarships are awarded annually to ASME Student Members worldwide. The program is a collaboration between the ASME Center for Education and the ASME Foundation. *Applications for the 2009-10 academic year will be accepted online (only) from February 1 through March 15, 2009.* You must be a current undergraduate ASME Student Member.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.asme.org/Education/College/FinancialAid/Scholarships.cfm>

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Amount of Award: varies depending on scholarship

Description: The AXA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of AXA Equitable, directing the company's philanthropic and volunteer activities and working to improve the quality of life in communities across the country where AXA has a presence. The AXA Foundation's signature program, *AXA Achievement*, provides resources that help make college possible: access and advice.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/about.html>

Ayn Rand Institute – Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

Deadline: September 17, 2009

Amount of Award: varies

Description: The Ayn Rand Institute (ARI), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Irvine, California, works to introduce young people to Ayn Rand's novels, to support scholarship and research based on her ideas, and to promote the principles of reason, rational self-interest, individual rights and laissez-faire capitalism to the widest possible audience. The Institute is named for novelist-philosopher Ayn Rand (1905-1982), who is best known for her novels *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.aynrand.org/contests

Best 50 Women in Business Scholarship

Deadline: April 6, 2009

Amount of Award: Up to \$3000

Description: Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business past award recipients, in cooperation with the Central Penn Business Journal, announced the launch of Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business Scholarship Fund in 2002. The Fund, created and supported by past Best 50 Women in Business award recipients, will serve as a means of extending support to the next generation of women business leaders in Pennsylvania communities. Must be a PA resident.

Grade Level:

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.best50womenpa.com/>

Big 33

Deadline: February 6, 2009

Amount of Award:

Description: Big 33 Scholarships provide financial assistance to high school seniors who exhibit excellence in a well rounded educational and extracurricular program. The scholarships are made possible by the Annual Big 33 Football Classic and its scholarship sponsors, and are administered by the Big 33 Scholarship Foundation. For students in Ohio and Pennsylvania

Grade Level: High School Seniors

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.big33.org

BPW – Business & Professional Women's Organization

Deadline: April 2009 (application open after the first of the year)

Amount of Award: Varies

Description: The BPW Foundation established the Career Advancement Scholarship Program in 1969 to provide financial assistance to disadvantaged women seeking to further their education. Scholarships are provided to women who wish to advance in their careers, or are soon to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.bpwusa.org

Capturing History Alive Scholarship – The Eldred World War II Museum

Deadline: No deadline

Amount of Award: \$400

Description: The Eldred WWII Museum cordially invites college students to participate in a supplemental self-guided learning experience utilizing the considerable World War II reference resources of the Eldred WWII Museum in Eldred, Pennsylvania.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.eldredwwiimuseum.net/scholarship-application.html>

Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

Deadline: February 4, 2009

Amount of Award: varies

Description: The Career Development Center of JF&CS administers the Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service program for the United Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. The largest Jewish scholarship program in the United States, CSLRS allows qualified students to apply for numerous scholarships and loans through one overall source. To be eligible you must be a Jewish high school student, college, or graduate student with financial need and a resident of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington or Westmoreland County.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.jfcspgh.org/csllrs.asp>

Department of Energy - Global Change Education Programs

Deadline: February 2, 2009

Amount of Award: Research experience and fellowship

Description: The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) sponsors the Global Change Education Program (GCEP) to promote undergraduate and graduate education and training in support of the Department's global change research activities. Global change research encompasses a number of technical areas, including atmospheric sciences, ecology, global carbon cycles, climate, and terrestrial processes.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.atmos.anl.gov/GCEP/>

Department of Homeland Security

Deadline: January 2009

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the [DHS mission](#). This education program is intended to ensure a highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Eligible students must be studying in a homeland security related science, technology, engineering and mathematics (HS-STEM) field with an interest, major, or concentration directly related to one of the homeland security research areas.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/>

Diversified Family Services is offering the Robin Kravevich Memorial Scholarship Fund

Deadline: April 3, 2009

Amount of Award: \$500

Description: The Diversified Family (dFs) is a non-profit agency serving children and adults with intellectual and behavioral challenges. In an effort to promote the field of social services as a career, in 2006 dFs began the Robin Kravevich Memorial Scholarship Fund. They are offering a one (1) \$500.00 scholarship to a currently enrolled college student who is a resident of Mercer County and who is pursuing a career in social services.

How to Apply: Applications will be available in the financial aid office at Behrend. Please e-mail the financial aid office at tlv13@psu.edu or call 814-898-6162. You can also access the application via their website by clicking the link for "What We Do".

Website: www.diversifiedfamily.org

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics - The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity

Deadline: December 2009

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is an annual competition designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and are rational arguments for ethical action.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/>

Erie Community Foundation

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Erie Community Foundation is a collection of charitable endowments operating under the administrative umbrella of a single public charity. The Erie Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life in our region by evaluating and addressing community issues, by promoting responsible philanthropy and by connecting donors to the critical needs of the community.

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.eriecommunityfoundation.org/>

Erie County Bar Association

Deadline: June 2009

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: Law school scholarships. Students must be a resident of Erie County, PA.

Grade Level: Second or third year law school

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.eriebar.com/fp_scholarship.htm

Fleet Reserve Association Scholarship

Deadline: April 2009

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: FRA is proud to support America's future leaders by awarding more than \$100,000 annually in scholarships to deserving students. Awardees are selected based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities. FRA scholarships are awarded to FRA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.fra.org/Content/fra/AboutFRA/Scholarships/default.htm>

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship, but most due in January and February 2009

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: All scholarships are awarded to students who plan to further their education in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Architecture, Conservation, Forestry, Biology, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Environmental Control, City Planning, Land Management, and/or allied subjects. Applicants for all scholarships must be residents of Pennsylvania and must be sponsored by a Federated Garden Club. The college, university, or Audubon Camp is of the recipient's choice.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.gcamerica.org/scholarships.php3>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Deadline: : Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. Founded in 1975 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, HSF's vision is to strengthen the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.hsf.net/scholarships.aspx>

Horatio Alger Scholarship Program

Deadline: See website

Amount of Award: \$5000

Description: As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs in the country, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others. The National Scholarship Program is awarded to eligible students in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. National Scholars receive an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. during the spring of their senior year to participate in the National Scholars Conference.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <https://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/sp.cfm>

IMA – Institute of Management Accountants

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: IMA is dedicated to rebalancing the accountancy profession by educating society regarding the business building role of management accountants and finance professionals working inside organizations. IMA sponsors a variety of scholarship programs to help students offset the high cost of education.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.imanet.org/membership_helping_student_scholarships.asp

Institute of International Education:

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and also the Boren Scholarship

Deadline: February 11, 2009 for Boren Scholarship and April 7, 2009 for Gilman Scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

Boren Scholarships provide American undergraduate students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation, in exchange for their commitment to seek work in the federal government.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.iee.org/programs/gilman/index.html> or <http://www.borenawards.org/>

ISA Pittsburgh - The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society

Deadline: April 2009

Amount of Award: \$500 and \$1000

Description: The Pittsburgh Section of ISA (a non-profit engineering society dedicated to the process control industry) will

present these scholarships to students who qualify. Students living in the tri-state area are eligible to apply.

Grade Level:

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.isapgh.org/scholarship.html>

ISA Educational Foundation Scholarships

Deadline: February 16, 2009

Amount of Award: Varies

Description: ISA Educational Foundation Scholarships are awarded to college or university students who demonstrate outstanding potential for long-range contribution to the fields of automation and control. The scholarship awards support tuition and related expenses and research activities and initiatives. To apply you need to submit the application form or call (919) 549-8411 by **16 February 2009**.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.isa.org/educationalfoundation/scholarships

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation

Deadline: March 1, 2009

Amount of Award: Maximum award of \$24,000 prorated over period of study

Description: The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 for the purpose of improving teaching about the United States Constitution in secondary schools. Through a national competition, the Foundation offers James Madison Fellowships to a select group of individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution.

Grade Level: Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.jamesmadison.com/>

Housing Authority of the City of Erie, PA

The Louis J. Tullio Memorial Scholarships and THE ELLEN CURRY FOUNDATION

Deadline: April 2009

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Applications for both the Curry and Tullio scholarships are available at any Housing Authority office or by calling 452-2425

Website: <http://hace.org/content/>

Kelly Engineering Resources – Future Engineers Scholarship

Deadline: October 2009

Amount of Award: \$5000

Description: The Kelly Engineering Resources Future Engineers Scholarship is designed to encourage student interest in engineering and to build awareness of engineering as a career path with unlimited potential. The purpose is to alleviate a critical current and future shortage of highly qualified engineers.

Grade Level: Undergraduate (sophomore or junior)

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.kellyengineering.us/web/us/ker/en/pages/scholarships.html>

Marian J. Wettrick Charitable Foundation

Deadline: March 31, 2009

Description: The Marian J. Wettrick Charitable Foundation offers financial assistance in the form of grants to certain qualified female students graduating from a Pennsylvania college or university who have gained admission and will subsequently attend and/or are attending a Pennsylvania medical school and for internships at accredited medical teaching hospitals.

How to Apply: Eligible applicants may apply for financial assistance directly through the offices of financial aid at any of the

Pennsylvania medical schools where the applicant is accepted for admissions or by direct request to the Foundation.
Contact Information: 814-274-1927

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Deadline: February 2, 2009

Amount of Award: One-year competitive scholarship of up to one-half of tuition, not to exceed \$10,000

Description: The Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology Project, or MUST, funded by the NASA, is a joint partnership between the Hispanic College Fund, the United Negro College Fund Special Programs and the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers. MUST awards scholarships and internships to undergraduates pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, fields. The MUST Project is open to all students and is particularly focused on engaging students from underserved and underrepresented groups to enter STEM fields.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.nasa.gov/education/must

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship

Deadline: January 5, 2009

Amount of Award: See website for more details

Description: As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance, the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award approximately 200 new three-year graduate fellowships in April 2009, subject to the availability of funds. The DoD will offer these fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships are awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree

Grade Level: Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://ndseg.asee.org/>

NFB – National Federation of the Blind

Deadline: March 31, 2009 for the National Scholarship, August 31, 2009 for PA Scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The National Federation of the Blind is an organization dedicated to creating opportunity for all blind people. To that end, recipients of NFB scholarships need not be members of the National Federation of the Blind. Each applicant will be considered for all scholarships for which he or she qualifies. All scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, community service, and financial need.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Each year's Scholarship Application information is made available online, by mail, and in the November issue of the *Braille Monitor*

Website: http://www.nfb.org/nfb/scholarship_program.asp

NIAF – The National Italian American Foundation

Deadline: March 6, 2009

Amount of Award: Range from \$2000 to \$12000

Description: The NIAF will award scholarships and grants to outstanding students in the summer of 2009 for use during the following academic year. The awards will be made on the basis of academic merit and divided between two groups of students.

General Category I: Italian American students who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements. Area of study: open. **General Category II:** Those students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American studies or a related field, who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <https://www.niaf.org/scholarships/index.asp>

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Deadline: See website

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

National Physical Science Consortium – Graduate Fellowships in the Physical Sciences

Deadline: November 2009

Amount of Award: See website

Description: If you aspire to a graduate degree and career in the physical sciences, biochemistry, computer science, and related fields of science and engineering, you may be a potential NPSC Fellow.

Grade Level: Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.npsc.org/>

National Scholars Honor Society

Deadline: See website

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The National Scholars Honor Society is a private and independent academic honors organization dedicated to encouraging, recognizing, and rewarding high academic achievement in all areas of study

Grade Level:

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.collegehonors.org

NSA – National Speakers Association

Deadline: June 2009

Amount of Award: \$5000

Description: In 1985, NSA President Jeanne Robertson, CSP, CPAE, established a ground plan for a scholarship program to encourage students in the field of professional speaking. After four years of designing, organizing and implementing, its founders distributed the first scholarships in 1989.

The fund provides four \$5,000 scholarships to be given to college juniors, seniors and graduate students majoring or minoring in speech or a directly related field at an accredited four-year college or university.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.nsaspeaker.org/ASPIRINGSPeAKERS/ScholarshipInformation.aspx>

Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania

Deadline: January 31, 2009

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania (NAP), a non-profit foundation created to recognize and retain nurses in Pennsylvania, announces the availability of scholarship funds for individuals pursuing an education in nursing. The scholarships will be awarded in March 2009 and are available to be used for tuition, books, and/or educational fees for that spring semester of 2009.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.nightingaleawards.org/scholarships.htm>

NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship

Deadline: January 30, 2009

Amount of Award: Up to \$8000 per school year

Description: Majoring in NOAA mission disciplines

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: https://www.orau.org/noaa_uspa/

P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education

Deadline: April 1, 2009

Amount of Award: Up to \$2,000 Scholarship, or \$4,500 Loan per year

Description: A Grant program providing financial assistance to women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to resume studies due to changing demands in their lives. They must have a need for financial assistance with their educational expenses to improve their marketable skills. The applicant must be a US/Canadian citizen, be within 24 months of completing undergraduate or masters degree, and must have at least 24 consecutive months as a non-student at some point in her adult life. The program offers both a scholarship and loan opportunity.

How to Apply: Please contact Sue Raimy at smrerie@rainy.us for application information.

Website: <http://www.peointernational.org>

PICPA – Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Deadline: Varies

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: PICPA offers a variety of programs to recognize outstanding students and educators. Scholarships are available for students enrolled at a Pennsylvania college or university and majoring in accounting.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: For further information, e-mail the Careers in Accounting Team at schools@picpa.org or call (888) 272-2001.

Website: http://www.cpazone.org/college/awards_scholarships/index.asp

The Pittsburgh Foundation

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Pittsburgh Foundation is the 14th largest community foundation in the country. Since 1945, it has worked to improve the quality of life in the Pittsburgh region by evaluating and addressing community issues, promoting charitable giving, and connecting donors to the critical needs of the community. Many generous individuals have invested in their community by establishing over 1,000 funds at the Foundation, benefiting a wide variety of nonprofit organizations and community needs.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.pittsburghfoundation.org/index.cfm>

SAE - The Society of Automotive Engineers

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: Through generous contributions from various corporations and universities, SAE is proud to award scholarship money to both undergraduate and graduate engineering students. SAE scholarships assist in developing the future engineering workforce by helping students achieve their dreams of becoming an engineer.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/>

SallieMae

Deadline: Opens January 2009

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The Sallie Mae Fund sponsors several scholarship programs and supports hundreds of college scholarships. All of

our programs are based on financial need, as The Fund seeks to bridge the dollar gap when no one else can. With an estimated \$3 billion in private scholarships awarded nationally each year, The Fund aims to send the message that money is available to those who make the effort to apply.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/scholarship/index.html>

Also a general SallieMae scholarships search engine is available at:

http://www.salliemae.com/before_college/students_plan/free_money/scholarship-search.htm

Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program

Deadline: March 15 and October 15, 2009

Amount of Award: See website

Description: The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program has been providing undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences for more than 80 years. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning. The program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/index.shtml>

SME – Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Deadline: February 2009

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: Since 1998, the Foundation has provided over \$3.5 million dollars in financial aid through its various scholarship programs. The Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors, current undergraduates and masters or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees in manufacturing and related fields at two-year and four-year colleges.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.smeef.org

The SPE Foundation – Society of Plastics Engineers

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The SPE Foundation offers numerous scholarships to students who have demonstrated or expressed an interest in the plastics industry.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.4spe.org/spe-foundation>

SWE – The Society of Women Engineers

Deadline: February 28, 2009 for college sophomores or higher; March 15, 2009 for incoming freshman

Amount of Award: Range from \$1000 to \$10000

Description: The SWE Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to women admitted to accredited baccalaureate or graduate programs, in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology and computer science.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/>

Order Sons of Italy in America

Deadline: February 28, 2009

Amount of Award: Range from \$5000 to \$25000

Description: Through its Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) and more than 700 state and local chapters, the Order Sons of Italy in

America (OSIA) has awarded nearly \$47 million in scholarships to date. Each year, the SIF offers 10 to 13 merit-based scholarships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. **Eligibility:** U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian American grandparent) enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <http://www.osia.org/public/scholarships/grants.asp>

Talbot's Charitable Foundation

Deadline: January 2, 2009

Amount of Award: : Varies depending on scholarship

Description: In keeping with its long-standing tradition of serving the community, the Talbots Charitable Foundation is proud to offer a unique scholarship program for women pursuing a college degree later in life. Each year, the fund awards \$120,000 in scholarships to women who earned their high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago, and who are now seeking a college degree.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/instructions.php>

UNCF

Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship

Amount of Award: Varies depending on scholarship

Description: The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the nation's largest, oldest, and most successful minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF provides operating funds and technology enhancement services for 39 member historically black colleges and universities ([HBCUs](#)), scholarships and internships for students at about 900 institutions, and faculty and administrative professional training.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.uncf.org/

UNCF Merck Science Initiative

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Amount of Award: Varies

Description: The UNCF/Merck Science Initiative (UMSI) provides undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral support to outstanding African-American students who are pursuing studies and research careers in biological and chemical sciences.

Grade Level: Undergraduate and Graduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: www.uncf.org/merck

USA Funds

Deadline: February 16, 2009

Amount of Award: \$1500

Description: USA Funds® will award \$1,500 scholarships to students with economic need through USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships®. USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships are open to high school seniors, currently enrolled college students or incoming college students.

Grade Level: Undergraduate

How to Apply: Visit website for application information

Website: http://www.usafunds.org/planning/access_to_education_scholarship/index.htm

Additional Scholarship Searches:

AES – American Education Services

Website: <http://www.aessuccess.org/>

Brokescholar.com

Website: <https://www.brokescholar.com/>

College Board

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

Collegenet

Website: <http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>

Fastweb

Website: www.fastweb.com

FinAid

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

IEFA – International Education Financial Aid

Website: <http://www.iefa.org/>

ScholarshipExperts.com

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/>

SchoolSoup.com

Website: <http://www.schoolsoup.com/>

Diversity Scholarships

<http://pennstatebehrend.psu.edu/student/Diversity/DiversityScholarships.htm>

Disability Scholarships

http://www.equity.psu.edu/ods/students/scholarship_info.asp

<http://www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/>

https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/scholarship_search_select.asp?13817/

International Scholarships

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

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

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

http://www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx

<http://www.edupass.org/finaid/databases.phtml>

<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/guides/foreign.html>

<http://www.iiebooks.org/funforunstat.html>