Scholarships for African Americans

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1) Ron Brown Scholar Program
The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Current college students are not eligible to apply. Each year, ten to twenty students will be designated Ron Brown Scholars and will receive $10,000 annually for four years, for a total of $40,000. The recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline.

2) The National Black Nurses Association
NBNA Scholarship Program
This program supports the professional and educational development of African American nurses, including offering annual grants, fourteen scholarships for continuing education. These awards range from $500-$2000 per year. Scholarship Requirements: Candidate must be currently enrolled in a nursing program (B.S.N., A.D., Diploma or L.P.N. / L.V.N.) and in good scholastic standing at the time of application; must be a member of NBNA and a member of a local chapter (if one exists in your area); applicant must have at least one full year of school remaining.

3) The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club (NANBPWC) Scholarships
a. National Scholarship
Eligibility requirements: African American graduating high school senior; cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale by February 1st in the year of graduation; complete the scholarship application form online; submit a typed essay of no less than 300 words on the topic: “Why Education is Important to Me.”

b. Dr. Julianne Malveaux Scholarship
Awarded annually to young black women pursuing undergraduate studies. Requirements: African American female; college sophomore or junior enrolled in an accredited college or university; majors in journalism, economics or related field (public policy, creative writing, etc.); cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale; United States citizen; complete the scholarship application online; submit a 1000 word essay on the topic: Your Career Plans and their Relevance to the Dr. Julianne Malveaux Program Theme: “Black Women's Hands Can Rock the World.”

4) United Negro College Fund Scholarships
The Program Services Department administers various scholarship programs. Each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates and required documents. In order to apply for a UNCF Program Services Scholarship, you must apply through the online application process.

5) Ronald McDonald House Charities
RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship
RMHC’s goal is simple: to identify and invest in future leaders. Currently enrolled high school seniors who have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage and who are eligible to attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents, be less than 21 years of age, have a minimum 2.7 GPA and reside within the geographic boundaries of a
participating Chapter that offers a scholarship under the RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship program. Applicants may apply for only one RMHC scholarship program. Please refer to www.rmhc.org to confirm which scholarship programs are offered in your county. Scholarship minimum: $1,000.

6) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Scholarship

a. Earl G. Graves Scholarship
Award: $5,000. Eligibility: Applicant must be a junior or senior Business major enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States; or a graduate student enrolled to a master's or doctoral program within a Business school at an accredited college or university in the United States (applicant may apply during their sophomore year.) Applicant must currently be in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward an undergraduate or graduate degree. Applicant must be a full-time student. Applicant must be in the top 20% of his/her class. Applicant need not demonstrate a financial need.

b. Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship
Award: Undergraduate: $1,500  Graduate: $2,500. Eligibility: Applicant must be a current member of the NAACP. Applicant must submit a copy of their NAACP membership card or membership application to verify membership. Applicant must be a United States citizen and be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States; undergraduate applicant must be a full-time student. If a student drops below the required full-time status, the Scholarship Selection Committee will adjust the grant received to 50% of the award allocated for that semester. Graduate applicant may be a full- or part-time student. Graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students must possess a grade point average of 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system. Graduate students must possess a 3.0 (B) average on a 4.0 system. Applicant must demonstrate financial need.

c. Lillian & Samuel Sutton Education Scholarship
Award: Undergraduate: $1,000  Graduate: $2,000  Eligibility: Applicant must be an Education major and a United States citizen enrolled in an accredited college in the United States. NAACP membership and participation is highly desirable. Undergraduate applicant must be a full-time student. If a student drops below the required full-time status, the Scholarship Selection Committee will adjust the grant received to 50% of the award allocated for that semester. Graduate students may be full or part-time students. Graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students must possess a grade point average of 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system. Graduate students must possess a 3.0 (B) average on a 4.0 system. Renewals will not be automatic. Recipients will have to compete for the renewal of their scholarship and must maintain a 2.5 GPA for undergraduates and a 3.0 for graduates to qualify for renewal. Additional information such as recent GPA, and verification of education major will be considered.

d. Roy Wilkins Scholarship
Award: $1,000. Eligibility: Applicant must be an entering freshman. Applicant must be a United States citizen enrolled in an accredited college in the United States. NAACP membership and participation is highly desirable. Undergraduate applicants must be full-time students. If a student drops below the required full-time status, the Scholarship Selection Committee will adjust the grant received to 50% of the award allocated for that semester. Applicant must possess a grade point average of at least 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system. The Roy Wilkins Scholarship is not renewable.

e. Hubertus W. V. Willems Scholarship for Male Students
Award: Undergraduate: $2,000  Graduate: $3,000. Eligibility: Applicant must be a male majoring in one of the following fields: Engineering, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematical Sciences. Applicant must be a United States citizen and be applying to or accepted at an accredited college (excluding proprietary schools) in the United States. NAACP membership and participation is highly desirable. Undergraduate applicant must be a full-time student. If a student drops below the required full-time status, the Scholarship Selection Committee will adjust the grant received to 50% of the award.
allocated for that semester. Graduate students may be full or part-time students. Graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students must possess a grade point average of 2.5 (C+) on a 4.0 system. Graduate students must possess a 3.0 (B) average on a 4.0 system. Applicant must demonstrate financial need. http://www.naacp.org/youth/scholarships/information/

7) NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.  
**Herbert Lehman Educational Fund**
Herbert Lehman Scholarships, in the amount of $2,000, are usually awarded to students who are entering college for the first time and who will be attending a four-year college as a full-time student. Students who are in their first year of college may also apply. These scholarships are renewable if the recipient remains in good academic and social standing and program funds remain available. Awards generally do not exceed four years. Herbert Lehman scholarship candidates are required to be citizens of the United States and must have outstanding potential as evidenced by their academic records, test scores and personal essays. They must be of excellent character with strong recommendations from teachers, community representatives or employers. They must demonstrate that they clearly understand their educational goals and academic abilities. Moreover, their community and school involvements should demonstrate that they have exceptional leadership potential with an ability to work well in diverse settings. Award amount: $2,000.

8) Greater Manchester Black Scholarship Foundation
The mission of the Greater Manchester Black Scholarship Foundation is to award scholarships to needy and worthy New Hampshire students regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. As of June, 2009, there have been over 235 awards presented to date.

9) National Society of Black Engineers
Includes a list of NSBE affiliated scholarships.

10) BlackStudents.com
A resource for black undergraduate students listing scholarships, internships, and general resources and information.

11) The Actuarial Foundation
This scholarship promotes diversity through an annual scholarship program for Hispanic, Black/African American and Native American Indian students recognizing and encouraging academic achievements by awarding scholarships to full time undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession.

12) The Lagrant Foundation
Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a member of one of the following ethnic groups: African American, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American/Alaska Native. Applicant must be a full-time student at a four-year, accredited institution, carrying a total of 12 units or more per semester/quarter. Applicant must have a minimum of 2.75 GPA and MUST major in a field of study that has an emphasis on public relations, marketing or advertising or must minor in communications with desire to pursue a career in public relations, marketing or advertising. Scholarships are also available for graduate students.

13) The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS)
Created to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need. Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they: are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American; are a citizen/legal permanent resident or nationals of the United States; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted); will be enrolling for the first-time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in the upcoming school year; have
demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria; and have all three forms (Nominee Personal Information Form completed by the student, Nominator Form completed by an educator familiar with the student’s academic record, and a Recommender Form completed by a person familiar with the student’s leadership and community service) submitted by the deadline.

14) Xerox Corporation
**Technical Minority Scholarship Fund**
Provides grants for minority students, ranging from $1,000 - $10,000, depending on a grantee’s remaining tuition balance, academic track record and other activities. Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher majoring in Chemistry, Information Management, Computing & Software Systems, Material Science, Printing Management Science, Laser Optics, Physics or Engineering.

15) Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) and Society of Actuaries (SOA) Scholarship Program
Provides scholarships for certain minority students who are interested in pursuing actuarial careers. Applicants must be admitted to college or university offering either a program in actuarial science or courses that will serve to prepare the student for an actuarial career, demonstrate mathematical ability and an understanding of and an interested in an actuarial career, and must have taken either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the ACT Assessment. Specific requirements vary according to scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of individual merit and financial need and are renewable upon reapplication. The amount of the award is determined by the joint CAS/SOA Committee on Minority Recruiting. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

16) The American Institute of Architects
**AIA/AAF Minority Disadvantaged Scholarship Program**
The AIA/AAF Minority Disadvantaged Scholarship provides assistance to high school graduates, college freshmen, and community college students from a minority and/or financially disadvantaged background who intend to pursue a NAAB-accredited professional degree (5-year BA or BA + MA) in architecture. Eligibility: applicants must be legal residents of the United States and either: high school seniors entering a NAAB accredited professional program in architecture; college freshmen attending a NAAB accredited professional program in architecture; technical school or community college students that have completed high school or its equivalent and intend to transfer to a NAAB accredited professional program.

17) American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
**George A. Strait Minority Scholarship**
The George A. Strait Minority Scholarship is awarded annually to college graduates with law library experience who are members of a minority group as defined by current U.S. government guidelines. Applicants must be degree candidates in accredited library or law schools, and must show evidence of financial need. Preference will be given to individuals with previous service to, or interest in, law librarianship. Scholarships are for $3,500.

18) American Bar Association (ABA) Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund
The Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund, established within the Fund for Justice and Education, is intended to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to attend law school and to provide financial assistance to those in need. The Scholarship Fund awards $5,000 of financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient attending an ABA-accredited law school. Assuming the recipient achieves satisfactory performance in law school, an award made to an entering freshman may be renewed for two additional years, resulting in financial assistance totaling $15,000 during his or her time in law school. Applicants must be minority U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a 2.5 GPA who will be starting law school in the fall.
19) **American Chemical Society Scholars Program**
The American Chemical Society sponsors a scholarship program designed to encourage Hispanic, African-American, and American Indian students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences and chemical technology. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and financial need to high school seniors planning a science preparatory program of study, and college students who are currently freshmen, sophomores, or juniors who are committed to the study of chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, or other chemically related fields such as environmental science, materials science, or toxicology and are interested in pursuing careers in one of these fields. Students interested in two-year chemical technology programs and careers in this field are also eligible. Students must have strong academic records and show an interest in, and potential for, careers in the chemical sciences. The amount of each individual award depends upon the availability of funding, the number of scholarships awarded, and evidence of financial need. Scholarships of up to $5,000 are awarded per year and are renewable.

20) **American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation**
**Minority Dental Student Scholarship Program**
The ADA Foundation funds scholarships for dental student, underrepresented minority dental students and allied dental students including dental hygiene, dental assisting and dental laboratory technology. Submission deadlines vary and application materials must be obtained from the applicant's school.

21) **The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)**
Provides grants for minority students, including African Americans, who are pursuing either an undergraduate degree or a graduate degree in accounting or finance. Applicants must have a minimum 3.3 GPA. Grant decisions are based on both financial need and academic merit. Awards range from $1,500 - $5,000 per year.

   a. **Minority Doctoral Fellowships Program**
   This program awards up to $12,000 in financial assistance to students who have earned a Master’s degree or completed at least three years of full-time employment in accounting. Applicants must have applied to, and been accepted into, a doctoral degree program with a concentration in accounting. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need and academic achievement. Full-time status and a minimum 3.0 GPA are required.

   b. **Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students**
   Provides competitive awards to outstanding full-time undergraduate minority students at regionally accredited institutions. Full-time graduate students (who are not CPAs) seeking a Master's in accounting or taxation and students pursuing a Master's in business administration, if their undergraduate degree is in accounting, are also eligible. Undergraduate students must have completed at least 30 semester hours or equivalent of college work, with at least six hours in accounting. All applicants must have an overall and accounting GPA of at least a 3.3, and must be U.S. citizens. Awards are primarily based on academic achievement and are for a maximum of $5,000.

22) **American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AICHE)**
**Minority Scholarship Awards**
The American Institute of Chemical Engineers awards $1,000 one-time scholarships to students studying, or intending to study, chemical engineering. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic achievement. Applicants must be minority high school seniors (Hispanic, African-American, Native American, or Alaskan Native) or college students (freshmen to juniors). The selection of recipients will be based on the applicant's academic record, participation in AIChe student and professional activities, career objectives, and financial need.

23) **Coca-Cola Scholars**
The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards scholarships to students who exemplify the potential to become the leaders of tomorrow. Scholarships are awarded based on character, personal merit, and
commitment. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed. Each year, the Foundation awards 50 scholarships of $20,000 to national scholars and 200 scholarships of $4,000 to regional scholars. Applicants must be current high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA planning to attend a university. In addition, they must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. permanent residents, temporary residents (in a legalization program), refugees, asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or humanitarian parolees. Students of all majors are eligible to apply. Applications are due in late summer/early fall.

24) Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Early recipients worked for civil rights, against McCarthyism, and for peace in Vietnam. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity. The maximum grant is $10,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the amount of funding available.

25) Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
Minority Scholarship Program
Applicants must be minority first-year law students. Recipients receive a scholarship award and participate in an internship program after their second year of law school. The Minority Scholarship Program sponsors educational opportunities for currently enrolled, first-year law students of diverse backgrounds. The Foundation offers one award of $10,000.

26) Government Finance Officers Association
Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship
The Minority in Government Finance Scholarships is awarded to upper-division undergraduates or graduate students studying public administration, governmental accounting, finance, political science, economics, or business administration (with a focus on government or nonprofit management). Applicants must be Hispanic, African American, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleutian, Asian, or Pacific Islander. Awards are for $5,000.

27) National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) Scholars Program
NACME is responsible for more than $4 million in scholarships awarded annually to underrepresented minority students. Through the NACME Scholars Program, NACME provides block grants to colleges and universities that, in turn, give the money to talented African American, American Indian, and Latino students enrolled in engineering programs as part of their financial aid packages. To be eligible students must enroll in an engineering program at a partner university, maintain a minimum required GPA (varying from 2.5 – 2.8); and register for NACME’s student online resume directory.

28) National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NHCFAE)
Rene Matos Scholarship
The National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NHCFAE) is a professional organization acting as an advocate for equitable representation and opportunities in employment, development, and leadership. It is available to NHCFAE dependants, and to Hispanics, women and other minorities in general. The Rene Matos Memorial Scholarship was established in the name of a very motivated and dedicated man, who in every way epitomized the dream to succeed, while helping others along the way. Applicants must be US Citizens or a permanent residents residing in the United States or Puerto Rico and must be accepted or attending an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school at the time the scholarship is awarded.
29) **National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

The NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to exceptional students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to biomedical, behavioral, and social science research careers at the NIH. The scholarships pay for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses up to $20,000 per academic year. In return, recipients are obligated to serve as paid employees in NIH research laboratories during the summer and after graduation. In addition to financial assistance, the scholarship program offers invaluable training and mentoring, as well as practical experience in a state-of-the-art research setting.

30) **Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)**

**Multicultural Affairs Scholarship Program**

Through its Multicultural Affairs Scholarship Program, PRSSA awards scholarships to outstanding minority students with academic achievement and a commitment to the practice of public relations. This scholarship program was established in 1989 by PRSA’s Multicultural Affairs Committee, to assist and recognize young men and women for outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the practice of public relations.

31) **Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds**

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program provides scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in health professions and nursing programs. Participating schools are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, making reasonable determinations of need, and providing scholarships that do not exceed the cost of attendance (tuition, reasonable educational expenses and reasonable living expenses).

32) **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund**

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund is pleased to open its scholarship application process to all students seeking financial assistance for the 2013-2014 school year. TMCF scholarship recipients are awarded annually to students meeting the TMCF eligibility criteria for scholarship. Awards are made per semester based on a verification process designed to ensure students are meeting academic expectations and have an unmet financial need. All classifications of students are invited to apply for a TMCF scholarship. TMCF Scholarships: are merit based; however, applicants must have a financial need to qualify; awardees must re-apply annually for renewal; are restricted for payment of tuition, on campus room and board, books and fees; average awards are $2,200 per student per semester; are paid to the college or university on behalf of the students to be credited to their school accounts. Awards are not paid directly to students.

33) **World Studio Foundation AIGA Scholarships**

Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships benefit minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying the design/arts disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. Among the Scholarships’ primary aims are: 1) to increase diversity in the creative professions, and 2) to foster social and environmental responsibility in the artists, designers, and studios of tomorrow. To this end, scholarship recipients are selected not only for their ability and their need, but also for their demonstrated commitment to giving back to the larger community through their work. Awards: Basic scholarships are awarded in the amount of $2,000-$3,000. Grand Prize awards are also given each year in amounts up to $6,000 at the jury’s discretion. These awards are paid directly to your school to be applied toward your tuition. In addition, Honorable Mention prizes in the amount of $200 cash are awarded. Eligibility: applicants must be citizens of the United States or be in possession of a Green Card (formally known as a Permanent Resident Card or Form I-551); applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the fine or commercial arts, design or architecture - one of the design/arts disciplines listed under “areas of study” - and plan to enter a career in the creative professions; applicants must be matriculated (or planning to matriculate) at accredited colleges and universities in the United States for the Fall 2013/Spring 2014 academic year and intend on maintaining full-time status for the entire year; incoming students who have yet to enroll must submit proof of acceptance from school of choice; though not a requirement, minority status is a significant factor considered in jury decisions; students must have
at least a 2.0 GPA; scholarships are only awarded to those students who are in financial need. Applicants must, therefore, provide complete Financial Aid information on the scholarship form and have the form signed by his/her Financial Aid Officer.

35) American Political Science Association (APSA)  
**Minority Fellows Program**  
The Minority Fellows Program was established to increase the number of minority Ph.D. candidates in the political science field. The program designates six stipend minority fellows, and additional applicants who do not receive funds from the Association are recognized and recommended for admission and financial support to every graduate political science program in the country. Fellows with stipends receive a $4,000 fellowship. Applicants must be college seniors applying to a doctoral program in political science, or currently enrolled in a Master’s program and applying to a doctoral program. In addition, applicants must demonstrate an interest in teaching and potential for research in political science. Only U.S. citizens are eligible.

36) Jackie Robinson Foundation  
**Education and Leadership Development Program**  
Through its Education and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. Open to African American, Alaskan Native, Native American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Mexican American, and Puerto Rican students. Requirements: Essay; recommendations; interview; transcript. Applicant must demonstrate: academic achievement, leadership, financial need. Required SAT: 1000 or ACT: 21.