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1) College Board's Scholarship Search
We created this online tool to help you locate scholarships, internships, grants, and loans that match your education level, talents, and background. Complete the brief questionnaire and Scholarship Search will find potential opportunities from our database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding, totaling nearly $3 BILLION in available aid!

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

2) 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, 2013, there have been over 235 awards presented to date. http://nhblackscholarship.homestead.com/

3) The Federal Pell Grant Program
US government program. The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. Grant amounts are dependent on: the student's expected family contribution (EFC) (see below); the cost of attendance (as determined by the institution); the student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time); and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less. Students may not receive Federal Pell Grant funds from more than one school at a time. Federal Pell Grants are direct grants awarded through participating institutions to students with financial need who have not received their first bachelor's degree or who are enrolled in certain postbaccalaureate programs that lead to teacher certification or licensure. Participating institutions either credit the Federal Pell Grant funds to the student's school account, pay the student directly (usually by check) or combine these methods. Students must be paid at least once per term (semester, trimester, or quarter); schools that do not use formally defined terms must pay the student at least twice per academic year.

http://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html

4) Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships
The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate study abroad and was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. Over 1,700 scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded this academic year for U.S. citizen undergraduates to study abroad. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being approximately $4,000. Students who apply for and receive the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad are then eligible to receive an additional $3,000 Critical Need Language Supplement from the Gilman Scholarship Program for a total possible award of up to $8,000. During the 2013-2014 academic year, 50 Critical Need Language Supplements were offered to Gilman Scholarship recipients. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is open to all U.S. citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the criteria listed below: The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of his/her study abroad. The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. The applicant is studying abroad for at least four weeks in one country. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be studying in one country for at least four consecutive weeks. The applicant is studying abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the U.S. Department of State's current Travel Warning list.

http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

5) 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.

http://www.aia.org/education/AIAB081881
6) World Studio Foundation AIG Scholarships
World Studio Foundation AIG 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. http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/worldstudio-foundation/

7) 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. www.davisputter.org

8) Sodexo Scholarship Program
Stop Hunger Scholarships
Scholarships range from $500-$5,000. All applicants must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the United States. All applicants must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States within the last 12 months. All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Volunteer services performed by applicant must help non-family members. If applicant is selected as a potential national STOP Hunger Scholarship recipient or regional STOP Hunger Honoree, in order to be confirmed as a winner, the student's parent or legal guardian must sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Assignment of Rights. Scholarship funds awarded to winners must be used for tuition and related fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at an accredited post-secondary education institution. http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp

9) 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. http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net/v1/index.php

10) Keene State Scholarships
a. John K. Kontinos ’53 Scholarship
Established in 1988 by John K. Kontinos ’53 to provide scholarships to full-time students who are residents of New Hampshire. Financial need shall be the primary consideration for selection and the committee may choose to renew scholarship awards to students who have demonstrated academic achievement. http://www.keene.edu/sfs/ksc_endowed.cfm
**b. Winona Vincent Hubbard ’25 Memorial Scholarship**
This fund provides scholarship assistance to full-time students at Keene State College who are New Hampshire residents. This scholarship is based on financial need. However, in the event of equally deserving candidates, such qualities as academic performance or promise and quality of contributions to campus life may be considered.
http://www.keene.edu/sfs/ksc_endowed.cfm

**c. Maxfield L. Young Memorial Endowed Scholarship**
The Maxfield L. Young Memorial Endowed Scholarship is available to full-time students at Keene State College who demonstrate financial need.
http://www.keene.edu

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http://www.keene.edu/

**11) Antioch University New England**

**Jonathan Daniels Scholarship**
The purpose of the scholarship is to increase the diversity of the student body in its racial, ethnic, cultural, international, and socio-economic make-up, and to encourage service to underserved groups. Awards range from $500 to one-half of tuition for a given year. Awards are made annually and students are encouraged to reapply. Applications are available from the Office of Financial Aid. http://www.antiochne.edu/

**12) The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship**
Eligibility: 9th-12th grade high school, college, or graduate student including adult students; legal resident of the U.S.; currently in school or planning to start school within the next 12 months. Selection & Award: Winners are chosen by committee, which bases its decision primarily on the submitted personal statement. The first place award is a $1,000 scholarship. The award can be used for tuition, room and board, required fees or any educational expense.
http://www.gkscholarship.com/

**13) The Super Future Scholarships**
Super Future is an ongoing scholarship fund created and sponsored by singer/song writer Pearl Future and producer/songwriter Super Dave to encourage students to achieve their goals. One scholarship is available for $5,000 and two others are available for $2,500. Open to all junior high, high school, college, and graduate students and those planning to enroll within 12 months. Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States. International students with valid visas are also eligible. Only one entry allowed per person. Scholarships or prizes will be awarded directly to the winners. Winners will be notified by e-mail and posted on superfuturescholarship.org. http://superfuturescholarship.org/

**14) College Prowler “No Essay” Scholarship**
$2,000 "No Essay" College Scholarship. We know you're busy and we know that times are tough. That's why we decided to create the easiest possible scholarship to give something back to students. Students can use the money to help cover tuition, housing, meal plans, books, computers, or any education-related expenses. Open to all high school, college, and graduate students and those planning to enroll within 12 months. Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States. International students with valid visas are also eligible. Only one entry allowed per person per month. A new winner will be chosen every month. Scholarships or prizes will be awarded directly to the winners. Winners will be notified by e-mail and posted on collegeprowler.com. https://collegeprowler.com/scholarship/apply.aspx

* Many, if not most, scholarships are tailored to low income students. The handful listed above is only a sample. Use the College Board scholarship search, Fastweb.com, or a similar scholarship database to find awards that match your particular interests, abilities, and quirks.