

COLUMBIA COLLEGE HOLLYWOOD

TOP 5 SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES:

1. www.fastweb.com
2. www.tuitionfundingsources.com
3. www.finaid.com
4. www.scholarshipmonkey.com
5. www.scholarships.com

Step 1: Create a Profile. We suggest you create a new email account just for receiving scholarship info so you don't miss any important scholarship announcements.

Step 2: Indicate your areas of interest in your profile. Be broad, not specific. For example, don't only indicate Film or Acting, instead put Media, Communications or Visual Arts. Also search for scholarships based on your State or residence, ethnicity, sex or any other characteristics that might have scholarships targeted toward these demographics.

Step 3: Almost all scholarships will require you to submit a college transcript along with 2 letters of recommendation. Get these items now so you're ahead of the game and make 50 copies of each. Request your transcript online from the CCH Registrar by going to www.columbiacollege.edu/career-and-alumni/alumni/request-official-transcript. Ask two of your favorite instructors or a CCH administrator to write a generalized letter of recommendation for you that you can use over and over again. Ask them not to put a date on the letter so that you can use the same letter year after year.

Step 4: Apply for as many scholarships as possible – the more you apply for, the better your chances! Some scholarships will have nothing to do with your field of study so be sure to apply for these as well. For example, there is a \$10,000 scholarship available now on fastweb.com called the “Free Speech” Scholarship. It only requires an essay on why free speech in college is important.

Step 5: If you are awarded a scholarship, be sure to notify the Financial Aid office as it could require a reduction in your loans.

Don't be intimidated about submitting your first scholarship application. Once you do the very first one, the rest are fairly easy and will generally only require you to slightly revise your Personal Essay.

You are welcome to make an appointment with Richard Crowe to view your first scholarship application. Once you get the first application out of the way, the rest are fairly easy!

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Below are examples of scholarships for minority students:

- American Indian Graduate College (AIGC) – Indian Students
- Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) – Asian Students
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) – Latino Students
- Point Foundation - LGBTQ Students
- Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) – African American Students
- United Negro College Fund (UNCF) – African American Students

Below are some specific scholarships and those with upcoming deadlines are noted. This list is ONLY an example. There are hundreds more listed on the websites above.

Austin Alliance for Women in Media Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** 4/1/2019
- **Amount:** \$5,000
- AWM Austin is proud to award scholarships to college juniors and seniors studying media (or related field) at an Austin or San Marcos area university.
Eligibility:
 - Complete 75+ hours of college course work by December
 - Must not graduate before December
 - Minimum 3.25 GPA

Betty Harlan Memorial Art Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** 2/1/2019
- **Amount:** Varies
- Scholarship applications are read and scored by committees of volunteers who use a "blind" review process.

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior from a public or private high school
- Who resides in Boone, Ogle, or Winnebago County
- Who plans to pursue a degree in visual arts, visual art education, or visual art history
- Has a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Shows involvement in organizations and activities

Carole Fielding Student Grants

- **Application Deadline:** Varies
- **Amount:** \$5,000
- The UFVA sponsored Carole Fielding Student Grants are not tuition-based scholarships. Categories for the grants are narrative, documentary, experimental, animation, multimedia, and research. For research proposals, a description of the methodology to be employed and a statement indicating the relationship of the proposed study to previous research in the field.
- **Application Deadline:** 4/20/2019
- **Amount:** \$3,000
- The CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship is for African-American or black students with majors in the visual arts including, but not limited to, architecture, ceramics, drawing, fashion, graphic design, illustration, interior design, painting, photography, sketching, video production and other decorative arts. Students must be currently/planning to be enrolled in the upcoming academic year.

Francis D. Lyon Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** 3/15/2019
- **Amount:** \$3,000
- The Francis D. Lyon Scholarships are available to students of film making. Mr. Lyon had a distinguished motion picture and television career as a film editor, director and producer. He received an Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for best film editor in 1948 for the movie "Body and Soul."
Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply.

Interpublic Group Scholarship and Internship

- **Application Deadline:** 1/27/2019
- **Amount:** \$5,000
- The New York Women in Communications Foundation, in conjunction with New York Women in Communications, awards the Interpublic Group (IPG) Scholarship and Internship annually based on academic excellence, need and involvement in the field of communications.
Each is awarded to an ethnically diverse student who is currently a college junior and has a demonstrated interest in a career in Communications.

Jack G. Shaheen Mass Communications Scholarship Award

- **Application Deadline:** 3/30/2019
- **Amount:** \$2,500

- The Jack G. Shaheen Mass Communications Scholarship was created to honor Arab American students who excel in media studies.
Eligibility:
 - Be a currently enrolled as a junior, senior, or graduate student
 - Majoring in journalism, radio, television and/or film
 - Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Be a U.S. citizen of Arab heritage

Liberty Lab for Film Grant

- **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2019
- **Amount:** \$10,000
- The Liberty Lab for Film (or LLF) is an advanced program for those who have filmmaking, screenwriting, producing experience and want an opportunity to work alongside like-minded creatives with the guidance of seasoned professionals such as Daniel Knauf, (co-executive producer, NBC's The Blacklist) Adam Simon (creator of the FOX series Salem) and screenwriter David H. Steinberg (American Pie 2).

Mister Rogers Memorial Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** 1/31/2019
- **Amount:** \$5,000
- The Television Academy Foundation's Mister Rogers Memorial Scholarship Program awards two scholarships to graduating seniors (must be continuing directly to graduate school) and graduate students (Masters or Ph.D) to support and encourage them to pursue a career in children's media and further the values and principles of Fred Rogers' work.

MIT Inspire Competition

- **Application Deadline:** 11/30/2018
- **Amount:** Varies
- MIT INSPIRE is the first national research competition for high school students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. The competition is organized by MIT undergraduates. Participating high school students, as individuals or teams of two will submit research reports in one of 13 fields, such as history, economics, or philosophy.

New York Women in Communications Inc. Foundation Scholarship Program

- **Application Deadline:** 1/31/2019
- **Amount:** \$10,000
- The New York Women in Communications Foundation, in conjunction with New York Women in Communications, awards scholarships annually based on academic excellence, need and involvement in the field of communications.

Eligibility:

-High school seniors who are permanent residents of NY, NJ, CT or PA, attend a high school in one of these states, and will graduate this spring.

Sandy Schenker Capell Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** 4/15/2019
- **Amount:** Varies
- The Sandy Schenker Capell scholarship was created to honor Sandy and her commitment to mentoring and developing young talent. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a Houston area high school senior interested in a career in media. The ideal candidate will represent the qualities that Sandy exuded in her daily life. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

The Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation

- **Application Deadline:** 3/15/2019
- **Amount:** \$7,000
- The Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students studying television and film production. Awards are given to juniors and seniors who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need.

The Floyd Mayweather Jr. Foundation: Advancement of Women in Sports & Entertainment Scholarship

- **Application Deadline:** Varies
- **Amount:** \$1,000
- The Floyd Mayweather Jr. Foundation Scholarship for the Advancement of Women in Sports & Entertainment is intended for eligible college and graduate school women who desire to work and contribute their efforts within the field. Due to the under-representation of this demographic in the industry, this scholarship fund has been established in order to aid women in furthering their education.

The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists

- **Application Deadline:** 11/15/2018
- **Amount:** \$2,500
- Founded in memory of James Alan Cox, a television photojournalist, The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists aims to provide financial support to student photographers of high school and college age. The focus of work and entries is photojournalism. Various scholarships will be awarded to those students whose work "tells a story."

Scholarship Essay

One of the most important factors in determining if you are chosen for a scholarship is your Personal Essay, also called an Essay Prompt. Here are some example essay prompts you should think about to start writing your personal essay.

- Essay Prompt 1 Explain something that made a big impact in throughout your life.
- Essay Prompt 2: Please explain a personal hardship or catastrophic life event that you have experienced. How did you manage to overcome this obstacle? What did you learn and how did you grow from it?
- Essay Prompt 3: Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Tell us about how you would plan to make that change, and what obstacles you might encounter along the way.
- Essay Prompt 4: Tell us about a time when you failed at something. What were the circumstances? How did you respond to failure? What lessons did you learn?
- Essay Prompt 5: Why should you be selected for a scholarship? Please describe any academic achievements, community service activities, examples of leadership, or other personal characteristics that make you deserving of this scholarship?
- Essay Prompt 5: What are your career goals, and how will earning a college degree help you achieve those goals?

It's also very helpful to review personal essays written by other people that actually won scholarships. You can view examples at the link below but naturally, never copy an essay to your essay but definitely use them as an inspiration.

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/scholarship-essay-examples>

http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Sample_Scholarship_Essays.pdf

Unless specified otherwise, scholarship essays should always use the following formatting:

- Double spaced
- Times New Roman font
- 12 point font
- One-inch top, bottom, and side margins

Other useful tips to keep in mind include:

1. Read the instructions thoroughly and make sure you completely understand them before you start writing.
2. Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts into an outline.
3. Write your essay by elaborating on each point you included in your outline.
4. Use clear, concise, and simple language throughout your essay.
5. When you are finished, read the question again and then read your essay to make sure that the essay addresses every point.