

# Scholarship Search Workshop

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# Something for Everyone—But Not So Easy to Find...

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- There are many freesites on the Internet . . . No one site works for everyone.
- There also are sites that require a payment in order for you to receive a list of awards; usually these lists contain awards that are available free elsewhere. Use these sites cautiously, if at all.

# Some to try. . .

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

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[https://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.isp](https://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.isp)

[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

[www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)

Any success stories to share about these particular sites, or others?

# There is no national clearinghouse of scholarship information

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- It is difficult to capture comprehensive information. Because so many awards are offered through a variety of sources—professional associations, service organizations, foundations, employers, etc.—the information is scattered.
- Scholarship information tends to be perishable

# Types of Scholarships

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- **Merit based:** Financial awards based on your academic achievement, demonstrated leadership skills, etc.
- **Promotion:** Promotion of a company or product through scholarships. You will find a lot of these scholarships on free scholarship sites.
- **Contest:** Typically require more than just an application or essay. Contests often require applicants to demonstrate a particular talent, which may or may not be associated with certain academic pursuits/fields.

# Strategize!

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- **Plan to apply for as many scholarships as possible**
- **Develop a reusable materials** –essays, responses to commonly asked questions, etc. You can customize them for specific scholarships
- **Leverage schoolwork and class time**
  - If you have to do the schoolwork anyway, why not make it count toward your scholarship quest? For example, if you're asked to write an essay on a book of your choosing, you may want to select *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. This way, you'll have a submission ready to go for the annual essay contest on this famous novel. If you're assigned a self-reflective essay, pick a personal topic that fits in well with scholarship applications you're pursuing. Moreover, teachers can serve as a helpful source of early feedback for these potential scholarship submissions.
- **Learn from past scholarship winners**
  - Some scholarship sponsors will share sample winning entries if you request that information. Additionally, many scholarship contests will provide a list of past winners upon request.

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Is it worth it?

# Chambers of Commerce

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- Chambers keep lists of local service organizations, many of which offer scholarships.
- *World Chamber of Commerce Directory* available online.



# Career Information Systems

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- Over 3,200 sources of aid on the Montana system
- Other state systems—try your state if you are not from Montana. Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and California have them. Most states sponsor this system; each has state-specific as well as national scholarships.

- For the Montana-based system, go to [www.carroll.edu/students/career/index.cc](http://www.carroll.edu/students/career/index.cc)
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Then to 'career exploration' on left menu bar

- Then MCIS—it will take you to MyCarroll; logon with your usual Carroll user name/password
- MCIS user name: carrollcollege (lower case, no spaces)
- Password: plan7ing

# On the MCIS home page. . .

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First, register for “My Portfolio;” this action will allow you to save your work indefinitely.

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- Go to “Education and Training”



- Then to “Financial Aid Sort”

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- Investigate the other components of the CIS System.... Most are very worthwhile!

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- Following are some legitimate sites that may be useful . . .

# Student Assistance Foundation

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They give two \$1,000 “Circle of Succe\$\$” grants to two students in each of Montana’s 56 counties for a total of \$112,000

<http://www.smartaboutcollege.com>

The Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

# The Montana Community Foundation

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<http://www.mtcf.org/applications.html>  
#statewide

- Scholarships range between \$500 - \$2,500
- Arranged by county; also statewide, and 'Special Interest'



# SWIM Regional Collaborative Library Education Project

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- Four states—South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana—have formed a formal partnership called SWIM to address library education needs in the region. The SWIM Regional Collaborative Library Education Project will provide scholarships to educate 50 librarians and school library media specialists to work in the region's rural communities and is funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.
- <http://www.msl.mt.gov/swim/>

# Catholic University-School of Library and Information Science

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Offers a scholarship funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to qualified new students who will be pursuing a course of study in Cultural Heritage and Information Management. This scholarship will cover the cost of 6 courses in full along with some semester fees, membership association fee and conference registration fee.

Website:

[slis.cua.edu](http://slis.cua.edu)

Graduate application:

<https://applyonline.cua.edu/login.cfm>

Prospective student link:

<https://info.cua.edu/index.cfm/request/index?infotype=deg>

# NBCC Foundation (National Board for Certified Counselors)

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- Graduate school scholarships for careers in counseling.
- Available in each of the following 2 areas:
  - Students with recent military experience
  - Students living in rural areas
  - Scholarships for both programs will be in the amount of \$5,000 and five of each type will be offered every year.
- There are multiple deadlines throughout the year.
- For more information about the scholarships or to download an application, visit <http://www.nbccf.org/programs>

# NBCC Foundation (National Board for Certified Counselors)

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## **Board Certified Coach (BCC) Tuition Assistance Program**

This program provides financial assistance to individuals pursuing the training necessary for the BCC Certification. Two awards of up to \$3,000 each are available to cover the costs of approved BCC training.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- - Not currently or previously certified as a BCC;
- - Commit to applying for the BCC; and
- - Demonstrate exceptional coaching potential through one or more of the following:
- Having access to the population in need of coaching or working in a setting conducive to coaching; Having a background in leadership; or Holding or pursuing a degree from a relevant program.
- The application period is May 1 through June 30. For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.nbccf.org/BCC>. The Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) provides the funding for these awards, which the Foundation administers on CCE's behalf. Please contact the Foundation at [foundation@nbcc.org](mailto:foundation@nbcc.org) or 336-232-0376 with any questions.

# The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

~~Can receive up to \$60,000 in student loan repayment.~~

The NHSC LRP seeks to recruit and retain medical, nursing, dental and behavioral/mental health professionals in designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). Providers that meet the NHSC's qualifications can have their student loans repaid while earning a competitive salary providing health care in an urban, rural or frontier community with limited access to care. Participants serve at one of 17,000 NHSC-approved sites located in federally designated HPSAs.

Counselors may be eligible for NHSC loan repayment if they:

Among other requirements, counselors must hold the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification in order to qualify.

<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment>      [CallCenter@hrsa.gov](mailto:CallCenter@hrsa.gov)      800-221-9393.

A completed online application must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT by May 15 each year.

# National Science Foundation

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- Division of Undergraduate Education  
NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)
- Graduate funding also plentiful

# National Physical Science Consortium Fellowships (NPSC)

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- A two-phase, six-year fellowship program
  - Initial support is for 3 years; if sufficient progress, refunded for up to total of 6 years.
  - Apply senior year in college.
  - For those who receive it for 6 years, the total value well exceeds \$200,000.
- A dissertation support program
- [www.npsc.org](http://www.npsc.org)

# SMART Scholarship

## Science, Math, & Research for Transformation

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- Targets outstanding students with demonstrated ability and special aptitude in STEM fields
- Provides generous cash awards, full tuition and fees, health insurance, book allowance, summer internships, career opportunities
  - <http://smart.asee.org/>



# CampusRN— Open to all Allied Health majors

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- *\$15,000 in Scholarships Available to Nursing & Allied Health Students*
- The scholarship program is the most comprehensive of its kind for students pursuing a career in healthcare. Six \$2500 scholarships will be awarded annually to need and deserving students from regions across the country.
- **Students can apply directly at:** <http://www.campusrn.com/register/scholarship.asp>
- **The deadline for applications is April 1st**
- Read what the winners of the 2009 Nursing Scholarship have to say at: [http://www.campusrn.com/network/scholarship\\_winners](http://www.campusrn.com/network/scholarship_winners)
- **About CampusRN:**
- CampusRN.com has been designed to service the needs of nursing/allied health students and recent grads and their potential employers. With our resources, students can actively seek employment by applying to current job/externship openings, research employers nationwide and compare various career options within their field. Employers have the opportunity to reach candidates with direct email blasts, job postings and branding campaigns before they graduate and enter the highly competitive job market.

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- United States Achievement Academy  
Scholarship Foundation

- [www.allamericanscholar.com](http://www.allamericanscholar.com)

# IHS Scholarships

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- Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University
- [www.TheIHS.org](http://www.TheIHS.org)

# Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships

<http://national-academies.org/fellowships>

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- For those planning a career in teaching & research at the college/university level
- Pre-doctoral---\$20,000 to fellow; \$2,000 to institution for 3 years (~ 40 awarded)
- Dissertation--\$21,000 for one year (~20 awarded)
- Expenses paid to attend one Conference of Ford Fellows
- Post-doctoral opportunities as well

# The Claremont Graduate School National Scholars Program

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- Full tuition plus a \$20,000 annual stipend. Scholars may pursue the PhD in any of the disciplines offered in CGU's graduate schools:
- Arts and Humanities, Behavioral and Organizational Sciences, Community and Global Health, Educational Studies, Information Systems and Technology, Management, Mathematical Sciences, Politics and Economics, and Religion.
- Detailed information is available at [www.cgu.edu/scholars](http://www.cgu.edu/scholars)

# University of Notre Dame

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- All doctoral students supported fully for a minimum of 5 years with tuition fellowship & stipend.
- Minimum amount is \$17,500/year plus health subsidy. Up to \$35,000/year.
- Over 35 programs in engineering, humanities, sciences, social sciences.
- Over \$120 million in sponsored research/year.

# UNCF/MERCK Science Initiative

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- Scholarships, internships, and fellowships for minority undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students.
- For researchers, innovators and teachers in the biological, chemical, and engineering fields.
- Awards range from \$30,000 to \$92,000
- <http://umsi.uncf.org>
- Deadline for apps is December 1 each year.

# WRGP -- Western Regional Graduate Program (part of WICHE)

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- WICHE Program—for residents of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; eligible to enroll for in state tuition for specific grad programs.
- For WICHE WRGP, not required to demonstrate financial need.
- [www.wiche.edu/wrgp](http://www.wiche.edu/wrgp)



# THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

[www.ethicsprize.org](http://www.ethicsprize.org)

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## AWARDS:

- First Prize - \$ 5,000
- Second Prize - \$ 2,500
- Third Prize - \$ 1,500
- Two Honorable Mentions - \$ 500 Each

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Registered undergraduate full-time Juniors or Seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States

## SUGGESTED ESSAY TOPICS:

- Articulate with clarity an ethical issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.
- Please note: \*This topic is only a suggestion. Students may write about any topic they wish, as long as it explores the theme of ethics.

## DEADLINE:

Early December each year

# James Madison Graduate Fellowship

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- Targets Secondary Ed Social Studies teachers
- Government and History teachers
- Up to \$ 24,000
- Compete only with applicants within each state; at least one recipient in each state per year
- Deadline: March 1 each year
- Foundation website: [www.jamesmadison.gov](http://www.jamesmadison.gov)

# WRGP Programs at ISU

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- Biological Sciences, Ph.D. & D.A.
- English and TESL, M.A. & Ph.D.
- Environmental Science Management, M.S.
- Mathematics, D.A.
- Audiology, Ph.D.
- Speech-Language Pathology, M.S.
- Medical Laboratory Science (Clinical Lab Science), M.S.

# PSEP—Professional Student Exchange Program

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- Enroll in out of state programs in 10 fields to prepare for health care professions:
- Dentistry, medicine, OT, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, PT, PA, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.
- [www.wiche.edu/PSEP](http://www.wiche.edu/PSEP)
- 303-541-0270 or [info-sep@wiche.edu](mailto:info-sep@wiche.edu)

# The Davies-Jackson Scholarship

[www.cic.edu/daviesjackson](http://www.cic.edu/daviesjackson)

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- The Davies-Jackson Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records, who are the first in their families to graduate college, to participate in a course of study at St John's College at the University of Cambridge. Graduating seniors may apply for the two-year B.A. degree program.
- Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich educational environment of St. John's, which was founded in the 16th century, by reading in one of the following subjects: Archeology and Anthropology, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Modern and Medieval Languages, Music, Philosophy, Social and Political Science.
- Applications must be received by November 1, of each year.

# East-West Center, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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- Serves the United States and Asia Pacific region through cooperative education, research and dialogue. Student fellows participate in educational and research activities while residing at the East-West Center and simultaneously pursue degree study at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- The Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options.
- Offers both undergraduate and graduate scholarships
- [www.eastwestcenter.org/](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/)

# Annual Montana HR Scholarships from Westaff of Helena/ Personnel Plus! Consulting Services

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- **Nancy and Jim Nys and the staff of Personnel Plus!** and its sister organization **Westaff of Helena** offer multiple scholarships annually for up to \$500 each for assistance with the cost of taking an HR related post secondary academic course, or a certification exam (i.e., PHR, SPHR, etc.) Groups of individuals may apply together for support (Up to \$500 per group) for an HR related event that will occur within six months of the application.

Multiple scholarships awarded.

Deadline is November 30

For application instructions and requirements contact [jnys@personnel-plus.com](mailto:jnys@personnel-plus.com)

The Aspiring Educator Scholarship Program is open to applicants who are working towards a degree in one of the following fields:

Deadline is November 1 of each year.

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- Adaptive Physical Education
- Audiology
- Autism
- Crisis Intervention Specialist
- Developmental Cognitive Disabilities
- Emotional Behavior Disorder (K-12)
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Learning Disability (K-12)
- Mild/Moderate Disabilities
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility
- Physical Disabilities
- Physical Therapy
- School Psychologist
- Severe/Profound Disabilities
- Social Worker
- Special Education (Birth – 12)
- Speech-Language Pathology/Therapy
- Visual Impairment



# Graduate School Sources listed on Career Services webpage

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- Go to the “Financial Aid for Grad Studies” page (see left menu bar)
- <http://www.carroll.edu/students/career/fellowships.cc>

# The Importance of Financial Literacy

- Financial literacy of students is a topic of concern. It is important to understand the debt you take on and what that means. A helpful tool is

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

- Also, there are some free tools on <http://www.nefe.org/tabid/183/default.aspx>.
- Another interesting resource is <http://www.igrad.com/jobs/idealJobs.aspx?184>
- Here are a couple of sites that discuss various repayment options for student loan debt:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/RepayCalc/dlentry1.html>
- <http://ibrinfo.org/>

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- There are many more; it is difficult to capture comprehensive information.

# Some occupations have special programs to help pay back loans:

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- Teachers: 5 years in low-income areas
  - Perkins loans—100% forgiveness
  - Stafford loans—\$5,000; \$17,500 if math, science, special ed
  - Some states have additional programs

## **There are some tax breaks for out of pocket expenses related to education:**

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- **Lifetime Learning Tax Credit**—if you pay out of pocket, you can get tax deductions to offset costs. 20% of the first \$10,000 you spend annually.
- **Experts recommend that you try to keep indebtedness to between 8 and 15 percent of the expected salary of your projected career/occupation.**

# Consider Debt to Earnings Ratio

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<http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/RepayCalc/dlindex2.html>

What Color Is Your Parachute? For Teens,

Carol Christen, co-author

Anya Kamenetz, journalist and author,

Generation Debt,

**Good Luck !**

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