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### **SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID**

Have a general personal statement essay drafted that can be applied to each scholarship. Several scholarships will require short answer questions.

### **SCHOLARSHIP/ FINANCIAL AID PORTALS AND WEBSITES**

1. CSS PROFILE  
WEBSITE: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>  
DESCRIPTION: The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. For federal aid you must complete the FAFSA. For more information regarding the FAFSA, click "FAFSA" below (directs to an external site).
2. COLLEGENET  
WEBSITE: <https://www.collegenet.com/>  
DESCRIPTION: higher education scholarship website
3. FASTWEB  
WEBSITE: <https://www.fastweb.com/>  
DESCRIPTION: Fastweb is a free scholarship platform that connects students to college scholarships, trade school scholarships, and financial aid tools. Our goal is to help you find scholarships to make college or vocational school more affordable.
4. FLORIDA BRIGHTFUTURES SCHOLARSHIP  
WEBSITE: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>  
DESCRIPTION: FLORIDA MERIT AND BRIGHTFUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PAGE
5. 9 BEST SCHOLARSHIP ENGINES  
WEBSITE: <https://www.bankrate.com/loans/student-loans/scholarship-search-engines/>  
TO THE RIGHT YOU WILL SEE A LIST OF TOP WEBSITES TO CREATE A PROFILE AND START AGGREGATING QUALIFYING SCHOLARSHIPS
6. FAFSA FINANCIAL AID  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>  
For applying national financial aid website, will need all details for financial reporting , parents income

7. FINANCIAL AID CALCULATOR WEBSITE:

<https://finaid.org/calculators/>

8. FEDERAL AND STUDENT LOANS

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/>

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9. OVERALL STUDENT AID / LOANS

<https://studentaid.gov/>

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11. ADDITIONAL WEBSITES AND SCHOLARSHIP HACKS BELOW:

Keep your SCOIR profile and college information updated so I can also individually send scholarships (school- or major-related) to eligible students.

In addition to the local scholarships listed below, BE SURE TO CHECK the following valuable (and legitimate!) national websites. They are all an excellent source of constant information that will reflect your personal strengths and interests once you create a free account

**ADDITIONAL WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:**

[https://www.mcps.shs.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=221909&type=d&termREC\\_ID=&pREC\\_ID=433075](https://www.mcps.shs.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=221909&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=433075)

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

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-scholarships>

[www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)

Raise.me is a platform in "microscholarships" that's essentially changing the game of college aid. Yes, it's legitimate, and yes, you should create an account. As you enter coursework, grades, clubs, etc. certain colleges will provide a monetary award for each entry indicating the extra funds you'll receive if you attend the offering school (e.g. FIU, Penn State, UMass, Tulane, Stetson). More institutions join this effort regularly- try it out.

Bright Futures Scholarship program offered by the state of Florida, among other programs. It is strictly merit-based, so no financial need is even part of the requirements, only course schedules (covered at TERRA, bam!), GPA, SERVICE HOURS

**Cappex Easy Money Scholarship**

Cappex is a very generous provider of college scholarships for high school and college students, offering recurring awards each month. In addition to offering scholarships, Cappex also has some really useful tools for navigating the college admissions process. After all, their slogan is the "college search made simple." Eligibility: students must be enrolled or planning to enroll in school in the next calendar year. This includes college/university students,

community college students, and those pursuing online degrees. Transcripts and GPAs are not considered (nor are recommendations or essays for that matter) for the \$1,000 Cappex Easy College Money Scholarship, only entry.

**Award: \$1,000**

**More information:** <https://www.cappex.com/page/account/quickApply.jsp?scholarshipID=gp&code=HO1060-5->

**Deadline:** the last day of each month; recurring.

### **College Board Opportunity Scholarships (CLASS OF 2024 and 2025, DO THIS!)**

Applying to college is a complicated process, so The College Board has created a program that guides you through it. It doesn't require an essay, application, or minimum GPA. Instead, it rewards your effort and initiative. Complete key steps along your path to college for a chance to earn scholarships. The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action. Eligibility: The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program is open to all class of 2024 students in the United States, Puerto Rico and the US territories. Students in the class of 2025 will be eligible next year. This program is open to students regardless of their family income. At least half of all the scholarships (over \$2 million) will be designated for students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.

**Award:** up to \$40,000

**More information:** <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

**Deadline:** awarded monthly

**We have multiple students who have won these awards - DO THIS.**

### **Burger King Scholars Program**

Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and will be awarded in the spring of 2024. The scholarships can be applied to tuition, fees or books required for course load at accredited, two- or four-year colleges. All applicants must be residents of the U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico. In 2023, thanks to the support of the Burger King system, the Foundation was able to award \$4.6M in scholarships to students across North America, awarding nearly 4,000 scholarships to our BK employees, their families, and students in the communities we serve.

**More information:** [Apply here.](#)

**Deadline:** December 15, 2024

### **Jorge Mas Canosa Freedom Foundation Scholarship**

In 1996, the Mas Family established a scholarship fund whose purpose is to advance the education of talented young Cuban and Cuban-American men and women, furthering their commitment to promoting the benefits and opportunities that can be garnered through hard work in a free society.

**Eligibility Criteria:** students born in Cuba or are of direct Cuban descent, have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, demonstrate leadership potential and involvement in community service activities, financial need will be considered

**More information:** Apply at [www.jmcff.org](http://www.jmcff.org)

**Deadline:** January 15, 2024

### **Miami Heat Scholarships**

The Miami HEAT Charitable Fund is offering \$25,000 in scholarship funds to high school seniors attending Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe or Palm Beach schools. Scholarship applications are available each school year and recipients are awarded between April and May. This year's application deadline is Saturday, February 10, 2024. This will be the 28th year that the Miami HEAT has offered scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and outstanding community service. Scholarships include the following:

**More information:** Apply at [nba.com](http://nba.com)

**Deadline: February 10, 2024**

#### **The Gaston Fernandez De La Torriente 2024 Annual Scholarship Award**

This award is presented by The National Association of Cuban-American Educators (NACAE) to honor the memory of Dr. Gaston Fernandez de la Torriente. The recipient will be a Cuban or Cuban-American student enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate program and has demonstrated promise of future contributions to the Hispanic community.

**Award: \$2,000**

**More information:** [Application available here.](#)

**Deadline: February 1, 2024**

#### **Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition Scholarship**

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition Scholarship program was created in 1958 to recognize and honor the youth of Miami-Dade County for their dedication to scholarship and for demonstrating a strong sense of commitment to voluntary participation in school and community activities. This scholarship program affirms The Fair's commitment to education and is its way of thanking the loyal, fair guests who visit annually and help make The Fair successful.

**Award: \$1,000 (one per school)**

**More information:** Submit applications to [jvivan@dadeschools.net](mailto:jvivan@dadeschools.net) BY 2:30 pm on February 16th. TERRA will select one student to proceed with the nomination.

**Application:** [Download application here.](#)

**Deadline: February 16, 2024**

#### **Zeta Phi Beta Scholarship**

Mu Gamma Zeta encourages scholarship through their annual scholarship program to high-achieving young women in the South Dade area.

**Eligibility:** 2024 high school female graduate, 2.75 minimum unweighted GPA, residence of city limits from Florida City to South of Kendall Drive.

**More information:** [Download application here.](#)

**Deadline: March 6, 2024 at 11:59pm**

Scholarships and grants available test dates and deadline dates (some listed on the website and others will be listed on the school website and other places).

### MDC, American Dream:

- You must earn a standard high school diploma, GED, or home school diploma in Miami Dade County.
- You must currently reside in Miami Dade County.
- You must be entering college for the first time or be a graduating dual enrollee.
- You must have a cumulative high school weighted GPA of 3.00 or above.
- You must be admitted to MDC and registered for 12 or more credits for the Fall 2020 semester.
- You must complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA, you don't need to be eligible for federal financial aid, but you must complete the FAFSA application.
- You must prove college readiness by meeting one of two criteria:
  - Achieve **minimum test scores on approved standardized tests**. Any combination of the highest available scores are used in determining your readiness in a skill area. Scores within a two-year period of the test date are considered valid for eligibility purposes. Expired scores will not be used.
  - Have a cumulative high school weighted GPA of 3.5 or greater.

### FIU Academic Scholarships:

- **Presidential Premier** - Students with 4.0 GPA and 1370 SAT / or 30 ACT. Awards 100% tuition and fees plus a book stipend.
- **Ambassador Premier** - Students with 4.0 GPA and 1280 SAT or 27 ACT. Awards 75% tuition and fees plus a book stipend.
- **National Merit** - Students who qualify for Presidential/Ambassador scholarships and are selected as a finalist. Awards full tuition, fees, room and board, up to the cost of attendance as published by the Office of Student Financials.
- **National Hispanic** - Students who qualify for Presidential/Ambassador scholarships and are selected as a finalist. Awards full tuition, fees, room and board, up to the cost of attendance as published by the Office of Student Financials.
- **Application Requirements**
  - Be a newly admitted FIU first year student
  - Meet academic eligibility listed above
  - Submit 2 letters of recommendation
  - Write an essay response to a prompt

### UCF Academic Scholarships:

- Pegasus Program Scholarships:
  - [National Merit Scholarship](#)
  - [National Hispanic Scholarship](#)
  - [Pegasus Gold, Silver and Bronze](#)
  - [Provost Scholarship](#)
  - [Pegasus Scholarship Waiver](#)
  - [Knights Achievement Scholarship Waiver](#)
  - [UCF Transfer Scholarships](#)
  - [Director's Scholarship](#)
  - [Top Ten Knights](#)
  - [Top Ten Knights – Gold](#)
  - [Florida Foundation for Future Scientists](#)
  - [Harris Rosen Hospitality Management Scholarship](#)
- Pegasus Scholarships are awarded to entering students by [Undergraduate Admissions](#) to recognize outstanding academic performance. There is no separate application for this scholarship program. Students who apply for admission to UCF for summer or fall terms are automatically considered.
- FAFSA must be turned in by June 1 each year

- Students must enroll in a minimum of 12 UCF credit hours to be eligible and/ or continue to receive the scholarships listed above.

#### UF Academic Scholarships:

- Presidential Scholarship: \$5,000 per year (Fall/Spring, total 20,000 over 4 years)
- Presidential Gold Scholarship: \$8,000 per year (Fall/ Spring, total \$32,000 over 4 years)
- Presidential Platinum Scholarship: \$10,000 per year (Fall/ Spring, total 40,000 over 4 years)
- While there are no minimum academic criteria for Presidential scholarships, applicants must be classified as a Florida resident for tuition purposes by our February Decision Day. Past recipients have demonstrated strong academic achievement that falls within the upper range of our middle 50% of our admitted student profile or above, combined with a diverse and engaged resume and essay response. However, meeting our profile numbers does not guarantee a scholarship award. If selected for one of our merit-based scholarships, an offer will arrive via email by mid-March.

#### FSU Academic Scholarships:

- National Merit Finalist/Benacquisto Scholarship: This prestigious scholarship is available to National Merit Finalists that are graduating with a standard high school diploma. This award equals the institutional cost of attendance (minus the sum of Bright Futures and the National Merit scholarship). The total value of this scholarship is over \$80,000 over four years and guarantees admission into FSU's University Honors Program. Detailed information about this scholarship can be found [here](#).
- Presidential Scholars Program: Accepted freshmen that have received the University Freshman Scholarship, the Benacquisto Scholarship, or a Tuition Reduction Scholarship are also eligible to apply for the Presidential Scholars Program. The Program application deadline is February 17, 2020. The total value of this scholarship is \$31,200 over four years. Out-of-state applicants will also receive a full out-of-state tuition waiver. Detailed information about this scholarship can be found [here](#).
- University Freshman Scholarship: The Office of Admissions will automatically consider accepted freshmen for our University Freshman Scholarship. A separate application is not required. Scholarships are competitive and awarded based on academic merit (combination of academic weighted grade point average AND test scores). The award is \$2,400 per year distributed over four years, for a total of \$9,600. Scholarship funds are limited, so students are encouraged to apply for admission by November 1 to be admitted in January for priority consideration. Scholarship awards will be made in January and continue until all available funds are exhausted. Scholarship recipients must take a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher at Florida State.

#### UM Academic Scholarships:

- The [Stamps Scholarship](#) is UM's most prestigious merit award available to students at the University of Miami. This scholarship is awarded to exceptional and academically accomplished high school seniors. Stamps Scholars receive the **full cost of attendance** for four years of undergraduate study at UM. The award includes tuition and fees, on-campus housing, a meal plan, University health insurance, textbooks, a laptop allowance, and access to a \$12,000 enrichment fund which may be used toward study abroad, undergraduate research, unpaid internships, and other educational purposes.

- Named after Nobel Prize-winning author and UM lecturer Isaac Bashevis Singer, [this prestigious scholarship](#) is awarded to exceptional and academically accomplished high school seniors. Singer Scholars receive the **full cost of tuition** for four years of undergraduate study at UM.
- Honoring the legacy of the University's first director of minority affairs, the [Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship](#), is awarded to diverse high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and who intend to continue their academic pursuits through graduate education. Hammond Scholars receive the **full cost of tuition** for four years of undergraduate study at UM.
- [The Weeks Scholarship](#) is awarded to exceptional and academically accomplished high school seniors. Selected candidates for the Weeks Scholarship are prompted to submit an essay for consideration as finalists. The Selection Committee will review all essay submissions and identify the finalists whom they recommend to receive the Weeks Scholarship. Weeks Scholars receive the **full cost of tuition** for four years of undergraduate study at UM.
- [The Jenkins scholarship](#) is awarded to high school seniors with strong academic credentials, significant financial need, and a history of overcoming adversity. To be considered for this scholarship, students must be nominated by their guidance counselor. Jenkins Scholars receive the **full cost of attendance** for four years of undergraduate study at UM. The award includes tuition and fees, on-campus housing, a meal plan, University health insurance, and a laptop allowance. **Students may also receive a stipend** for books, transportation, and personal expenses.
- Scholarship recipients must complete a full-time undergraduate program of study with no fewer than 12 credit hours during each of the fall and spring semesters for a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year. A minimum of a 3.0 GPA for the academic year must be maintained at the University of Miami, with the initial calculation at the end of the second semester of attendance. The award is subject to revision pending receipt of any grant, scholarship, or prepaid tuition and/or housing aid not anticipated at the time the award is made. Visit our [Terms and Conditions](#) page for additional information.

