

The economy is in sad shape and doesn't look good for the next two years. College tuition costs are rising. And somehow, you have to pay for college. Your only hope in paying for a higher education besides financial aid is with scholarships and grants. There is no need, however, to limit yourself to university-specific scholarships. Outside scholarships may seem like a far fetch...but they're not as far out there as you think.

Service clubs, companies, and charities give out about \$2 billion in private scholarships each year. Roughly 1 million students receive these monies—meaning 1 out of 13 students wins a scholarship. The average of these scholarships is \$2,000.

The information provided below is to get you started and answer some of your questions. It is by no means a complete list of scholarships available. Imperial Valley College is "empowering" you to do the searching and seeking of funds to assist you in achieving your academic and career goals.

So are you ready to start looking? Deadlines tend to be in February! Don't Wait!

Remember: Financial Aid for 2012-13 – You will need to apply this JANUARY 2012!

General Information

Scholarships are awarded each year whether from IVC or your transfer institution. Criteria include financial need, scholastic achievement, participation in school activities, community service, honors and organizational affiliations, and educational objectives. Some scholarships have additional requirements which relate to a concentration or field of study, geographic origin, class level, and project or design portfolios.

Generally, a student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Types of Scholarships

Campus Specific Scholarships. For every college and university you applied to you need to get out on their web site and research the scholarships they offer. Some are general scholarships, some major specific and then there's the category of "other." Don't miss out on funding just because you couldn't find the time to look at your transfer institutions website. You might check out the costs of going to each school while you are at their website too!

Artistic Scholarships. There are plenty of art-specific scholarships available for students who do the research. Additionally, artists can use their skills to apply for non-artistic scholarships. Oftentimes, judges are looking for creatively convincing applications for "average Joe" scholarships—think film, dance, song lyrics, paintings, etc.

Minority Scholarships. These scholarships are typically reserved for students from financially unprivileged backgrounds and ethnicities. Though these scholarships are not necessarily based on grades, they do require community service or athleticism—anything that sets you apart from the crowd.

Employee Scholarships. If you think your summer job is just a way to finance your love for video games or fashion, you're wrong. Many employers, whether yours or your parents, offer scholarships to students just because of the relationship that exists between the two.

Athletic Scholarships. Granted, this is only going to apply to a select few, but athletic scholarships don't require a whole lot of brains. Rather, the importance lies in physical talent and drive.

There is no reason that any student should pay full tuition for college. It just takes time and work to find ways to pay up.

Scholarship Resources

Where can I find out about other scholarships?

Use your home computer or the computer lab at your college to go on-line to locate scholarship sources at the following websites:

Fast WEB - <http://www.fastweb.com>

CollegeNet www.collegenet.com/mach25/app

College Board Scholarship Search - <http://www.collegeboard.com>

SRN Express (Scholarship Resource Network Express) - www.srnexpress.com

Federal Student Aid

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.pin.ed.gov

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Other scholarships and awards can be found in reference volumes such as Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans [2008] : A Guide to Education-related Financial Aid Programs for Students and Professionals by Matthew Miskelly and the National Directory of Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships for Latino Youth by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute at our IVC Library. These books describe national, state and regional scholarship programs and give information about application processes. These volumes and others are generally available in a Library or by searching the web.

Information can also be gathered from professional associations, business organizations, church and religious foundations or other special interest groups such as community service clubs (Elks, Rotary, Odd Fellows, etc.). Each program will have its own deadlines and application procedures.

IVC Scholarship Programs (check out the IVC Financial Aid website): Imperial Valley College offers an array of scholarships for students attending Imperial Valley College (IVC) or ready to transfer to a four-year institution. Many scholarships at IVC are given by local donors for eligible students at Imperial Valley College. Students interested in both local and national scholarships should contact the scholarship coordinator in the Financial Aid Office. All local scholarship funds are administered by the Imperial Valley College Foundation.

Scholarship Organization/Association Resources

Samples of some of the Scholarship programs: Type on the name of the Organization(s) and/or Association(s) identified below on the web to get to the information you will need.

Hispanic Association of College and Universities

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) was established in 1986 with a founding membership of eighteen institutions. Because of HACU's exemplary leadership on behalf of the nation's youngest and fastest-growing population, the Association rapidly grew in numbers and national impact. Thousands of young Hispanics benefit from HACU with internships, scholarships, college retention and advancement programs, pre-collegiate support, and career development opportunities and programs.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)

Founded in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) is the leading nonprofit Latino litigation, advocacy and educational outreach institution in the United States. MALDEF compiles a list of scholarships for incoming and current college students.

Latino College Dollars / Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (www.latinocollegedollars.org/)

This website is an initiative of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI), a nonprofit organization that advances informed policy on key issues affecting Latino communities through objective and timely research contributing to the betterment of the nation. This directory listed all the regional organizations that TRPI could identify which award grants and scholarships targeting eligible California Latino students.

OCA, "Embracing the Hopes and Aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans"

Founded in 1973, OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. Recognizing the lack of access to quality education and resources for underserved communities, including the Asian Pacific American (APA) community, OCA is known as a leading organization in administering scholarships for APA students.

United Negro College Fund *"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."*

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the nation's largest, oldest, most successful and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization. Since 1985, the UNCF Scholarships and Grants Administration office has awarded in scholarship assistance over \$105 million to over 28,000 students enrolled in its 39 member colleges and universities and other HBCUs and majority institutions as well. We provide support in numerous ways to a variety of constituencies.

American Indian Graduate

"Build, promote, and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership."

The vision of the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is nothing short of transformation as we focus our intent, our spirit, and our traditions to build a better tomorrow for Indian people. We are creating successive generations of American Indian citizens prepared to participate in the constructive revitalization of their respective communities—those who share a common location, common interests, and common needs.

The American Indian College Fund

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarship support directly to each tribal college annually. We also administer several scholarship programs offered to American Indian students attending both tribal colleges and selected mainstream universities as well.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

ScienceNet

Provides a scholarship links to several sites targeting students from underserved backgrounds.

Little Africa

"Building Community... Expanding Markets...Creating Value!"
Provides a list of scholarships for African American students.

National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Founded in 1971 in response to concerns regarding the growing inequities in health care for African Americans and the lack of a voice from black nurses on their issues. The National Black Nurses Association's mission is to provide a forum for collective action by black nurses to investigate, define and advocate for the health care needs of African Americans and to implement strategies that ensure access to health care, equal to, or above health care standards of the larger society. NBNA is committed to improving the quality of life of persons who share the African American heritage and other ethnic groups. Provides several scholarships for nursing students.

The Tylenol Scholarship

Transportation Clubs International

Transportation Clubs International ("TCI") is a professional association consisting of transportation clubs, companies and individuals in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Any student enrolled in an educational program in an accredited institution of higher learning in a vocational or degree program in the fields of Transportation, Logistics or Traffic Management, or related fields, who intends to prepare for a career in these areas, is eligible to apply for a TCI scholarship.

LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNEESC)

Since 1973, LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNEESC) has committed itself to providing high quality educational opportunities to the Hispanic community. Here you will find information on our educational programming, leadership training, and scholarships.

Astronaut Scholarship Foundation

Scholarships for students majoring in the sciences or engineering

Collegiate Inventors Competition

The Collegiate Inventors Competition has rewarded and encouraged hundreds of students to share their inventive ideas with the world. It promotes exploration in invention, science, engineering, technology, and other creative endeavors and provides a window on the future technologies from which society will benefit in the future.

Automotive Hall of Fame

The Automotive Hall of Fame serves as administrator to over \$20,000 in combined college scholarships annually. The applicant must indicate a sincere interest in an automotive related career.

HENAAC, Promoting Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

HENAAC was established in 1989 as a means of identifying, honoring, and documenting the contributions of outstanding Hispanic American science, engineering, technology and math professionals.

National Sculpture Society

The National Sculpture Society is an organization devoted to excellence in representational sculpture. Scholarships, competitions, and opportunities to exhibit works in New York and elsewhere are a few of the ways the Society reaches out to the next generation of sculptors.

California Teachers Association

The California Teachers Association (CTA) is California's largest professional employee organization, representing more than 340,000 public school teachers, counselors, psychologists, librarians and other non-supervisory, certificated personnel. CTA is affiliated with the 2.8 million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. HSF was founded in 1975 with a vision of strengthening the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans-the largest minority segment of the U.S. population. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community with more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country.

The Geneseo Migrant Center

The Geneseo Migrant Center administers a variety of scholarships to offer financial assistance to migrant students who want to further their education.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

NAHN strives to serve the nursing and healthcare delivery needs of the Hispanic community and the professional needs of Hispanic nurses. NAHN is designed and committed to work toward improvement of the quality of health and nursing care for Hispanic consumers and toward providing equal access to educational, professional, and economic opportunities for Hispanic nurses.

Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses

LA NAHN addresses the health care delivery of the Latino community. LA NAHN promotes the professional advancement of its members as leaders, educators and practitioners

The Chicana/Latina Foundation

The Chicana/Latina Foundation (CLF) is a non-profit organization with a volunteer board of directors, which promotes professional and leadership development of Latinas. One of the principal objectives of the

foundation is to provide scholarships to Latinas enrolled in college and to encourage participation of Latinas in the professional and educational sectors, thus creating and promoting a high-quality life. For students residing in Northern California

The Cuban American National Foundation

Graduate and undergraduate scholarships are available ONLY in the fields of Engineering, Business, International Relations, Economics, Communications and Journalism. Any financially needy, top of the class, Cuban American student who is direct descendant of those who left Cuba or were born in Cuba themselves.

American Physical Society

Through the generosity of corporate and individual donors, the APS is able to offer the APS Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Physics Majors Any African-American, Hispanic American, or Native American U.S. citizen or permanent resident who is majoring or planning to major in physics, and who is a high school senior, college freshman, or sophomore is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The NAHP Foundation

To build a stronger American community, particularly among those of Hispanic origin, by promoting professionalism in the publications industry; by enhancing the skills of all those involved in the industry, particularly publishers, advertising and marketing professionals, graphic designers, photographers, web masters, layout and circulation management, and journalists. Provides a Scholarship Directory.

Asian American Journalists Association

Students are selected based on the following criteria: commitment to the field of journalism; sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues; journalistic ability; scholastic ability; financial need. AAJA offers scholarships, internships, and other programs for college students.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service

In the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (hereinafter "the Act"), Public Law 94-437, the Congress and the President of the United States established a national goal "to provide the quantity and quality of health services which maximum part will permit the health status of Indians to be raised to the highest possible level and to encourage the emancipation of Indians in the planning and management of those services."

DAR National Society

The DARScholarship Committee awards scholarships to qualified applicants regardless of race religion, sex or national origin. All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance at an accredited college or university in the United States. The ONLY exception is the American Indian Scholarship that is available for students pursuing vocational training.

National Federation of the Blind

The NFB improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence.

The Alexander Graham Association

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) offers several scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study for the academic year.

American Geological Institute – Minority Geoscience Scholarships

Since 1972, the American Geological Institute has administered the Minority Participation Program. The broad goal for this program is to maintain and increase incrementally the number of underrepresented ethnic-minority students in the geosciences. Recipients of AGI Minority Geoscience Scholarships are provided with financial awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 and given the opportunity to interact with a mentor from the geoscience community within our AGI MPP Advisory Committee.

American Society for Microbiology – Undergraduate Fellowships

The American Society for Microbiology's fellowships programs for undergraduate students are aimed at highly competitive students who wish to pursue graduate careers (Ph.D. or MD/PhD.) in microbiology.

National Association of Black Journalists

NABJ offers 10 scholarships. It's a \$2,500 award. Students should be attending a four-year University. Go to website for details.

Society of Women Engineers

These scholarships are targeted for women who are majoring in engineering or computer science. Award amount are from \$200 to \$5,000, and at least 90 are granted. The deadline for students already in college is February 1st but is May15 for high school seniors entering an "accredited" program.

FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

InRoads Internships

Military.com

<http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>

Scholarship search engine for those in the military community

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad.

OTHER RESOURCES

California Student Aid Commission

As the principal state agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California, the Commission has never wavered from its central mission--making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.

EdFund

Information regarding college planning, Financial aid, money management, loan information, career exploration and more.

FinAid

The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

Peterson's

Peterson's reaches an estimated 105 million consumers annually with information about colleges and universities, career schools, graduate programs, distance learning, executive training, private secondary schools, summer opportunities, study abroad, financial aid, test preparation, and career exploration.

Questions and Answers about Scholarships and Awards

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is a gift of money paid for the benefit of a student at an educational institution to aid in the pursuit of studies.

Who may apply for Scholarships?

At Imperial Valley College, scholarship money is offered to incoming, continuing, and transferring students.

What are the general eligibility criteria for scholarships?

Scholarships recognize outstanding students for academic achievement, financial need, academic field of study, community service, campus activities, and outside interests.

What is the difference between scholarships and awards?

The difference between scholarships and awards is that students apply for scholarships and are nominated for awards.

Who funds scholarships?

Funding for university scholarships and awards comes from different sources, including private individuals, businesses, professional and trade associations, community service organizations, college/university support groups and college/university alumni. Awards and scholarships are established as a way for donors to express their support for education. Scholarship and award donors may have special objectives and will then establish certain criteria for their scholarship or award. Donors may wish, for example, to help students who are studying certain subjects, living in particular geographical areas or who are economically disadvantaged. Whatever their preferences, all scholarship and award donors are united in their desire to recognize students who have exceptional abilities and to help them meet the expenses associated with attending the university.

How do I apply for these scholarships?

The application materials and procedures are not the same for every scholarship. It is imperative that you follow the procedures that are outlined. Failure to do this may invalidate your application. Some scholarships and awards will require official transcripts; some require letters of recommendation; and some require the application alone.

When will recipients be notified?

Notification timelines should be identified on the information provided by the individual scholarships or award or you should be notified no later than the end of May.

When is the money disbursed?

In the case of most scholarships and awards, recipients are selected during the Spring semester; funds are disbursed to recipients the following Fall after enrollment is verified. Specific disbursement information is indicated in the award notification letter.

If I receive a scholarship or award, will it affect my financial aid?

When you accept your financial aid award, you acknowledge your acceptance to report to the Office of Financial Aid any additional resources received including, but not limited to, scholarships, stipends and grants from campus and outside sources. If an over-award is created as a result of scholarships, this may result in a reduction of your financial aid award.

Will I be notified if I'm not selected?

The notification process sometimes does not include a notification to all applicants but only to the selected recipient of the scholarship. Generally, the expected date of notification is by the end of May.

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