Private scholarships, either from organizations or from colleges, are one of the main sources of funding for college. Scholarships are gifts you do not have to pay back. Once you have been admitted to college ask the financial aid specialists at that school if there are specific scholarships you may apply for. Do not assume they will just tell you! When applying for scholarships, be careful to look at the eligibility criteria.

**WARNING:** Scholarship providers do not charge a fee for submitting an application or recommending a scholarship to which you want to apply. Beware of scams!

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**Resources for Finding Scholarships:**

The following links are to scholarship search engines that allow you to save a profile and enter your information which is used to find ideal scholarships for you. These sites also offer resources for navigating the college application, admissions, and financial processes.

- [https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college)
- [http://www.educationplanner.org/students/paying-for-school/find-grants-scholarships/index.shtml](http://www.educationplanner.org/students/paying-for-school/find-grants-scholarships/index.shtml)
- [http://www.fastweb.com/collegescholarships](http://www.fastweb.com/collegescholarships)

ASPIRA provides a list of scholarships on their website.


United Negro College Fund has a scholarship search engine, but also allows you to browse lists of scholarships with upcoming deadlines.


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**Scholarships for Philadelphia Residents:**

CORE Philly offers last dollar scholarships to high school seniors of up to $2,000 for their first year of college.

[http://www.corescholars.org/core-scholarships/](http://www.corescholars.org/core-scholarships/)

Center for Student Opportunity (CSO) seeks to empower first-generation college students on the path to and through college. Creating a profile allows you to find support for your journey to college and qualifies you to apply for a scholarship CSO offers.

[http://www.imfirst.org/sign-up/](http://www.imfirst.org/sign-up/)

The Mayor’s Scholarship Program through the University of Pennsylvania fully meets financial need.

[http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/mayors-scholarship/index.htm](http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/mayors-scholarship/index.htm)
The Philadelphia Foundation administers several scholarships that support a variety of educational opportunities for applicants of all ages.

[https://www.philafound.org/defaultpermissions/scholarships/tabid/276/default.aspx](https://www.philafound.org/defaultpermissions/scholarships/tabid/276/default.aspx)

The Philadelphia Education Fund offers scholarships to high school students who were active in the College Access Program at one of 22 public Philadelphia high schools.

[www.philaedfund.org/scholarship](http://www.philaedfund.org/scholarship)

The Urban League of Philadelphia offers eight scholarships that can be applied to through one common application. For more information call 215-985-3220, ext. 208

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**Scholarships to Local Colleges and Universities:**

The Community College of Philadelphia offers the Robert S. King Scholarship to eligible students who graduate from a high school in Philadelphia. Contact Patti Conroy at 215.751.8214 or pconroy@ccp.edu.

[http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/finaid/grants/](http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/finaid/grants/)

Drexel Liberty Scholars offers 50 full tuition scholarships to low-income graduates of Philadelphia high schools.

The Penn State Alumni Association Scholarship of $1,000 is awarded to current first year students from Philadelphia who attend any Penn State campus. Call 215-686-0310 for more information. Contact the Scholarship and Student Outreach Director, Ami Patel, at scholarship@pennstatephilly.org

[http://pennstatephilly.org/scholarship/](http://pennstatephilly.org/scholarship/)

The Philadelphia Scholars Award, offered by Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, provides a full tuition scholarship to students from Philadelphia.


*Villanova University offers up to five full tuition scholarships for students who graduate from the Philadelphia School District. Ask your high school counselor for information.