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Scholarship Search Tips:
International Students

Introduction

Thank you for your inquiry concerning possible scholarship and grant opportunities at Hampton University. We do offer an International Scholarship, which has an August 1st application deadline.

It is important to note here that funding for this program is limited and not guaranteed each academic year.

*Please keep in mind funding from the International Scholarship program is considered as supplemental assistance only, which means that it will not cover all of a student's college related expenses. If awarded funding from this program, recipients will be required to pay the difference. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for each award year.

Some useful tips:

First, we highly recommend that you check with your country's foreign embassy. Second, you should check with specific organizations (public and private) on-line. Third, you may use *AI, such as Co-Pilot, to assist you with searching for scholarships (https://copilot.microsoft.com/).

*AI is a new and powerful technology and needs to be used with care and discretion. For example, after entering a prompt, or question for AI to answer, the response AI gives could be what is called a hallucination. This means the result is not accurate and likely does not reflect reality.
Here is an article that may help: https://shelf.io/blog/how-to-prevent-microsoft-copilot-hallucinations/

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Some useful tips, continued:

To avoid falling victim to hallucinations and other shortcomings of AI during your search, please be sure to check the results on-line to verify they are accurate (do not trust what you get at first).

A good tip to gain more accurate results from AI that reflect what you are searching for is to word your prompts in a way like the way we speak to a real person.

You would add significant, **but not personally identifiable (ID numbers, address, actual name, etc...)**, details in the prompt. For example, if you are looking for scholarships and want assistance, you could enter a prompt like this:

"*I am a 19-year-old, left-handed Senegalese male, and I attend an HBCU located in Virginia as an international student. I am a freshman pursuing a major in biology and I am searching for scholarships for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. Please provide me with resources I may use in order to proceed.*"

Most AI, like CoPilot, uses a conversational approach to prompts. So, after you receive the results, you can ask for additional assistance. For example, after you read the initial results, you can ask: "*Please provide more resources for college students from Africa studying in the United States, along with tips I may use to increase my chances of earning more scholarships.*"

Your Embassy

You may also check with your country's Foreign Embassy located in Washington D.C. You may access the web site for USEmbassy.gov using the following link: https://www.usembassy.gov/.

Check Major Department Webpages

HU Scholarships may be available based on your major. You can check the webpage of your major department: https://home.hamptonu.edu/academics/schools/. You may want to look for research grants that have been earned by faculty, as well as any resources and/or scholarship opportunities that may be listed.

Participating in Student Activities?

If you are participating in one of HU's numerous student activities and clubs, you may want to see if they have scholarships: https://home.hamptonu.edu/activities/. Students participating in various university activities, such as athletics, the Leadership Institute, band, choir, etc.., may also be considered for scholarships from the specific department(s).

General Resources

Listed below is information that could be helpful to International Students endeavoring to study within the United States.

1. http://www.internationalscholarships.com/ **(International Scholarships.com)**
2. https://www.edupass.org/paying-for-college/scholarships/ (**EduPass)**
3. https://www.iefa.org/scholarships **(International Education Financial Aid)**
4. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search **(College Board - Canada & Mexico)**
5. https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx **(Peterson's)**
6. https://www.nafsa.org/about/about-international-education/financial-aid-undergraduate-international-students **(NAFSA)**
7. https://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/search/ **(International Student)**

Thank you again for your interest!