

External Scholarships
Database
2026-2027



In the Crow's Nest
Edition

HU Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

Go Pirates!!



**"Welcome to Your
Home by the Sea!"**

What does it mean to be in the “Crow’s Nest”?

According to Merriam-Webster, a [‘crow’s nest’](#) is described as “a partly enclosed platform high on a ship’s mast for use as a lookout”.

Navigating the seas was, and still is, one of the most challenging tasks for anyone, due to the sheer number of hazards that present themselves, either early on the voyage, or seemingly ‘out of the blue’. To increase the chances of spotting land, other ships, and potential hazards, pirates take to the Crow’s Nest near the top of one of the ship’s sail masts. When pirates increase their ability to see opportunities and hazards for scholarships, they can become more successful in their search! Ahoy!

Can I increase my chances of finding free money?

When pirates know their routes, and especially the routes of treasure-laden vessels, they stand a higher chance of earning more free money. Students who want to find, pursue, and earn scholarships with success must proceed in the same way. For example, you have set up a free membership with [FastWeb](#) and, make a mental note to check your e-mail regularly for matches to your member profile. Another example, you find that most scholarship opportunities require an essay, so you work on sharpening your writing skills and asking a trusted person to proofread.

Most external scholarship grantors are looking for the best applications and essays when selecting winners. This may not refer directly to strict adherence to English grammar and writing conventions, as much as to each scholarship’s rules. So, carefully read rules, act in strict accordance with the rules, and gain a competitive edge!

Any Examples?

You may want to view these YouTube videos by [ESP Daniella](#) and [College Essay Guy](#). ESP Daniella developed an approach to locating and applying for scholarships by identifying common mistakes she and others made during their processes. The College Essay Guy is well-known for guidance useful in creating excellent essays. This is not an endorsement of any particular person or method. Please keep in mind, it is not recommended to pay others for scholarship services, especially any with guarantees.

Can others not on the ship help?

Yes! This is especially important during your first ‘voyage’ applying for scholarships and ‘rough seas’, when you have many demands on your time! Before you submit any final application and essay, ask a trusted person to review them, first! Adding this to your awareness and precision can increase your chances of success (along with applying for many scholarships, while avoiding scams and identity theft)!

Overview

Included in this database are scholarship announcements from companies, foundations, law firms, and other sources that desire to assist students, including rising freshmen (high school students preparing to graduate), currently enrolled undergraduates and graduates in their efforts toward a higher education.

Scholarships are divided into categories (e.g. Company, Politics/Law, Volunteerism, etc.) and details are included: Title, Amount, Deadline, GPA, Keywords, and URL (link to scholarship page).

TIP Most scholarships included are categorized under Company, General and Politics/Law. These tend to have fewer major requirements.

Videos

1. How students can find scholarships and grants to help pay for college

<https://youtu.be/TYfHc8PASpl>

2. The 9 Best College Scholarship Websites

<https://youtu.be/RpkLoVsPe0E>

Avoid Scams and Identity Theft

Where to Find Legitimate Scholarships (& Avoid Scholarship Scams)

<https://youtu.be/UwuaEFekQyk>

Essay Tips <https://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/essay-tips-7-tips-on-writing-an-effective-essay>

<https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/handling-scholarship-essays>

More tips from FastWeb.com <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/scholarship-best-practices>

Contact Us

<https://home.hamptonu.edu/financialaid/contact/>

Check us out on X (formerly Twitter)

https://x.com/HUPirate_FinAid

NOTICE Scholarships that were listed in the earlier versions have been removed if: (1) URL/Links no longer active, (2) Deadlines not updated to 2026-27, or (3) No indication scholarships are annual (awarded each year)

Hampton University (HU) is now a member of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF)!

As a result, our students receive access to the TMCF's various opportunities, from scholarship options and future-focused programs to internships and career resources. Some of these resources offer our students valuable networking and recruitment opportunities, as well as access to conferences and professional development initiatives.

Do not miss out on these invaluable opportunities and resources offered by way of HU's membership with the TMCF!

Here is a link you can use to learn more: <https://tmcf.org/scholarships/>.

You can also access the following Member Schools link on the TMCF's webpage to see HU listed among other member schools: <https://tmcf.org/about-us/member-schools/>.

Empowering Your Future: TMCF Scholarships

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) offers a variety of competitive scholarships to help you achieve your academic and career goals. Our scholarships are designed to ease the financial burden for outstanding students like you. Whether you need a one-time award to close a financial gap or a scholarship to assist with your tuition and fees, TMCF has opportunities to help you succeed.

Wave 1

- Opening Date: Sept. 15, 2025
- Closing Date: Jan. 16, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Scholarship opportunities

- All Majors
 - Enterprise Access HBCU Scholarship
 - McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarship
 - Close on **April 24, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**
 - MolsonCoors Scholarship
- Business-Related Majors
 - CoBank Scholarship
- Community College Students
 - Enterprise Access HBCC Scholarship
- High School Seniors
 - Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation HBCU Scholarship
- STEM-Related Majors
 - Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Scholarship
 - Cargill-Thrive Scholarship

2025-2026 UNCF/Humble Bundle Steam Scholarship

The 2025-2026 UNCF/Humble Bundle Steam scholarship provides need-based scholarships to students at HBCUs and selected Arts Institutions.

Students must be pursuing degrees in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Math) and are pursuing a career in the gaming industry.

Eligibility Requirements

- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Complete a FASFA application form for the current academic year
- Student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate junior
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- Attending a UNCF Member institution, HBCU or Art and Design Schools

Priority will be given to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the gaming industry.

Application Requirements:

- Must submit the UNCF online application
- Complete a one-page personal statement responding to the following prompt “How does your personal background, experiences and involvement inform your perspective on gaming
- Submit a current official or unofficial transcript

PLEASE NOTE: Students may be eligible for a scholarship renewal if they still meet eligibility requirements the following year.

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