

Scholarship Opportunities

COLLEGES OFFERING FREE TUITION BASED ON FAMILY INCOME: 15 Universities in Texas offer free tuition based on family income. To view these schools and the requirements, google "Colleges Offering Free Tuition Based on Family Income." Also, Harvard can be included with these TX schools.

ABE AND ANNIE SEIBEL FOUNDATION. Offering interest-free loans to US citizens and Texas residents. Student must enroll as a full-time student at a Texas college/university. Graduating seniors must be either in the top 10% of their high school graduating class OR have a minimum 1500 SAT or 22 ACT score. College level students must maintain a 2.75 overall gpa. Contact the foundation after Nov.1 to be placed on the mailing list for the upcoming fall/spring long-term school year. Application packets are accepted Jan 1 - Feb 28. Address: Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation, % The Frost Bank - Trust Dept., Box 8210, Galveston, TX 77553-8210

MILITARY FAMILIES: IF YOU HAVE EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY, YOUR DEPENDENT CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO FREE TUITION UNDER THE HAZELWOOD ACT. THE REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED AND YOU NO LONGER MUST BE DISABLED. COMPLETE THE FAFSA AND TAKE IT TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICER AT THE INSTITUTION THAT YOUR CHILD PLANS TO ATTEND. THAT PERSON WILL CALCULATE HOW MUCH FREE MONEY YOU ARE ENTITLED TO.

TEXAS GRANT for seniors who graduate on the Recommended Program and exhibit a financial need. Maximum awards: \$7,400 for public universities, \$2,400 per year for public community college students, and \$4,400 per year for public technical college students. There is an information sheet in every senior's mailbox. Please check it out.

*****Remember to register with www.fastweb.com for a free scholarship search tailored to your particular situation. This free service will take information from the profile that you submit and find every national scholarship that you are eligible to apply for and e-mail it to you. A great scholarship secretary free of charge!

www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/aidfed.php - Great information for Texas Students. **FIND FREE MONEY HERE! FIND FREE MONEY HERE!**

www.gofreegovernmentmoney.com \$1.5Billion in grants.

www.OEDb.org - Online education portal that has a comprehensive higher education resource specifically for residents of Texas.

PLACES TO CONTACT FOR MONEY FOR COLLEGE:

1. College/University Financial Aid Officer - This person controls about ninety percent (90%) of all student financial aid available. Contact the Financial Aid Office of the college/university or vocational/technical institute you wish to attend as soon as you have met entry requirements.
2. Institutional Scholarships - Various departments at the college (Art, English, History, Math, Computer Science, etc) may offer scholarships to students enrolled in specific majors. Contact the major department at your school choice.
3. Special Programs/Grants - Various colleges have special programs or awards for specific groups of students (i.e., special assistance programs for minority students, church-related awards for members of a certain religious affiliation, dependent of clergyman, etc.).
4. Community Organizations - Many offer scholarships, grants, awards, loans, etc. Check with your local organization.
5. Business Firms/ Unions/Ex-Military - Various businesses, especially large companies, have scholarships, grants, or awards for dependents of their employees, or in some cases for anybody. The same holds true for some unions. Military or ex-military organizations are also in this category.
6. Foundations - Check with your local foundations. Many offer grants, scholarships, and/or loans.
7. Educational Loans - Loans are sometimes available at lower interest (in comparison to a regular "personal loan") from credit unions, commercial banks, savings and loan associations, etc.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT

This is a Grant and does not have to be repaid. Available almost exclusively to undergraduates. Pell Grants are the foundation of federal student financial aid, to which aid from other federal and nonfederal sources might be added.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

This is a Grant that does not have to be repaid. For undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority for FSEOG awards. Funds depend on availability at school.

TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANT:

This is a Grant and does not have to be repaid UNLESS you fail to carry out the service obligation to teach full-time at certain low-income schools and within certain high-need fields for at least four academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which the candidate received a grant. Available for undergraduate, post baccalaureate and graduate students. The grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and must be repaid with interest if you do not fulfill your teaching agreement. Consult the Financial Aid Administrator at your college for additional requirements.

There are many loan programs available. Contact the Financial Aid Officer at the college of your choice. Loans must be repaid with interest - just like a car loan.

AMERICORPS
1201 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20525
800-942-2677
www.americorps.gov

This program provides full-time educational awards in return for community service work. These awards consist of working before, during, or after your postsecondary education, and you can use the funds either to pay current education expenses or to repay federal student loans. For more information: contact Corporation for National and Community Service at above address.

VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS

VA Regional Office, Western Region
125 S. Main St.
Muskogee, OK 74401-8888

If you are the dependent of a veteran, there may be some educational benefits available to you, such as Survivors & Dependents Assistance (DEA) and transferred Post-9/11 GI-Bill Benefits (TEB). Information available www.gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-442-4551.

US BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Bureau of Indian Education
1849 C Street NW/MS 3609 MIB
Washington, DC 20240
202-208-6123 www.bie.edu

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN

This is a loan and must be repaid. Must demonstrate financial need. Interest charged on this loan is 5% for both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least half-time. Federal Perkins Loans have no additional fees or charges, other than interest. Payment is owed to the school that made the loan.

BORDERING STATES WAIVER

This program provides a waiver of nonresident tuition for students from neighboring states (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma).

The institution must have an agreement in the student's home state to allow Texas residents to attend other state's institutions and pay a reduced rate. Contact your college for additional information.

ATTENTION JUNIORS: High School Aerospace Scholars is an interactive, online program for Texas high school juniors. You participate in online space studies on how lunar exploration, Space Shuttle, and Space Station have/will prepare us for Mars exploration. You spend six days at the NASA Johnson Space Center and participate in briefings by NASA engineers and scientists; team projects and hands-on engineering activities; tours of NASA facilities. All expenses paid. Go to <http://www.HAS.aerospacescholars.org>

GREAT RESOURCE for help with the SAT. <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/sat-test/> Review videos for different sections of the SAT test. The math section is very helpful. Check it out!

Link to SAT and ACT practice
tests: www.nctc.edu/StudentServices/SupportServices.aspx Thank you NCTC!

SCHOLARSHIPS

October Scholarships:

- AES for Engineers: To apply for the 11th annual AES Scholarship visit <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. The winner(s) will be announced within 2 weeks of the deadline. Each winner will be personally notified by email. The deadline is October 6, 2016.
- The Texas Education Agency invites high school seniors graduating between January and June of 2017 to apply for the opportunity to be a U.S. Presidential Scholar. The United States (U.S.) Presidential Scholars Program honors graduating seniors for their outstanding scholarship, achievement and promise of future success. Check out the link for more information: http://www.tea.texas.gov/Presidential_Scholar/ The deadline is October 7, 2016.
- NCTC Dual Credit Scholarship: ONLINE application only at <https://nctc.academicworks.com/opportunities>. Deadline for spring semester is 10/15/2016!
- 2015 Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program. Available for seniors planning to earn a bachelor's degree, be involved in the community, maintain a 2.0 and have critical financial need of \$55,000 or less. Visit [Horatio Alger Scholarship](#). Deadline is 10/25/2016.

NCTC SCHOLARSHIPS:

Dual Credit - [Scholarship Information](#)- Deadline for spring semester = **October 15**. Hard copies of this scholarship are available in the counseling center.

Tuition Waiver for high school students who are on the free and reduced lunch program. See Mrs. Cornelison for an application

Mary Josephine Cox Scholarship - Seniors with 3.0. \$100 for each semester awarded if the student maintains 3.0. Good for five semesters. Go to NCTC website.

NCTC Foundation Scholarships. One application for general NCTC Foundation and departmental scholarships. Applications are available in the Financial Aid

Department and in the NCTC Foundation Office. Amounts of the scholarships range from \$500 - \$2000. To view a complete listing of scholarships available through the NCTC Foundation see the Scholarship Handbook on the website.

November Scholarships:

Hagan Scholarship Foundation- <http://www.hsfmo.org>

- Prudential Spirit of Community Award 2017: www.spirit.prudential.com

January Deadlines:

Texas Engineering Foundation and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers will award approximately \$100,000 in scholarships to engineering students attending an accredited university. Applications available from the counselor or visit the TSPE website at www.tspe.org then click "Programs" and drop down to "Scholarships". Deadline 01/19/2018. Don't delay with the holidays! Get your required recommendations and transcripts early!

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholars Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors. Visit www.rmhcntx.org for more information or apply today at <https://aim.applyISTS.net/RMHC> . Deadline 01/19/2018.

Attending Baylor University?? Check into the Carr P Collins Scholars Program. The application is available here: baylor.edu/admissions/CarrPCollins. Application deadline is 01/31/2018.

Texas Medical Association Young Physician Section will award its rural science scholarship. This \$1,000 award is given to a rural Texas high school senior who excels in science, for use toward continuing his or her education in the field of medicine. See counselor for application. Deadline 01/31/2018

March Scholarships:

- Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation: The foundation will award 50 scholarships of \$1500 to seniors for scholastic, extracurricular & community efforts and dedication. Five of the 50 will be reserved for students attending a community college. See counselor for application. Deadline: Must be delivered by 03/01/2018.

- Texas Farm Bureau 2108 Scholarship Opportunities: There are several scholarship opportunities provided by Texas Farm Bureau. Three of the available scholarship programs are for high school students:
 - TFB District Scholarship (39 \$1,000 scholarships & 13 \$1500 scholarships)
 - TFB Young Farmer & Rancher High School Scholarship (13 \$1000 scholarships)
 - TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarships (1 scholarship at \$1000)

This year the applications are processed online through a new portal called MyTFB. All information can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website under the Youth Opportunities page. The direct link is <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/>. All students must be a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family. All scholarships must be submitted online not later than midnight on 03/01/2018.

- Nortex: For all opportunities visit <http://www.nortex.com/scholarships>

Below are some general details regarding each one:

1- Gene H. Fuhrman Scholarship

- Description: This scholarship is in dedication to the beloved Gene, the son of Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman who own and operate Nortex Communications.
- Who can apply: Receive at least one of their local services from Nortex Communications: Internet, Cable TV, Landline Phone, Security Systems; Be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational-technical school; Have at least a C grade point average.
- *Award Amount and Application are still pending. Will post as soon as possible.*

2- Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship

- Description: The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth.
- Who can apply: Receive at least one of their local services from Nortex Communications: Internet, Cable TV, Landline Phone, Security Systems; Be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school, have at least a C grade point average (GPA) and express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation
- Award: FRS awards one-time \$2,500 scholarships (FRS funds \$2,000 of each scholarship, and the sponsoring company, Nortex Communications, awards the remaining \$500)
- This one scholarship application also automatically applies the student for the following opportunities as well:
 - o Four \$5,000 Staurulakis Family Scholarships will be awarded, with a preference to students who are majoring in math, science, engineering or medicine.
 - o Two \$1,500 TMS scholarships will be awarded to students.
 - o One \$7,000 Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship will be awarded.
 - o Three \$500 Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships
- **Deadline: Postmark application to FRS no later than March 1, 2018**

*****This FRS Scholarship application requires a signature by the sponsor, Nortex CEO Joey Anderson. Please keep this in mind when submitting by the deadline.*****

- Application attached and found here:
https://www.frs.org/images/FRS_Schship_App_2018.pdf

3- Texas Telephone Association (TTA) Scholarship

- Description: The Texas Telephone Association Foundation (TTAF), a non-profit, philanthropic organization founded to help further the understanding of telephony and advance telecommunications as a career choice.
- Who can apply: Student achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (out of a possible 4.0); Student planning to attend a Texas college or university by the Fall of 2017; special consideration will be given to students who will be pursuing a college degree in fields of study which are of particular interest to telecommunications (such as math, business, education, technology, engineering, and computer science, etc.)
- Award: Six (6), four-year scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 per year
- Deadline: **March 22, 2018 to counselor in order to meet the March 30 deadline**

*****TTA Foundation will only accept a maximum of two qualified applications per high school. With this stipulation, the TTA Scholarship Application is attached, and you must submit application to counselor by March 22, 2018 *****

- Application attached and found here: <http://tta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-TTAF-Application-and-Letter.pdf>
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JUNE DEADLINES:

BigSun Scholarship- \$500 to a student/athlete regardless of which sport they are participating in. www.bigsunathletics.com

for application.

ABBOTT AND FENNER \$1000 - www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

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