Financial Assistance Resources

UB staff regularly posts upcoming scholarships that are in addition to the ones listed below on the UB Class of 2015 Facebook group.

Free Scholarship Search Sites

Adventures in Education
College Answer
College Board
Fast Web
Moolah Spot
Scholarships.com
Scholarships for Students
Iowa College Access Network
Zinch
Cappex
Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Utilize Social Media

There are several Twitter accounts and Facebook pages to follow that post scholarship opportunities weekly. UB Coordinator, Tiffany Berkenes, has an account and frequently shares these posts. To follow her on Twitter, go to @UBTiffany, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ubtiffany.

Some Iowa Colleges/Universities Scholarship & Financial Aid Sites

Another benefit to the Internet is that you can search the college of your choice’s site to see what scholarships that school specifically offers. It is important to check these out because not all schools will automatically consider you for every scholarship; you may have to seek out which ones you qualify for and fill out an additional application. Many fine arts scholarships require auditions.

University of Iowa
University of Northern Iowa (UNI)
Iowa State University
DMACC
Indian Hills CC
Links to UB High School Scholarship Sites

Des Moines East
Des Moines Lincoln
Des Moines North
Oskaloosa
Pella

E-B-F seniors, contact your guidance counselor.

Contact Community Organizations & Civic Groups

Usually you don’t have to be a member of these organizations to apply. In fact, many community groups sponsor scholarships that are open to all students who live in the area.

How do you find these organizations? Many local government websites list them. Visit the websites for your town, city and state. You can also use the phone book to look up organizations. Finally, don’t forget to visit the public library and ask the reference librarian for help.

Treat your Activities & Interests as Scholarship Leads

One benefit of participation in school, church and community activities may be a scholarship sponsored by those organizations. Inquire with the leaders of the organization about scholarship funds. If the organization has a national parent organization (ex. National Honor Society), visit their website. Often you will discover awards that are given by the parent organization for members of the local chapters.

Speak to your Guidance Counselor & College Financial Aid Office

Most counselors keep a binder filled with local awards and scholarships, so make an appointment to discuss the ones for which you might qualify. Before your meeting, prepare information about your family’s financial background as well as special interests or talents you have that would make you eligible for certain awards.

Check with your Employer or Parent’s Union

Even if you work only part-time, you may qualify for an educational scholarship given by your employer. If you have a full- or part-time job, ask your employer about scholarships. Also you can search on the company’s website to see what scholarships are offered. Like companies, many unions also sponsor scholarships for the children of their members. You should have your parents speak with the union officers at their work place about union-sponsored scholarships and other educational programs.
Remember that Big Business Can Also Mean Big Bucks

A lot of large companies have charitable foundations that award scholarships like Coca-cola, Tylenol or Best Buy. When you visit business websites, look for links to their foundations, which often manage the scholarship programs. This is a quick and easy way to browse for scholarship opportunities.

Scholarships & Additional Resources

- Iowa colleges & universities with ROTC programs
- “10 Easy Scholarships” featured at CollegeGreenlight.com
- $1,000 Weekly Scholarship at Zinch.com
- 101 Minority Scholarships
- 12 Hidden College Expenses
- 6 Scholarships for Gamers
- Additional scholarships listed on UNCF
- 12 Scholarships for Hispanic Students Interested in STEM
- 9 Scholarships for Women in STEM
- Scholarships for Survivors, Donors, & Students with Disabilities
- Scholarships for Underrepresented Students
- 15 Scholarships for ‘B’ Students
- Colleges that help cover cost for underrepresented students to visit

The following scholarships are listed under the month they are DUE, so plan accordingly to complete them in advance.

October
- Coca-Cola
- Horatio Alger
- Christopher Reeve Award

November
- Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway
- First Freedom Student Competition
- Math-O-Vision Contest
- Air Force ROTC

December
- Boy Scouts (Eagle Scouts)
- AXA Equitable Achievement
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Competition
- Army ROTC
- National Peace Essay Contest
Elks National Foundation
Comcast Leaders & Achievers

January
National Honor Society
Dell
Gates Millennium Scholars
Burger King
McDonald's
Hardee's
Home Depot
Ron Brown Scholar Program
Iowa Scholarship for the Arts
Navy ROTC
Microsoft
Iowa State University Multicultural Vision Program (MVP)

February
FFA
Buick Achievers
Best Buy
State Farm
GE-Reagan Foundation
Mediacom
Lowe's
Hy-Vee
Iowa Grocery Industry Association
Iowa Farm Bureau
American Foreign Service Association
All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship
Iowa Education & Training Voucher Grant
GEAR UP Iowa
Rotary Club of Des Moines
Iowa State University VEISHEA
Teens for Jeans
Iowa Newspaper Association
Caring Institute
Emma Bowen Foundation for Minority Interests in Media

March
Iowa 4-H
Kohl's Cares
Principal Financial
U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation
American Culinary Federation
Boomer Esiason Foundation
Matthew Shepard
Capital Striders
Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair
University of Iowa Advantage Iowa Scholarship
Additional March Scholarships

April
AFSA
Alice L. Haltom Educational Fund
Directron.com
Swim with Mike Physically-Challenged Athletes Scholarship
DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage
ScholarshipRed
Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association
International Teamster Women’s Caucus
Congressional Black Caucus Visual Arts
ASHRAE Engineering Technology
Dish Systems
Abercrombie & Fitch Global Diversity & Leadership Award
Prairie Meadows
Additional April Scholarships

May
Society of Women Engineers
Robert D. Blue
Larry W. Carter
Mary E. Wood
NURSE Corps
Quill & Scroll Foundation Scholarships in Journalism
Educate it Forward ELL Hispanic Heritage
James Beard Foundation for Culinary Arts
Samsung
Heinlein Society
Jane Austen Society of North America Essay Contest
Levitt Comninos Carlotti Foundation
Flag Manufacturers Association of America
Design-A-Sign Contest
1-800-WheelChair.com
A Voice for Animals Contest
MyBookBuyer.com Textbooks for a Year
Yes! Grace Rocks, Inc.
“Launch Your Dreams” Competition
AFLAC Scholar Awards
Fraser Institute Essay Contest
Professional Beauty Association Minerva Beauty Scholarship for Cosmetology Students
Art Renewal Center
Out of the Easy Writing Contest
Power Poetry “Slam What You Will”
Kor Memorial Scholarship
Copyright Awareness
John D. Spurling OBE
CEO of Tomorrow
National Speakers Association
Student Opportunity Scholarship for Presbyterian Church Members
VSA Playwright Discovery Award Program
Actuary of Tomorrow
Father Michael G. McGivney Vocations
National Federation of Republican Women
U.S. Bank

June
Brower Youth Awards for Environmental Leadership
Duck Tape Stuck at Prom Contest
Bruce Lee Foundation
NAEYHCY’s Letendre Education Fund for Homeless Students
Kay Longcope
Leroy F. Aarons
Stand & Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest
Tylenol Future Care
Interactive Marketing
Teens Drive Smart Video Contest
Automotive Hall of Fame
EDASCAL Crime Prevention
BBG Communications
Delete Cyberbullying
Scholarship Zone
Iowa Barber & Cosmetology Arts & Sciences Tuition Grant

July
Gen & Kelly Tanabe
Iowa Grant
Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Grant
Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant
Kibbie Grant (Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant)
Final Words of Wisdom

We have given you many tools to help in your pursuit of funding for college. However, your best resource will be your own persistence in seeking out scholarships. Just remember:

Don't do it alone: Talk to people—you never know who may know about a scholarship that you don't.

Do try for all: The smaller scholarships may not seem like much but everything adds up, particularly the cost of textbooks, and it is that much less you will have to worry about.

Don't procrastinate: Allow yourself plenty of time to fulfill the requirements of each scholarship, also don't wait to the last few weeks of senior year to apply.

Do be yourself: There are scholarships for every type of person with every type of aspiration you can find scholarships to fit you.

Don't give up: While the process may be daunting, scholarships are worth the work. A less expensive education is priceless.