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# **Paying for College Information and Scholarship Searches**

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## Remember to fill out the [2025-2026 FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) as soon as possible, after December 1, 2024.

Financial Aid Checklist:<https://www.uaspire.org/documents/info/financial-aid-checklist>

(Do this before Dec 1st!) FSA ID Creation: [How to Guide](https://www.uaspire.org/getattachment/7226d686-1f34-41f0-b03b-c7bd26564946/FINAL-FSA-ID-How-to-Guide.pdf?lang=en-US) or [Be FAFSA Ready (scroll down) English, Spanish and Arabic support](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-families/fafsa-resources/be-fafsa-ready)

Identifying Contributors: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info> or [scroll down for arabic and spanish](https://sites.google.com/micollegeaccess.org/cbmi/college-cash-campaign/better-fafsa-resources)

**FAFSA How To:** [Has videos and steps](https://getschooled.com/article/4168-complete-the-fafsa/#:~:text=The%202025%2D2026%20FAFSA%20opens,start%20filling%20out%20the%20form)

**College Cost and Financial Aid Estimator**

* uAspire’s College Cost Calculator: <https://calculator.uaspire.org/>
* Federal Student Aid Estimator: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

**Student/Family Informational Sessions**

* Virtual Financial Aid Events (for students): <https://www.uaspire.org/News-Events/Virtual-Financial-Aid-Help-Events>
* [Michigan virtual financial aid webinars for families](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-families/virtual-financial-aid-presentations)
* [Michigan Scholarship Info webinars](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship/informational-session)
* Guide to Finding and Applying to Scholarships (blog post): [https://www.uaspire.org/News-Events/uAspire’s-Guide-to-Finding-and-Applying-to-Scholar](https://www.uaspire.org/News-Events/uAspire%E2%80%99s-Guide-to-Finding-and-Applying-to-Scholar)

**Scholarships (This will be updated regularly)**

Due March 31, 2025

**LAFCU: Write to Educate Essay Scholarship contest**- multiple winners-$5,000 (500 word essay, Employees of LAFCU and their immediate family members are excluded.

<https://www.lafcu.com/personal/youth/student-resource-guide/scholarships>

[See news article](https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2025/02/25/lafcu-write-to-educate-essay-contest-march-31-deadline/80072312007/)

Prompt: *“If you could create a new course to teach in high schools, what would it be and why would it be beneficial to students*?”

**Junior Achievement (JA) Scholarship due April 25, 2025 ($250-$2,000, multiple winners)**

Any student who has ever been involved with JA

[Application Info](https://michigangreatlakes.ja.org/scholarship/jamgl-scholarships#:~:text=Scholarships%20are%20available%20for%20high,Michigan%20Great%20Lakes%2C%20Inc)

**Leadership/Athletics/Service**

[Get To® Foundation Scholarship application](https://www.gettofoundation.org/scholarships)- deadline February 1st, 2025

* Seniors 3.0 GPA
* Play sport for at least 3 years

**Service/Leadership**

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>-Deadline December 18, 2024

Applicants to the Equitable Excellence® Scholarship Program Scholarship Program must:

* Be current high school seniors in one of the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire upcoming academic year.
* Demonstrate ambition and self-drive to be a force for good in school, community or work activities
* Be willing to provide a release to publicize their identities and information about their achievements along with photographs for use in program promotion and information.
* Have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

**Students with a deceased parent or experienced Foster Care**

[Memorial Scholarships](https://www.unigo.com/pay-for-college/scholarship/scholarships-for-students-who-have-lost-a-parent#:~:text=Can%20You%20Get%20a%20Scholarship,financial%20need%2C%20or%20other%20factors.)

[KidsChanceMichigan](https://www.kidschanceofmi.org/application.html)

[Fostering Futures](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/fostering-futures-scholarship)

**Scholarships by County in Michigan**

* [County Search](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-families/mi-scholarship-search)
* [Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan](https://cfsem.org/scholarships/)- a lot of scholarships- 1 application

**Michigan Specific Scholarship Programs**

[Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs)

[MAS (No GPA requirement)](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship) Including Community College Guarantee

[MAS (skills scholarship for certificates and tech programs)](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship/career-training/frequently-asked-questions)

[Golden Apple Scholars](https://www.goldenapple.org/scholars-michigan) (for those going to school to be a teacher) Priority deadline 12/1 or 4/1/25

[Michigan Association of Broadcasters](https://www.michiganmedia.com/mabf-scholarships/) (those interested in broadcast or communications) January 10, 2025

National Fluid Power and Robotics (see last page)

**General Scholarship Searches**

[BigFuture](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships) (juniors and seniors)

CollegeBoard: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search>

Fastweb[: https://fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com)

Cappex / College Greenlight:<https://cappex.com/scholarships>

[GetSchooled](https://getschooled.com/scholarships/)

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**Specific Identity/Group Websites/Scholarships**

[FFA Scholarships](https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/): Opens November 1, 2024

Asian American /Pacific Islander

APIA Scholarship Program <https://apiascholars.org/>

USPAACC [https://uspaacc.com/programs/education/college-scholarships](https://uspaacc.com/programs/education)

Arab American / Middle Eastern

ADC <https://adc.org/arab-american-scholarships/> (Michigan)

Black / African American

United Negro College Fund [https://uncf.org/scholarships](https://uncf.org/)

NAACP <https://naacp.org/find-resources/>

Hispanic / Latinx

Hispanic Scholarship Fund <https://www.hsf.net/>

LULAC <https://lulac.org/programs/education>

Alsame Scholarship: <https://alsame.org/scholarships/> Due March 10, 2025

LGBTQ+

Point Foundation Scholarships <https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships>

League Foundation Scholarships <https://www.leaguefoundation.org/>

Native American/ American Indian

American Indian College Fund<https://collegefund.org/students/>

American Indian Education Fund <http://www.nativepartnership.org/>

**Undocumented Students**

[**Special Populations**](https://www.michigan.gov/mileap/higher-education/universal-fafsa-challenge/fafsa-resources-for-special-populations)

[**Resources**](https://michigancollegeaccessnetwork.box.com/s/r5oui4bom7v46x55mj7f93snmxof7f7p) **(Scholarships, Info, Data)**

The Dream.US Opportunity Scholarship - This scholarship is for students who live in locked-out states where they cannot receive in-state tuition. Applications are open to immigrant students with or without DACA or TPS who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before Nov. 1, 2018. <https://www.thedream.us/scholarships>

The Dream.US National Scholarship - Similar to The Dream.us Opportunity scholarship, the National scholarship includes undocumented students who reside in non-locked out states and need financial assistance in order to pursue higher education. <https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/> Feb 25, 2025

**CTE, Technical Colleges, and Engineering Schools Scholarships**

The NFPA is a trade association focused on strengthening the hydraulics and pneumatics industry. With more than 300 fluid power manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers in its membership, the NFPA works to advance fluid power education, technology, and the industry as a whole. Our members are motivated to grow the number of students educated in fluid power and connect them to careers in the industry.

**One way we do this is through scholarships.** The [**Fluid Power Scholarship**](https://nfpafoundation.org/high-schools/programs-resources/2k-scholarships/)**,** is a $2,500 scholarship available to students pursuing fluid power education. Multiple scholarships are available for the 2025-26 academic year. **The deadline to apply is April 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM CDT.**

* A minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, 500-word essay, a completed online application and one letter of recommendation are required from each applicant. The Foundation’s goal is to help graduating high school seniors, and individuals enrolled at technical colleges, community colleges, and universities pursue their interests in fluid power.

Please share this information with students who are interested in pursuing fluid power on their higher education journeys. If you have any questions about NFPA scholarships, or any other [programs](https://nfpafoundation.org/high-schools/programs-resources/) that NFPA offers, please email me at hnemeth@nfpa.com. Thank you for your time.

**Parent Resources (Loans)**

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan Information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

Parent PLUS Loan information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/parent>