

# Financial Aid Resources

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Whatever college or postsecondary school you plan to attend, your best source of information about financial aid is the school or college you are considering. When you apply for admission, be sure to visit the school's financial aid web page to learn about scholarships unique to that school and verify financial aid deadlines. To become familiar with state and federal programs, go to [www.ctohe.org/sfa](http://www.ctohe.org/sfa). Many other resources are listed below. For questions, contact the Education & Employment Information Center, a free statewide clearinghouse operated by the Office of Higher Education.

## Resources for All Students

### *Connecticut Student Aid*

Office of Higher Education – [www.ctohe.org/sfa](http://www.ctohe.org/sfa)

Connecticut Higher Education Trust, CHET Connecticut's 529 College Savings plan – [www.aboutchet.com](http://www.aboutchet.com)

College Goal Sunday – financial aid officers will help you complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – [www.collegegoalsundayct.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org)

Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, an alternative source of student loan funds – [www.chesla.org](http://www.chesla.org)

CONNTAC-EOC, Connecticut Talent Assistance Cooperative-Educational Opportunity Center offers free statewide educational counseling, scholarships, and career planning services – [www.conntacinc.org](http://www.conntacinc.org)

### *Federal Student Aid*

College Scorecard provides tools for students to match colleges with personal interests and financial ability – [www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/index.aspx](http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/index.aspx)

FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

FAFSA4Caster – The U.S. Department of Education's tool for students and parents to estimate a student's eligibility for federal financial aid – [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Information Center – [www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov](http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov)

Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program – [www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PSF.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PSF.jsp)

Funding Education Beyond High School – The U.S. Department of Education's guide to federal student aid – [www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/index.html](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html)

Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, American Opportunity Credit – [www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch02.html#d0e1204](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch02.html#d0e1204)

Income Based Repayment (IBR) – a repayment plan for the major types of federal student loans. Under IBR, the required monthly payment is capped at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on income and family size – [www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRPlan.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRPlan.jsp)

Loan counseling tools a Repayment Estimator that allows borrowers to compare monthly payment amounts in repayment plan choices – [www.studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action](http://www.studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action)

Your Federal Student Loans, Learn the Basics and Manage Your Debt – [www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying\\_loans/index.html](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying_loans/index.html)

***U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau***

Financial Aid Comparison Shopper to compare college costs and loan amounts – [www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college)

## Resources for Dislocated Workers

Opportunity.Gov provides information for unemployed workers receiving unemployment benefits who may qualify for aid to pay for education and training – [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html)

STEP UP Subsidized Training and Employment Program through Connecticut's Department of Labor – [www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/FactSheet.pdf](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/FactSheet.pdf)

WIA, Workforce Investment Act, Eligible Training Providers List – pre-approved programs and facilities in Connecticut for unemployed workers who are seeking funds for retraining –

<http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/etpl/index.asp>

## Other Resources

American Association of Retired Persons, AARP Women's Scholarship Program for women aged 50+ – [www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/info-2010/scholarship-opportunities.html](http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/info-2010/scholarship-opportunities.html)

AFSCME scholarships available to members and their families – [www.afscme.org/members/scholarships](http://www.afscme.org/members/scholarships)

CHET, Connecticut Higher Education Trust, Advance Scholarship – [www.chetadvance.com/](http://www.chetadvance.com/)

Collegeboard's website has access to scholarship searches and the College Scholarship Service CSS/Profile Supplementary financial aid application required by many colleges – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

College Reality Check from the Chronicle for Higher Education – allows students to compare college prices, graduation rates, debt, default rates – [www.collegerealitycheck.com](http://www.collegerealitycheck.com)

Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education Scholarship – [www.calahe.org/scholarships](http://www.calahe.org/scholarships)

Fastweb's searchable scholarship database – [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Finaid has a searchable scholarship database, information about other types of aid including sources for private elementary and high schools, student loans and cost calculators – [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

International Education Financial Aid has a searchable database for students who wish to study abroad – [www.iefaf.org](http://www.iefaf.org)

Marine Draftsmen Association, UAW Local 571 scholarships for graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing – <http://region9a.uaw.org/local571/>

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators explains how to apply for financial aid, cut college costs, tax breaks and tuition discount information by area – [www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

New England RSP, Regional Student Program has information about tuition savings for New England residents studying in other New England states – [www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview](http://www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview)

Payscale is a salary information company ranking the starting and mid-career salaries of graduates of American colleges and universities – [www.payscale.com/](http://www.payscale.com/)

Sallie Mae's searchable scholarship database – [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships – [www.cspaaa.com](http://www.cspaaa.com)

United Negro College Fund provides scholarships to students attending member colleges – [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

## Resources for Graduate Students

American Council of Learned Societies' fellowship and grant programs – <http://artct.org/glenn-moon-scholarship/>

American Association of University Women website for grants and fellowships listings – [www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)

Connecticut School Counseling Association for residents who are matriculated in a program for school counseling certification – [www.ctschoolcounselor.org/scholarship](http://www.ctschoolcounselor.org/scholarship)

Fulbright Scholarship aids students, scholars, teachers, and professionals to pursue graduate work, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools – [www.iie.org/fulbright/](http://www.iie.org/fulbright/)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund for undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic descent – [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

National Science Foundation provides funding for undergraduate and graduate students as well as K-12 educators and veterans for studies in science – [www.nsf.gov/funding/](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/)

Social Science Research Council provides fellowships in the social sciences – [www.ssrc.org/fellowships](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships)

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation – [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)

## Tuition Assistance Partnerships

Fairfield University – The Community Partnership Scholars Program for low-income Bridgeport high school students. Call the Financial Aid Office at 203/254-4125 –

[www.fairfield.edu/admissionaid/financialaidtuition/undergraduatefinancialaidtuition/scholarshipsgrants/](http://www.fairfield.edu/admissionaid/financialaidtuition/undergraduatefinancialaidtuition/scholarshipsgrants/)

University of Hartford – The Hartford Scholars Program for Hartford residents who graduate from a Hartford secondary school or who participate in Open Choice. Call 860/768-5223 for more information –

[www.hartford.edu/student\\_affairs/departments/multicultural/hartford\\_scholars.aspx](http://www.hartford.edu/student_affairs/departments/multicultural/hartford_scholars.aspx)

## Specific Occupations or Interests

Professional organizations for many occupations often offer scholarships. Students may research these in the Occupational Outlook Handbook at [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).

### *Agriculture*

[www.bethlehemfair.com/scholarships.html](http://www.bethlehemfair.com/scholarships.html) – Scholarships for students majoring in agri-business or home economics.

[www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/pages/default.aspx](http://www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships/pages/default.aspx) – Scholarships – The Future Farmers of America scholarships for students pursuing agricultural programs.

### *Architecture*

[www.aiact.org/outreach/ctaf\\_scholarship.php](http://www.aiact.org/outreach/ctaf_scholarship.php) – Scholarships for Connecticut residents interested in pursuing an architecture program.

[www.cbc-ct.org](http://www.cbc-ct.org) – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying. Click on “Member Services” for the application.

### *Athletic Training*

[www.ctathletictrainers.org](http://www.ctathletictrainers.org) – Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students majoring in an athletic training program.

### *Communications, Broadcasting and Journalism*

[www.ctba.org/page.cfm?page=17](http://www.ctba.org/page.cfm?page=17) – Connecticut Broadcasters Association scholarship for students majoring in broadcasting, communications, marketing, journalism, engineering, or electronics.

[www.ctsportswriters.org](http://www.ctsportswriters.org) – Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance Scholarship

[www.quillandscroll.org](http://www.quillandscroll.org) – The Edward J. Nell Memorial scholarship for students majoring in journalism.

### *Design*

[www.cadc.org/Events/Student\\_Conference/](http://www.cadc.org/Events/Student_Conference/) – Scholarships for students majoring in design, photography or illustration.

### *Engineering and Computer Science*

[www.artsci.ccsu.edu/sstem/](http://www.artsci.ccsu.edu/sstem/) – Computer science, mathematics, and physics, scholarships for qualified Central Connecticut State University students.

[www.smeef.org](http://www.smeef.org) – Scholarships for students majoring in manufacturing engineering and manufacturing technology.

[www.nacme.org/NACME\\_A.aspx?pageid=1](http://www.nacme.org/NACME_A.aspx?pageid=1) – Scholarships for African American, American Indian and Latino students in engineering.

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org> – Society of Women Engineers scholarship program for women studying engineering.

### *Environmental*

[www.ctgardenclubs.org](http://www.ctgardenclubs.org) – Scholarships for students majoring in conservation, environmental studies, forestry and allied subjects.

### *Health Sciences and Nursing*

[www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/index.html](http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/index.html) – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services list of scholarships and loan programs for students in nursing programs.

[www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/](http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/) – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program.

[www.discovernursing.com/resources/online-resources#category=financial-assistance](http://www.discovernursing.com/resources/online-resources#category=financial-assistance) – A scholarship search for students entering nursing.

<http://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship> – Scholarships for students entering health professions.

[www.ynhh.org/community-health/career.aspx?2](http://www.ynhh.org/community-health/career.aspx?2) – Yale Minority Nursing & Allied Health Scholarship.

### *Management*

<http://ismct.org/content.php?page=Scholarships> – Purchasing managers scholarships.

### *Mortuary Science*

[www.abfse.org/html/scholarship.html](http://www.abfse.org/html/scholarship.html) – American Board of Funeral Service Education scholarships for students enrolled in funeral service or mortuary science programs.

### *Sports Participation*

[www.cjsa.org](http://www.cjsa.org) – the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association.

[www.cwga.org/jrscholarships.htm](http://www.cwga.org/jrscholarships.htm) – the Connecticut Women Golfers Association.

### *Surveying*

[www.cbc-ct.org](http://www.cbc-ct.org) – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying. Click on “Member Services” for the application.

[www.ctsurveyor.com](http://www.ctsurveyor.com) – Scholarships for students majoring in a program leading to a degree in surveying.

### *Teaching*

[www.aft.org/aftplus/scholarships/index.htm](http://www.aft.org/aftplus/scholarships/index.htm) – the American Federation of Teachers union Robert G. Porter Scholars and Union Plus Scholarship Programs.

[www.almaexleyscholarship.org/](http://www.almaexleyscholarship.org/) – Scholarships for minority students in Connecticut education programs.

[www.artct.org/Scholarship.html](http://www.artct.org/Scholarship.html) – Scholarships offered by the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut.

[www.cea.org/about/cef/](http://www.cea.org/about/cef/) – Scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

[www.ctpta.org/NSPTA-Scholarship.html](http://www.ctpta.org/NSPTA-Scholarship.html) – PTA scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

[www.ctohe.org/SFA/sfa.shtml#CT\\_Minority\\_Teacher\\_Incentive\\_Grant](http://www.ctohe.org/SFA/sfa.shtml#CT_Minority_Teacher_Incentive_Grant) – Minority Teacher Incentive Grant and Weisman Scholarship Programs.

[www.nea.org/grants/1649.htm](http://www.nea.org/grants/1649.htm) – National Education Association scholarships and grants.

[www.pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/](http://www.pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/) – Phi Delta Kappa scholarships for prospective educators.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp) – Grants for new and current teachers.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying) – Federal loan cancellation and/or deferments for teachers.

## Veterans

Office of Higher Education information about approved schools and veterans benefits –

[www.ctohe.org/vet/default.shtml](http://www.ctohe.org/vet/default.shtml)

American Legion's Scholarships and college financial aid handbook, “Need a Lift” –

[www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships)

E Benefits Gateway to Benefits Information – [www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal)

Unemployed Armed Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment Program helps former military combat personnel find new employment – [www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/StepUpVets.htm](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/StepUpVets.htm)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefit information – [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Veterans Tuition Waiver at Connecticut public higher education institutions –

Board of Regents – [www.ct.edu/admission/veterans#benefits](http://www.ct.edu/admission/veterans#benefits)

University of Connecticut – <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/waiver>

Yellow Ribbon Program – [www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post\\_911\\_gibill/yellow\\_ribbon\\_program.html](http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/yellow_ribbon_program.html)

## Students with Disabilities

FinAid’s information about scholarships, publications and support organizations for students with disabilities –

[www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml)

Governor’s Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarship – [www.gcyd.org](http://www.gcyd.org)

HEATH Resource Center of the George Washington University, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities –

[www.heath.gwu.edu/](http://www.heath.gwu.edu/)

## Scholarship Scams

FinAid’s Scholarship Scam information page – [www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml)

U.S. Department of Education’s Avoiding Scams webpage –

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/lisa.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/lisa.jsp)

Federal Trade Commission’s site for reporting any fraudulent financial aid schemes –

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams)

## Community Organizations & Non-Profit Foundations

American Savings Foundation  
860/827-2556  
[www.asfdn.org](http://www.asfdn.org)

Branford Community Foundation, Inc.  
203/488-6063  
(Branford High School Seniors only)  
[www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org)

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven  
203/777-2386  
[www.cfgnh.org](http://www.cfgnh.org)

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain  
860/229-6018  
[www.cfgnb.org](http://www.cfgnb.org)

Community Foundation of Middlesex County  
860/347-0025  
[www.middlesexcountycf.org](http://www.middlesexcountycf.org)

Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut  
860/626-1245  
[www.cfnwct.org](http://www.cfnwct.org)

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut  
860/442-3572  
[www.cfect.org](http://www.cfect.org)

Connecticut Community Foundation  
203/753-1315  
[www.conncf.org](http://www.conncf.org)

Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated  
Scholarship  
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[ffclinksinc@yahoo.com](mailto:ffclinksinc@yahoo.com)  
[www.fairfieldcountylinksinc.org](http://www.fairfieldcountylinksinc.org)

Fairfield County Community Foundation  
203/750-3200  
[www.fccfoundation.org/cm/Home.html](http://www.fccfoundation.org/cm/Home.html)

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving  
860/548-1888  
[www.hfpg.org](http://www.hfpg.org)

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc.  
860/583-6363  
[www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org)

The Mayflower Scholarship  
Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants  
[www.ctmayflower.org/contact\\_us.php](http://www.ctmayflower.org/contact_us.php)

National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut  
860/289-1971  
[www.nfbct.org/html/schinfo.htm](http://www.nfbct.org/html/schinfo.htm)

New Haven Scholarship Fund  
203/389-1622  
[www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org](http://www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org)

Orange Foundation (residents only)  
[www.orangefoundation.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.orangefoundation.org/scholarships.htm)

SBM Charitable Foundation  
860/533-0230  
[www.sbmfoundation.org](http://www.sbmfoundation.org)

The Watertown Foundation  
(Limited to students who have resided in  
Watertown, CT for at least three years.)  
860/274-4299  
[www.watertownfoundation.com](http://www.watertownfoundation.com)