

# PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: When is the best time to apply for most scholarships?**

A: January through April

**Q: What is the cost to apply?**

A: Some scholarships will require a small application fee; however, most do not. If a scholarship requires a fee, do a little research to make sure it's not a scam.

**Q: Is there a waiting period?**

A: Waiting periods can range from a few weeks to a few months.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Check the terms of the scholarship to find out when and how the scholarship needs to be used.
- If you do not meet the requirements of the scholarship, do not apply.
- All information in the application should be accurate. Make sure there are no spelling or grammatical errors.
- For scholarships that require an essay, prepare a standard five-paragraph essay on the topic given. Submit only your most polished essay, not the first draft. There are internet scams out there.

**Be on the lookout for red flags such as:**

- Excessive hype: i.e. "guaranteed scholarship," "win free money," "everybody is eligible"
- having to pay a fee for information about the scholarship
- requests for credit card or bank account information

## PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP LIST

- 1. 100 Minority Scholarship Gateways**  
<http://www.blackexcel.org/100minority.htm>
- 2. 16AXA Achievement Scholarship**  
<http://www.axa-achievement.com>
- 3. 25 Scholarship Gateways from Black Excel**  
<http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>
- 4. Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf**  
<http://www.agbell.org>
- 5. Alpha Kappa Alpha Awards**  
<http://www.akaeaf.org/>
- 6. American Association of University Women**  
[http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)
- 7. American Legion Scholarships**  
<http://www.legion.org>
- 8. Art and Writing Awards**  
<http://www.artandwriting.org>
- 9. Black Excel Scholarship Gateway**  
<http://www.blackexcel.org/link4.htm>
- 10. Black Excel Scholarship Gateways**  
<http://www.BlackExcel.org>
- 11. Broke Scholars Scholarships**  
<http://scholarships.brokescholar.com/>
- 12. Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute**  
<http://www.chci.org/>
- 13. Coveted National Scholarships**  
<http://scholarships.fatomei.com/>
- 14. Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships**  
[http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm#general](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#general)

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15. **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**  
<http://www.elks.org>
16. **FastWEB Scholarship Search**  
<http://www.fastweb.com/>
17. **FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)**  
<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>
18. **Findaid: Minority Scholarships**  
<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml>
19. **Ford Foundation Fellowships for Minorities**  
<http://national-academies.org/fellowships>
20. **Gates Millennium Scholarships (Annual)**  
[http://www.gmsp.org\(hmrfvje1fdxdi0nwbrpmbd45\)/default.aspx](http://www.gmsp.org(hmrfvje1fdxdi0nwbrpmbd45)/default.aspx)
21. **Gateway to 10 Free Scholarship Searches**  
[http://www.college-scholarships.com/free\\_scholarship\\_searches.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm)
22. **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**  
<http://www.hsf.net/>
23. **International Students Scholarships & Aid Help**  
<http://www.iefaf.org/>
24. **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships**  
<http://www.jackierobinson.org/>
25. **Jewish Scholarships**  
<http://www.free-4u.com/jewish.htm>
26. **Martin Luther King Scholarships**  
<https://www.sanantonio.gov/MLK/MLKScholarship>
27. **Methodist Scholarships**  
[http://www.free-4u.com/methodist\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.free-4u.com/methodist_scholarships.htm)
28. **Minority Scholarships (All levels)** <http://scholarships.fatomei.com/scholar3.html>
29. **Minority Scholarships**  
<http://www.free-4u.com/minority.htm>
31. **National Black Police Association Scholarships**  
<http://www.blackpolice.org/>
32. **National Scholarships at All Levels** <http://scholarships.fatomei.com/>
33. **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**  
<http://www.prudential.com/spirit>
34. **Sallie Mae Grants and Scholarships** [http://www.salliemae.com/parent\\_answer/decide/explore\\_alternatives/grants.html](http://www.salliemae.com/parent_answer/decide/explore_alternatives/grants.html)
35. **Scholarship & Financial Aid Help**  
<http://www.blackexcel.org/fin-sch.htm>
36. **Scholarship News**  
<http://www.free-4u.com/>
37. **Scholarships Pathways**  
<http://scholarshipssite.blogspot.com/>
38. **State Farm Insurance Hispanic Scholarships** <http://www.statefarm.com/foundati/hispanic.htm>
39. **Students of Colorado Scholarships** <http://www.financialaid4you.com/index.php/scholarships>
40. **The David and Dovetta Wilson Scholarship Fund**  
<http://www.wilsonfund.org>
41. **The Elks National Foundation Scholarships** <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm>
42. **The Roothbert Fund Scholarships**  
<http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php>
43. **Walmart Community Scholarship**  
<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>
44. **Unusual Scholarships**  
<https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/weird-scholarships-part-3>
45. **Verizon Scholarship Program**  
<http://foundation.verizon.com/06011.shtml>