

Financial Aid Resources

Education & Employment Information Center
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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**. 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**

Connecticut Higher Education Trust, CHET Connecticut's 529 College Savings plan – **www.aboutchet.com**

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

Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, an alternative source of student loan funds – **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**

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**

FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid – **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**

Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Information Center – **www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov**

Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program – **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**

Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, American Opportunity Credit – **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**

Loan counseling tools a Repayment Estimator that allows borrowers to compare monthly payment amounts in repayment plan choices – **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

U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Financial Aid Comparison Shopper to compare college costs and loan amounts – 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

STEP UP Subsidized Training and Employment Program through Connecticut's Department of Labor – 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

AFSCME scholarships available to members and their families – www.afscme.org/members/scholarships

CHET, Connecticut Higher Education Trust, Advance Scholarship – 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

College Reality Check from the Chronicle for Higher Education – allows students to compare college prices, graduation rates, debt, default rates – www.collegerealitycheck.com

Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education Scholarship – www.calahe.org/scholarships

Fastweb's searchable scholarship database – 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

International Education Financial Aid has a searchable database for students who wish to study abroad – 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

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

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

Sallie Mae's searchable scholarship database – www.collegeanswer.com

State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships – www.cspaaaa.com

United Negro College Fund provides scholarships to students attending member colleges – 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

Connecticut School Counseling Association for residents who are matriculated in a program for school counseling certification – 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/

Hispanic Scholarship Fund for undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic descent – 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/

Social Science Research Council provides fellowships in the social sciences – www.ssrc.org/fellowships

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation – 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/

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

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.

Agriculture

www.bethlehemfair.com/scholarships.html – Scholarships for students majoring in agri-business or home economics.

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 – Scholarships for Connecticut residents interested in pursuing an architecture program.

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 – Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students majoring in an athletic training program.

Communications, Broadcasting and Journalism

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 – Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance Scholarship

www.quillandscroll.org – The Edward J. Nell Memorial scholarship for students majoring in journalism.

Design

www.cadc.org/Events/Student_Conference/ – Scholarships for students majoring in design, photography or illustration.

Engineering and Computer Science

www.artsci.ccsu.edu/sstem/ – Computer science, mathematics, and physics, scholarships for qualified Central Connecticut State University students.

www.smeef.org – Scholarships for students majoring in manufacturing engineering and manufacturing technology.

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 – Scholarships for students majoring in conservation, environmental studies, forestry and allied subjects.

Health Sciences and Nursing

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/ – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program.

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 – 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 – American Board of Funeral Service Education scholarships for students enrolled in funeral service or mortuary science programs.

Sports Participation

www.cjsa.org – the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association.

www.cwga.org/jrscholarships.htm – the Connecticut Women Golfers Association.

Surveying

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 – Scholarships for students majoring in a program leading to a degree in surveying.

Teaching

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/ – Scholarships for minority students in Connecticut education programs.

www.artct.org/Scholarship.html – Scholarships offered by the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut.

www.cea.org/about/cef/ – Scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

www.ctpta.org/NSPTA-Scholarship.html – PTA scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

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 – National Education Association scholarships and grants.

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 – Grants for new and current teachers.

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

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

www.legion.org/scholarships

E Benefits Gateway to Benefits Information – 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

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefit information – www.gibill.va.gov

Veterans Tuition Waiver at Connecticut public higher education institutions –

Board of Regents – 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

Students with Disabilities

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

www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml

Governor’s Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarship – 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/

Scholarship Scams

FinAid’s Scholarship Scam information page – www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

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

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

Community Organizations & Non-Profit Foundations

American Savings Foundation
860/827-2556
www.asfdn.org

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

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
203/777-2386
www.cfgnh.org

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
860/229-6018
www.cfgnb.org

Community Foundation of Middlesex County
860/347-0025
www.middlesexcountycf.org

Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut
860/626-1245
www.cfnwct.org

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut
860/442-3572
www.cfect.org

Connecticut Community Foundation
203/753-1315
www.conncf.org

Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Scholarship
Fairfield County Links, Inc. Scholarship
ffclinksinc@yahoo.com
www.fairfieldcountylinksinc.org

Fairfield County Community Foundation
203/750-3200
www.fccfoundation.org/cm/Home.html

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
860/548-1888
www.hfpg.org

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc.
860/583-6363
www.mainstreetfoundation.org

The Mayflower Scholarship
Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants
www.ctmayflower.org/contact_us.php

National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut
860/289-1971
www.nfbct.org/html/schinfo.htm

New Haven Scholarship Fund
203/389-1622
www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org

Orange Foundation (residents only)
www.orangefoundation.org/scholarships.htm

SBM Charitable Foundation
860/533-0230
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