



Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students

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Introduction

According to recent data from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), Hispanic students continue to pursue higher education in greater numbers. A 2016 report indicates that the high school dropout rate among Hispanic students shrunk to 10%; likewise, college enrollment grew to 47% among high school graduates aged 18-24. However, while Hispanic students continue to enter college at a record pace, they complete four-year degrees at a lower rate than other ethnic groups. According to the [Pew Research Center](#), nearly half of all Hispanic students enroll in two-year schools, which results in lower student debt but also fewer prospects for high-paying careers.

Introduction

Tuition typically ranks among the top factors students consider when choosing a college, and the price of a bachelor's degree at a four-year school (or a graduate degree) can prove discouraging.

However, Hispanic and Latino students enjoy access to hundreds of scholarship opportunities specifically intended for college students of color. Ranging from a few hundred dollars to full tuition, scholarships make college more accessible for these students and narrow the achievement gap.

This guide serves as an overview of many of the scholarships available to Hispanic students at four-year colleges. Throughout, you can find general scholarship opportunities and awards for specific academic subject areas, such as business and teaching.

Applying

Where can I find scholarships for Hispanic and Latino students?

Students can explore the Point online programs [website](#) to find information about scholarships available to Point students. Students can use the U.S. Department of Labor's scholarship search tool or contact professional associations, foundations, and local organizations to discover other scholarship opportunities. They can also reach out to staff at their church to explore opportunities specific to their religion. Students should explore as many scholarship opportunities as possible to strengthen their chances of receiving funds.

Where can I find scholarships?

- **Your Church:** Church administration often have relationships with scholarship organizations, so contact your church's staff for information about these opportunities, their requirements, and how to apply for them.
- **Foundations:** Foundations often offer scholarships for students from certain demographics or working in specific fields. Find foundations relevant to your career aspirations to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

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- **Local Organizations:** Local organizations, including clubs like Kiwanis and Rotary, often provide scholarships for students each year. Students should seek out both secular and Christian organizations to learn about funding opportunities.
- **Professional Associations:** Professional organizations sometimes offer scholarships for students intending to pursue majors in their field. Contact these organizations to ask about scholarship opportunities.
- **The U.S. Department of Labor's [Scholarship Search Tool](#):** U.S. Department of Labor maintains an online database where students can search for scholarship opportunities. The search function allows students to use keywords and filter search results to find scholarships for their particular career interests or demographics.

Applying

What are the application requirements?

- **FAFSA:** Before students apply for a scholarship, they should complete a Free [Application for Federal Student Aid](#). This determines a student's financial need and is often required by organizations that offer student funding.
- Do you have questions about your financial aid options? You can view helpful videos about financial aid [here](#).
- **Transcripts:** Many scholarship organizations require students to submit transcripts. Often, scholarships will require students to maintain a minimum GPA; thus, a transcript verifies if a student fulfills this requirement.
- **Essay:** Often, students must write an essay for scholarship applications. Typically, the organizations provide guidelines for these essays, including a topic and minimum length. Students can access online resources like the Online Writing Lab to help them write a strong essay.

Applying

What are the application requirements?

- **Letters of recommendation:** Letters of recommendation are a common component for scholarship applications. For Christian scholarships, students are often asked to provide a letter of recommendation from their church leader. Other applications may require letters from educational or professional contacts familiar with the student's experience and integrity. Students should ask their recommenders to write their letters several weeks in advance of the application deadline.
- **Documentation of college enrollment:** Many scholarship committees require proof that students are enrolled in a school. The requirements for this application component can vary from an acceptance letter to a course schedule for the current semester.

Applying

What are some tips for a successful application?

Students should ensure each scholarship application they submit is complete. To receive a scholarship, students will need to stand out from the other applicants and fulfill all necessary requirements outlined by the organization.

- **Create a Checklist:** Since every scholarship has its own requirements, students can make checklists for each opportunity. Checklists can include the necessary requirements, materials, and any special details or achievements that may give them an edge over other applicants.
- **Make It Personal:** Scholarship committees review countless applications each year. Students can take advantage of the essay or personal statement to create a memorable impression. Approaching a prompt from a new angle, for example, can help an application stand out, thus bettering the chances of being awarded a scholarship.

Applying

What are some tips for a successful application?

- **Proofread Materials:** Students should review their application materials -- résumé, essay, letters of recommendation, and the application itself -- to ensure there are no grammar, spelling, or punctuation mistakes.
- **Submit Early:** Developing a habit of submitting applications early is a good practice. By organizing materials in advance of the due date, students can ensure they have all appropriate documents and that all documents have been filled out correctly. Submitting early can also potentially leave a favorable impression with application committees.

Christian Scholarships

Scholarship Scams: What to Look out for

Because there are many [scholarship scams](#), students should familiarize themselves with the application process and scholarship organization structures. This research can help students recognize warning signs. Scam organizations often tell students they can "guarantee" aid rewards for students who pay a finder's fee. **Under no circumstances will a legitimate scholarship require students to pay or supply banking information.**

Another typical scam offers to help students fill out their FAFSA in exchange for payment. The FAFSA website itself offers free help for students. The sites that charge are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, and students are urged to refrain from using those services to prevent financial fraud. Any fraudulent experience should be reported to the U.S. Department of Education and Federal Trade Commission.

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[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)

Who Can Apply: Students of Hispanic heritage pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree can apply for this need-based scholarship, which emphasizes STEM studies but accepts students of all majors.

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

[Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers \(SHPE\) Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: SHPE offers a variety of scholarships to Hispanic students majoring in engineering and related fields, including computer science, aerospace, manufacturing, and STEM subjects.

Amount: Varies

[McDonald's HACER Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: McDonald's awards this scholarship to graduating high school students with at least one Hispanic parent. Applicants must hold at least a 2.7 GPA and plan to enroll in a four-year college.

Amount: Varies

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[NBCUniversal/LNESC Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: NBC and the LULAC National Educational Service Centers award this scholarship to Hispanic students interested in pursuing careers in the media and entertainment industry. Juniors and seniors in good standing with a 3.0 GPA may qualify.

Amount: \$5,000

[La Unidad Latina Foundation \(LULF\) Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: LULF awards this scholarship to Hispanic students enrolled at the undergraduate or graduate level. Applicants must possess a 2.8 GPA and at least one year of completed higher education.

Amount: \$500-\$1,000

[Association of Latino Professionals for America \(ALPFA\) Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: ALPFA offers a wide selection of scholarships to Hispanic college students. Award amounts and specific requirements vary, though all applicants must possess a 3.0 GPA.

Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

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[LULAC National Scholarship Fund \(LNSF\)](#)

Who Can Apply: LNSF offers three scholarships to Hispanic college students: National Achievement Awards, Honors Awards, and General Awards. Requirements vary, but considerations include GPA, SAT or ACT scores, and community involvement.

Amount: \$250-\$2,000

[Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs awards this scholarship to minority students who also received the Pell Grant. The award provides funding for study-abroad opportunities.

Amount: Varies

[Bright Horizons Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Liberty Power and the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation offer this scholarship to Hispanic students pursuing STEM programs with career aspirations in the energy and environment sectors.

Amount: \$4,000-\$10,000

[Gates Millennium Scholars Program](#)

Who Can Apply: The prestigious Gates Millennium Scholars Program offers full tuition support to students of color who demonstrate significant academic achievement and community involvement.

Amount: Varies

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Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Women

[Ann Seki Memorial Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Chevron offers this scholarship in honor of Ann Seki, a founding member of the company's Hispanic Recruiting Team. Applicants must major in a science-related field and hold a GPA of at least 3.3.

Amount: \$500-\$10,000

[The Randy Falco Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (best known for presenting the Emmys) offers this scholarship (as well as four others worth exploring) to Hispanic students pursuing careers in the television industry, including entertainment and journalism.

Amount: \$10,000

[Haz La U Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: Offered in conjunction with Colgate-Palmolive and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, the Haz La U Program offers 31 scholarships to Hispanic students based on academic merit and community involvement.

Amount: \$2,000-\$15,000

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[Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute \(CHCI\) Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: CHCI offers scholarships to Hispanic students in many academic fields, including accounting, marketing, journalism, communications, and computer science. Many scholarships also include internship components.

Amount: Varies

[GE-Regan Foundation Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: This prestigious scholarship program serves graduating high school seniors entering four-year colleges with a GPA of at least 3.0. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Amount: Varies

[National Press Club Diversity Scholarship for Studies in Journalism](#)

Who Can Apply: Minority students interested in journalism can apply for this scholarship offered through the National Press Club. For women of color, the award also includes Ellen the Masin Persina Scholarship, which covers textbook expenses.

Amount: \$2,500

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[National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Scholarships in STEM Program](#)

Who Can Apply: Students pursuing STEM majors at the undergraduate or graduate level can pursue several scholarships offered through the NSF, with many funding opportunities that prioritize STEM education for women of color.

Amount: Varies

[Women's Independence Scholarship Program \(WISP\)](#)

Who Can Apply: Offering support to women with experience in domestic abuse, the WISP scholarships award several applicants in Georgia each year.

Amount: Varies (\$2,000 on average)

[Loreen Arbus Foundation Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: The Alliance for Women in Media offers this scholarship to undergraduates studying English, communications, journalism, media, or a related field, with a focus on students with disabilities.

Amount: \$2,500

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Christian Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students

[United Church of Christ Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: The United Church of Christ offers several scholarships worth exploring; members attending an accredited four-year college can apply for an undergraduate scholarship available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Amount: \$1,000

[Presbyterian Mission Student Opportunity Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Presbyterian students attending any accredited undergraduate college can apply for this scholarship; sophomores, juniors, and seniors in good academic standing may qualify.

Amount: Up to \$3,000

[Bethesda Lutheran Communities Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Lutheran undergraduate students pursuing any academic major can apply for this scholarship. Applicants must plan to work in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities upon graduation.

Amount: \$3,000

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Christian Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students

[Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship Partners Program](#)

Who Can Apply: Christian students interested in pursuing ministry positions can apply for this generous fellowship, which requires applicants to develop a leadership project that aids the Episcopal Church.

Amount: \$15,000

[United Methodist Church General Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: Active undergraduate members of the United Methodist Church can apply for this scholarship, which requires a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Amount: \$500-\$1,000

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Teaching Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students

[Georgia Association of Educators \(GAE\) High School Senior Scholarship for Future Teachers](#)

Who Can Apply: Serving incoming college freshmen who plan to become education majors, this scholarship caters to attendees of any Georgia public high school.

Amount: \$1,000

[Georgia Association of Educators College Junior/Senior Scholarship for Future Teachers](#)

Who Can Apply: GAE offers this scholarship to undergraduate education majors enrolled at the junior or senior level. Applicants must complete a short essay on their career goals.

Amount: \$1,000

[Barbara Lotze Scholarships for Future Teachers](#)

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students or graduating high school seniors planning to pursue careers as K-12 physics teachers can apply for this scholarship, which awards several students each year.

Amount: \$2,000

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[Future Educators Association Prospective Educator Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Graduating high school seniors or undergraduate education majors can apply for this scholarship, which awards over 30 prospective educators each year. Applicants must serve as members of Phi Delta Kappa, Educators Rising, or Pi Lambda Theta.

Amount: \$500-\$2,000

[Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: This prestigious scholarship awards educator majors pursuing careers in STEM teaching after graduation. Recipients receive full tuition coverage and must agree to teach for 2-5 years.

Amount: Varies

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Business Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students

[Surety and Fidelity Industry Intern Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: Minority students pursuing programs in accounting, business, or finance can apply for this scholarship/internship program. Applicants must possess at least 30 undergraduate credits and be in good academic standing.

Amount: Up to \$5,000

[James E. Webb Internship](#)

Who Can Apply: The Smithsonian Institution offers this scholarship/internship to minority students enrolled in business or public administration programs. The award caters to both undergraduate and graduate students of color.

Amount: \$6,000

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[EY Building a Better World Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Hispanic students enrolled at the sophomore level or above, with a 3.3 GPA or higher, can apply for this prestigious scholarship, which offers the opportunity of an internship at one of Ernst & Young's locations in the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, or Cayman Island locations.

Amount: \$5,000

[Securities and Insurance Licensing Association \(SILA\) Foundation Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: SILA offers 10 scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled at any accredited four-year college studying business administration, marketing, finance, accounting, or insurance. Applicants must hold a 3.0 GPA.

Amount: \$2,500

[ALA Spectrum Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: The American Library Association has created the ALA Spectrum Scholarship to support minority students who seek to work within the librarianship profession. Students are selected for this scholarship program based upon academic performance and their ability to demonstrate a commitment to librarianship.

Amount: \$5,000

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Grants for Hispanic and Latino Students

[The Hispanic Heritage Foundation Grant Awards](#)

Who Can Apply: The Hispanic Heritage Foundation promotes Hispanic leadership through education, workforce development programs, and grants. The foundation awards educational grants to young Latino leaders as part of the annual HHF Youth Awards. The foundation partners with private industry to offer awards in five areas, namely: Business, community service (sponsored by Southwest Airlines), education (sponsored by Target), engineering (sponsored by Exxon Mobil), and healthcare (sponsored by CVS).

Amount: Varies

[American Association of University Women \(AAUW\) Career Development Grants](#)

Who Can Apply: Intended for female minority students pursuing advanced degrees, this grant gives particular consideration to applicants who are changing careers or seeking to re-enter the workforce.

Amount: \$2,000-\$12,000

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[American Association of University Women \(AAUW\) Selected Professions Fellowship](#)

Who Can Apply: The AAUW awards this scholarship to female minority students pursuing degrees in underrepresented fields, including architecture, computer science, engineering, mathematics, and business administration.

Amount: \$5,000-\$18,000

[American Association of University Women \(AAUW\) International Fellowships](#)

Who Can Apply: Graduate students who are not permanent U.S. residents can apply for these fellowships. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college.

Amount: Varies

[P.D. Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#)

Who Can Apply: Immigrants or the children of immigrants can apply for this prestigious fellowship, which covers up to 50% of graduate tuition costs along with a \$25,000 stipend.

Amount: Tuition covers up to \$20,000/year; \$25,000 stipend

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Professional Organizations for Hispanic and Latino Students

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#): Providing education resources to Hispanic students and families, HSF offers college preparation services, conferences, and scholarship access.

[Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute](#): Cultivating leadership among Hispanic students and professionals, CHCI offers education opportunities, fellowships, internships, conferences, and professional development opportunities.

[National Hispanic Institute](#): Serving Hispanic students at the college and high school level, the NHI offers leadership training, networking opportunities, mentorships, and other professional development services for future Hispanic leaders.

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Professional Organizations for Hispanic and Latino Students

[Prospanica](#): Prospanica advocates for Hispanic business professionals by providing support to Hispanic business students and MBA candidates.

[Association of Latino Professionals for America](#): Supporting Hispanic professionals and students alike, ALPFA offers career assistance, networking opportunities, and professional conferences.

[ASPIRA](#): A grassroots organization dedicated to advocacy for the Puerto Rican and Latino community, ASPIRA hosts educational programs, community development initiatives, mentoring programs, and other resources.

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