

Financial Aid Resources

Education & Employment Information Center
Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education

800/842-0229
www.ctohe.org

Whatever your educational plans, your best source of information and advice about financial aid is the college or postsecondary school that you plan to attend. When you apply for admission, be sure to visit your college's financial aid web page to verify the financial aid deadline and learn about scholarships unique to that school. To explore other programs, start with the websites listed below. For answers to questions about any of these sources, contact the Education & Employment Information Center, a statewide clearinghouse on learning and career opportunities operated by the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education.

Resources for All Students

Connecticut Student Aid

www.ctohe.org/sfa – The Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education's financial aid webpage describing state and federal programs.

www.chesla.org – The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority serves as an alternative source of student loan funds.

www.KnowHow2GoCT.org – College planner for 8th-10th graders and mentors.

www.collegegoalsundayct.org – On College Goal Sunday financial aid officers will help you complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Check the website for locations and materials to bring.

www.conntacinc.org – Free statewide educational counseling, scholarships, and career planning services.

Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov – The U.S. Department of Education's tool for students and parents to estimate a student's eligibility for federal financial aid.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html – “Funding Education Beyond High School” – the U.S. Department of Education's guide to federal student aid.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PSF.jsp> – The Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying_loans/index.html – *Your Federal Student Loans, Learn the Basics and Manage Your Debt* – A new pamphlet to explain what you should consider when you're planning on borrowing money for college.

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

www.irs.gov/faqs/faq/0,,id=199789,00.html – Information on the Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits and the new, as of tax year 2011, American Opportunity Credit.

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

United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

www.consumerfinance.gov – Use the Financial Aid Comparison Shopper to compare college costs and loan amounts. Enter your financial aid packages from the schools where you've been accepted to select the school that best fits your budget.

Resources for Dislocated Workers

<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html> – Information for unemployed workers receiving unemployment benefits who may qualify for aid to pay for education and training.

<http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/etpl/index.asp> – WIA, Workforce Investment Act, Eligible Training Providers List. A searchable database of pre-approved programs and facilities for unemployed workers who are seeking funding for retraining.

Other Resources

www.abetterchance.org – Scholarships and other resources for minority students.

www.collegeanswer.com – A searchable scholarship database sponsored by Sallie Mae; registration is required.

www.collegeboard.org – Click on Students to access scholarship search, and the College Scholarship Service CSS/Profile Supplementary financial aid application required by many colleges.

www.collegenet.com/mach25 – A good jumping off point to many links.

www.cspaaa.com – Click on “Educational Foundation” for information about State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships.

www.educationisfreedom.com – A national scholarship program for qualified high school seniors.

www.fastweb.com – A searchable scholarship database.

www.finaid.org – A searchable scholarship database.

www.hsf.net – The Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

www.iefa.org – A searchable database for students who wish to study abroad.

www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp – The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview – Tuition savings for New England residents studying in other New England states.

www.smartmoney.com/college/?nav=dropTab – College savings resources and calculators.

www.uawlocal571.org/index.html – UAW Local 571, Marine Draftsmen Association scholarships for graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing.

www.uncf.org – The United Negro College Fund.

Resources for Graduate Students

www.acls.org/grants/default.aspx?id=354 – The American Council of Learned Societies’ fellowship and grant programs.

www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm – The American Association of University Women website for grants and fellowships listings.

www.ctschoolcounselor.org/scholarship – Connecticut residents who are matriculated in a program for school counseling certification.

www.iie.org/fulbright/ – The Fulbright Scholarship.

www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/javitsoverview2006.pdf – The Jacob Javits Fellowship Program.

www.hsf.net – The Hispanic Scholarship Fund for graduate students.

www.nsf.gov/funding/ – The National Science Foundation.

www.ssrc.org/fellowships – The Social Science Research Council Fellowship.

www.woodrow.org – The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Tuition Assistance Partnerships

Fairfield University – www.fairfield.edu/admission/fa_schols.html#tuition – The Community Partnership Scholars Program is for low-income Bridgeport high school students. Call the Financial Aid Office at 203/254-4125.

University of Hartford –

www.hartford.edu/student_affairs/departments/multicultural/hartford_scholars.aspx – The Hartford Scholars Program is for Hartford residents who graduate from a Hartford secondary school or who participate in Open Choice. Call 860/768-5223 for more information.

Specific Occupations

www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/info-2010/scholarship-opportunities.html – American Association of Retired Persons, AARP Women's Scholarship Program for women 40 and over.

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

www.aessuccess.org/afscmeC13 – Scholarships available to AFSCME members and their families.

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

www.almaexleyscholarship.org/ – Alma Exley Scholarship for minority students pursuing accredited teacher-preparation programs in Connecticut.

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

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

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/> – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website that lists scholarships, loans and loan repayment programs for students in nursing programs.

www.bls.gov/oco – The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* which lists job descriptions with links to professional organizations' scholarships.

<http://cadc.org/?p=360> – Scholarships for students majoring in design, photography or illustration.

www.capminc.org/scholarships.htm – Purchasing managers scholarships.

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

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

<http://chapters.sme.org/c007> – Scholarships for students who major in manufacturing engineering and manufacturing technology.

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

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

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

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

www.discovernursing.com/scholarship_search.aspx – A scholarship search for students entering nursing.

www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.Scholarships – The Future Farmers of America scholarship for students pursuing agricultural programs.

http://www.nacme.org/NACME_A.aspx?pageid=1 – Scholarships for African American, American Indian and Latino men and women in engineering.

<http://www.pdkintl.org/index.htm> – Phi Delta Kappa scholarships for prospective educators.

<http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/portal/national> – Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers scholarships for engineering and science students.

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

www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp – Grants for new and current teachers.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying> – Federal loan cancellation and/or deferments for teachers.

www.tylenolscholarship.com – Scholarships for students entering health professions.

www.uiowa.edu/~quill-sc/ – The Edward J. Nell Memorial scholarship for students majoring in journalism.

Sports Participation

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

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

Veterans

www.ctohe.org/vet/default.shtml – Programs approved by the Connecticut Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education's State Approving Agency.

www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/yellow_ribbon_program.html – Participating Connecticut colleges in the federally sponsored Yellow Ribbon Program. The federal government matches any financial aid that these colleges provide to veterans above the cost of the most expensive public college in their state.

www.legion.org/scholarships – American Legion's Scholarships page and link to their college financial aid handbook, *Need a Lift*.

www.military.com – A searchable scholarship database for branches of the military.

www.gibill.va.gov – Federal veterans educational benefit information.

http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/vrap.html – The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, VRAP, provides twelve months of financial assistance to qualified veterans enrolled in a VA approved program.

Students with Disabilities

www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml – Scholarships, publications and support organizations.

www.heath.gwu.edu/ – The HEATH Resource Center of The George Washington University, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, is an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities.

www.gcyd.org – The Governor's Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarship.

Scholarship Scams

www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/lisa.jsp – U.S. Department of Education's Looking for Student Aid Without Getting Scammed webpage.

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

www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/scholarship/index.shtml – Federal Trade Commission's site for reporting any fraudulent financial aid schemes.

<http://ombudsman.ed.gov/CRE43-studentloans3.pdf> – Information on avoiding deceptive student loans.

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 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
info@fairfieldcountylinksinc.org
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/programs.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

Rotary Club of Waterbury Scholarship
www.waterburyrotary.org

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

Woodbury Scholarship Fund
www.wsfund.org



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