Whatever postsecondary school or college 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 consult the school’s financial aid web page to learn about scholarships unique to that school, and to verify financial aid deadlines. Key online sources are:

- [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) to learn about federal programs
- [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) to apply and access your FAFSA – Free Application For Federal Student Aid

Other resources are listed below. For questions, contact the Office of Higher Education.

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### Resources for All Students

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 – [https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/)


FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid – [FAFSA® Application](https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa)


Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Information Center – [Consolidate Your Federal Student Loans](https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/consolidation)

Financial Aid Resources


Income Driven Repayment (IDR) – Apply for or Manage Your Income-Driven Repayment Plan

Federal Student Loan Repayment Options, Loan Simulator helps you calculate loan repayments – Loan Simulator

**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**


**Other Resources**


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

Better Business Bureau Connecticut click on the “Get Involved” link to connect to the Student Ethics Scholarship Award or the Military Line Student Ethics Scholarship Award for a child of a military family – [www.bbb.org/connecticut](http://www.bbb.org/connecticut)


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 – [www.calahe.org](http://www.calahe.org)

Fastweb’s searchable scholarship database – [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
Financial Aid Resources

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.iefa.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

NEBHE's Tuition Break, formerly known as the Regional Student Program (RSP) – nebhe.org/tuitionbreak

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.cspaaa.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 – artct.org/index.php/glenn-moon

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

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

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


Tuition Assistance Partnerships


Hartford Promise scholarship for Hartford Public School students- www.hartfordpromise.org/

New Haven Promise scholarship for New Haven Public School students - www.newhavenpromise.org/
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.


Architecture

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–
http://www.ctba.org/scholarship.php – Connecticut Broadcasters Association scholarship for students majoring in broadcasting, communications, marketing, journalism, engineering, or electronics.


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

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


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.discovernursing.com/resources/online-resources#category=financial-assistance – A scholarship search for students entering nursing.


Management

Mortuary Science–
http://www.abfse.org/html/scholarships.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


Surveying
www.cbc-ct.org – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying.

Teaching
www.aft.org/about/member-benefits/scholarships – the American Federation of Teachers union Robert G. Porter Scholars and Union Plus Scholarship Programs.


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

www.nea.org/home/16692.htm – National Education Association scholarships and grants.


**Veterans**


American Legion's Scholarships – [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships)


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

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 – [veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/waiver](http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/waiver)


**Students with Disabilities**

Fastweb research page financial aid for students with disabilities –

Onlineschools.org website provides directories for students with disabilities -

**Scholarship Scams**

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

U.S. Department of Education’s Avoiding Scams article –
[studentaid.gov/articles/avoid-student-loan-forgiveness-scams](http://studentaid.gov/articles/avoid-student-loan-forgiveness-scams)

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| American Savings Foundation  
  860/827-2556  
  [www.asfdn.org](http://www.asfdn.org) |
| Branford Community Foundation, Inc.  
  203/444-4898  
  (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.cfec.org](http://www.cfec.org) |
| Connecticut Community Foundation (Waterbury)  
  203/753-1315  
  [www.conncf.org](http://www.conncf.org) |
| Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Scholarship  
  Fairfield County Links, Inc. Scholarship  
  [info@thefairfieldcountylinks.org](mailto:info@thefairfieldcountylinks.org)  
  [www.fairfieldcountylinks.org](http://www.fairfieldcountylinks.org) |
| Fairfield County Community Foundation  
  203/750-3200  
  [http://fccfoundation.org](http://fccfoundation.org) |
| 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/programs.php](http://www.ctmayflower.org/programs.php) |
| National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut  
  860/289-1971  
| New Haven Scholarship Fund  
  203/389-1622  
  [www.newhavenscholarship.wix.com/newhavenscholarship](http://www.newhavenscholarship.wix.com/newhavenscholarship) |
| Orange Foundation (residents only)  
  P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477 |
| SBM Charitable Foundation  
  860/533-1067  
  [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) |