

Scholarship Information

[National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts \(NFAA\) Recognition and Talent Search](#)

NFAA accepts registrations from young artists in the categories of dance, film and video, **classical, pop and jazz music**, photography, theater, visual arts, **voice**, and writing for its talent search program. High school seniors may apply to win cash awards and scholarships and the chance to participate in NFAA Arts Week and be named a U. S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

- *Individual awards of up to \$10,000 are available.*
- Deadline: June 1, 2007 (early registration); October 1, 2007 (final registration); November 5, 2007 (audition/portfolio materials received deadline)

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities Oriented Scholarships

[Best Buy Scholarship](#)

The Best Buy Scholarships are available to high school seniors who plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution in the United States no later than Fall 2006. Students must demonstrate commitment to and involvement in volunteer community service. Selection of recipients will be based on solid academic performance and exemplary community service with consideration also given to participation and leadership in school activities and work experience. **More information and applications will be provided at the referenced Web site in January 2008.**

- *Three recipients will be selected from each United States Congressional District and the District of Columbia. Two awards are \$2,000 and one is \$1,000.*

Essay Scholarships

[The Dale E. Fridell Memorial Scholarship](#)

The Dale E. Fridell Memorial Scholarship is available to those pursuing or attending a post-secondary educational institution. The candidate must submit an essay answering the question: "Why is the completion of a postsecondary program important to you, and what do you hope to achieve once you get the degree?"

- *Each winner is awarded a scholarship of \$1,000.*
- The scholarship is awarded four times annually, deadlines are January 14, April 14, July 14, and October 14.

[CarDonors.com Scholarship](#)

The CarDonors.com Scholarship is available to students who are attending or planning to attend an accredited U.S. college in the 2006-2007 or 2007-2008 school year. You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be in good standing at your current institution. The candidate must submit a short essay detailing their extra curricular and community service activities, and career plans.

- *One \$500 scholarship is awarded every three months.*
- Deadline: May 31, August 31, December 31, and March 15.

Music-Related Scholarships

[CFJS Scholarships](#)

The Central Florida Jazz Society (CFJS) Scholarships are for students studying jazz music. There are no age limits, just that the applicant be in his or her senior year of high school or first three years of college.

- **An audition in Orlando, FL, is a requirement**
- *4 Awards of up to \$2,000 may be used toward school expenses, private lessons, or an instrument.*
- Audition date: March 2008

Other Scholarships

USA Funds Access To Education Scholarships

USA Funds awards scholarships to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who come from households with annual incomes of \$35,000 or less. Scholarships are renewable annually, provided the candidate maintains a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Information about 2008-2009 awards will be available on the Web site in October 2007.

- Maximum award per individual, including renewals, is \$6,000.

Scholarship Search Engines & Databases

FastWEB

Develops a "customized profile" to match applicants with potential scholarships.

NOTE: This web site DOES have a marketing angle. You will be asked if you would like to receive information, or have your name provided to their supporters for marketing purposes. If you do not wish to receive any marketing information, simply click on all "no thank you" options. MENC cannot be held responsible for any marketing contact you may receive through the use of this Web site.

Scholarships.com

Provides a customized profile for information on college choices, available Federal loans and scholarship opportunities.

College Compass

Click on "Financial Aid" and "Scholarships" for advice and numerous resources nationally and state specific.

The College Board's Scholarship Search

An online tool that locates scholarships, internships, grants, and loans to match education level, talents, and background criteria entered through a questionnaire.

Sallie Mae College Answer

Provides a free scholarship search to provide customized scholarship leads.

Yahoo Education

Yahoo's Financial Aid Search Engine.

U. S. Department of Education's Federal Student Financial Aid

Information on steps in the financial aid process; includes a "scholarship match wizard" to help you find scholarships that fit your interests.

FinAid!

A comprehensive guide to financial aid, military aid, and loans. Includes a guide to filling out financial aid paperwork.

International Education Financial Aid

Search for scholarships and grants to fund study abroad programs.

The BMI Foundation, Inc.

The BMI Foundation is a non-profit that supports music study and performance through various awards and scholarships.

ASCAP

ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) offers a variety of songwriting contests, some of which award cash prizes. The ASCAP Foundation offers a list of music-related awards and scholarships.

Scholarship Help

Scholarshiphelp.org

A web site designed to educate students about scholarship access and the necessary requirements for achieving maximum financial aid. This site provides information free of charge to help students avoid scholarship scam artists.

[NPR: Paying for College](#)

NPR's *All Things Considered* explored in a week-long series in May 2005, how American families of various financial means - and in different stages of life - are figuring out how to finance higher education.

[The American Legion's "Need a Lift?"](#)

The cornerstone of The American Legion's Education Assistance Program is its scholarship and financial aid guide. This 152 page booklet, updated annually, is a complete financial aid reference guide for veterans, veterans' dependents and members of The American Legion family. This Web site provides information on how to obtain a copy. **Cost: \$3.95**

[Collegiate Funding](#)

Features a guide to the different aspects of the financial aid process and access to financial aid professionals.

[College Guide](#)

Provides advice on a variety of topics, from how to afford college to how to consolidate your student loans