Scholarships for Healthcare and Nursing Students of Historically Underrepresented Groups

Historically underrepresented groups are those who have, throughout history, had lower representation in higher education or certain careers due to structural discrimination and racism. As recently as 2018, college enrollment rates were significantly lower for Black, Hispanic/Latinx, and Pacific Islander or Native/Indigenous Americans in the 18- to 24-year-old age group than for their white counterparts. Moreover, Black and Hispanic/Latinx college students are more likely than white students to drop out of college.

It's not just race or ethnicity that predisposes certain groups to lower educational attainment; gender identity, ability, and sexual orientation (and intersections of these with race/ethnicity) are also factors that pose barriers to postsecondary degree completion. For instance, women more frequently attend and graduate from college than men, but they're also more likely to drop out if finances become a problem than men are. And students with disabilities are three times more likely to not complete high school than those without disabilities, let alone attend or complete college.

Financial burden is the top reason student cite dropping out of school in general. This financial burden is often higher for those from historically marginalized groups. Poverty levels among Black, Hispanic/Latinx, and Indigenous people are significantly higher than the 9% poverty rate among the white population, and those with disabilities as a group have a 29% poverty rate.

The scholarships below, all open to students nationwide, are available to those in historically underrepresented groups, including those who are pursuing healthcare careers, such as nursing, health administration, or allied health careers.

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Scholarships for Black Students

Expand All

NANBPWC Scholarships

Apply by April — Scholarship Amount Unpublished

This is for Black students with varying requirements by scholarship.

This set of scholarships, all for Black students, has options for graduating seniors, those who are 35+, current undergraduate students, and single mothers. Each scholarship requires a separate application. All but the Sherelle T. and Timothy T. Carper III Scholarship require a GPA of 3.0. That particular scholarship is only available to STEM, aviation, political science, communications, and business management students, while the others are open to any major.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

Working Toward: Undergraduate degree
Essay Required: Yes
GPA Required: 3.0 where applicable

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

NBNA Scholarship Program

Apply by April — $1,000 – $5,000

Dr. Arnita Young Boswell Scholarship

Apply by February — $1,000

Dr. Wynetta A. Frazier "Sister to Sister" Scholarship

Apply by February — $500

James Weldon Johnson Scholarship

Apply by July* — $1,500 – $3,000

Jack and Jill of America Foundation Scholarship

Apply by June — Up to $2,500

The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship

Apply by March — $2,000

Red Roof Inn HBCU Graduating Senior Fall Gap Scholarship

Apply by October — $500 – $800

Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships

Apply by April — $5,000

Ron Brown Scholarship

Apply by January — $40,000

Blanche Ford Endowment Scholarship Fund

Apply by July — $10,000 per year

Scholarships for Hispanic / Latinx Students

Expand All

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards

Apply by December — Scholarship Amount Varies

This is for graduating high school seniors of Hispanic background.

Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage, including those whose families are from Spain, Brazil, and Philippines. This is open to permanent residents, citizens, and DACA recipients. You must be graduating from high school this spring and accepted to a higher education institution for business and finance, engineering, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare and science, media and entertainment, social justice, or technology. Three awards will be given in each degree category. The award can be applied to your education or a community service activity.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by Hispanic Heritage Foundation

Working Toward: Bachelor's degree
Essay Required: Unpublished
GPA Required: 3

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

HSF Scholarship Fund

Apply by February — $500 to $5,000

The McDonald's HACER® National Scholarship Program

Apply by February — Scholarship Amount Varies

ALPFA Scholarship

Apply by May — $2,500 – $10,000

ScholarSHPE

Apply by May — Scholarship Amount Varies

The Hispanic Health Professional Scholarship

Apply by September — Scholarship Amount Unpublished

TheDream.US National Scholarship

Apply by February — Up to $14,500 (associate) or $29,000 (undergraduate)

Scholarships for Veterans

Expand All

Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship

Apply by April & November — Up to $5,000

This is for veterans who demonstrate financial need and are attending a VA-approved school or program.

This scholarship awards veterans with up to $5,000 towards tuition at a VA-approved, accredited college. Applicants must be accepted at a school and have completed the FAFSA. It's open to honorably discharged, retired, and separated veterans. The deadline for the fall semester closes in April, with the spring semester deadline in November. Scholarships are paid directly to the school, must be used for tuition and fees alone, and if they're not used in their entirety in the approved semester, the award is null and void.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Working Toward: Unpublished
Essay Required: No
GPA Required: 2.75

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

Imagine America Foundation Military Award Program

Apply by December — $1,000

Army Women's Foundation (AWF) Legacy Scholarship

Apply by January — Up to $1,000 (certificate programs) or $2,500 (undergraduate+)

Ankin Law Office Annual Scholarship for Military Veterans

Apply by July — $1,000

Keller Law Offices Annual Scholarship for Military Veterans

Apply by July — $1,000

Law Office of Matthew L. Sharp Annual Military Scholarship

Apply by July — $1,000

Army Nurse Corps Association (ANCA) Scholarship Program

Apply by March — $3,000

Lowe's AMVETS Technology Scholarships

Apply by October/May — $5,000

Raytheon Patriot Scholarship

Apply by September — $10,000

Veterans United Foundation Scholarship

Apply by September — Scholarship Amount Unpublished

Women Marine Association Scholarships

Apply by February — $1,500 – $3,000

Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship

Apply by January — Scholarship Amount Varies

Military Spouse Scholarship

Apply by Rolling — $500 – $2,500

AMVETS National Scholarship Program

Apply by April — $1,000 per year for most

Captain Sean P. Grimes Physician Assistant Educational Scholarship Award

Apply by February — $6,000

Educational Scholarship Program

Apply by June — $1,000 – $2,500

Tillman Military Scholars Program

Apply by March — Up to $11,000 per year

Scholarships for Women

Expand All

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund

Apply by February — $2,500

This is for low-income women age 35+.

This scholarship is women ages 35 and over who meet low-income standards. They must attend or plan to attend an accredited technical/vocational program or college and submit a personal statement about how achieving their academic goals will benefit their communities.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by Jeannette Rankin Foundation

Working Toward: Vocational, associate, bachelor's degree
Essay Required: Yes
GPA Required: None

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Apply by November — $10,000

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Application deadline varies, but pre-April — $1,500 – $5,000

SWE Scholarships

Apply by February/May — Scholarship Amount Varies

Scholarships for Indigenous Students

Expand All

American Indian Education Fund Graduate Scholarship

Apply by April — $1,000 – $2,000

This is for master's and doctoral students who are American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian.

The AIEF offers this scholarship to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students pursuing on-campus master's or doctoral degrees. Both part- and full-time students are eligible, and applicants must be enrolled in a tribe or have a parent who is.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by American Indian Education Fund

Working Toward: Master's, doctoral degree
Essay Required: No
GPA Required: 2.5

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

American Indian Education Fund Undergraduate Scholarship

Apply by April — Up to $2,000

Cobell Scholarship

Apply by April — Scholarship Amount Varies

DAR American Indian Scholarship

Apply by January — $4,000

Accenture American Indian Scholarship Fund

Apply by May — Scholarship Amount Varies

Full Circle Scholarship

Apply by May — Scholarship Amount Varies

Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship

Apply by January — Scholarship Amount Varies

AIS Scholarship

Rolling application deadline — Scholarship Amount Varies

Association on American Indian Affairs Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

Apply by May — Scholarship Amount Varies

Wells Fargo Scholarships for Undergraduates

Apply by May — Up to $5,000

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Expand All

Los Angeles DUI Attorney Diabetes Scholarship

Apply by December — $1,000

This is for diabetic undergraduate or graduate students.

Though the name mentions Los Angeles, this scholarship is open to any college student living with diabetes in the U.S.

Apply for this scholarship
Provided by LosAngelesDUIAttorney.com

Working Toward: Undergraduate, graduate degree
Essay Required: Yes
GPA Required: 3

This scholarship **is not** renewable.

Guthrie-Koch Scholarship

Apply by February — Scholarship Amount Varies

RPF Scholarship Program

Apply by June — $1,000

Scholarship for Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Apply by March — $1,000

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program

Apply by March — Up to $10,000

Faith Hope and Love Jesus Scholarship

Apply by May — $500

HFA Medical/Health Services Educational Scholarship

Apply by May — $2,000 – $4,000

Lime Connect Pathways Scholarship for High School Seniors

Apply by May — $1,000

Little People of America Scholarship

Apply by May — Minimum $250

Pfizer Soozie Courter Hemophilia Scholarship

Apply by May — $2,500 – $4,000

George H. Nofer Scholarship for Law and Public Policy

Apply by April — Up to $5,000

BioMatrix Scholarships for the Bleeding Disorders Community

Apply by August — $1,000

Beth Carew Memorial Scholarship

Apply by February — $500 – $6,000

SCTPN Undergraduate Scholarship

Apply by July — $1,000

Millie Brother Scholarship for Hearing Children of Deaf Adults

Apply by June $3,000

AFB/ACB Scholarships

Apply by February $2,000 – $7,500

CFSF Scholarships

Apply by March Scholarship Amount Varies

Scott & Kim Verplank Foundation Scholarships

Apply by April Up to $10,000

Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship

Apply by November $5,000

Anne Ford Scholarship

Apply by November $10,000