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Financial Aid for African Americans 2012-2014

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A Listing of Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Internships, and Other Sources of Free Money Available Primarily or Exclusively to African Americans, Plus a Set of Six Indexes (Program Title, Sponsoring Organization, Residency, Tenability, Subject, and Deadline Date)

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Despite our country's ongoing economic problems and increased college costs, the financial aid picture for minorities has never looked brighter. Currently, billions of dollars are set aside each year specifically for African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans. This funding is open to minorities at any level (high school through postdoctoral and professional) for a variety of activities, including study, research, travel, training, career development, and creative projects.

While numerous print or online listings have been prepared to identify and describe general financial aid opportunities (those open to all segments of society), those resources have never covered more than a small portion of the programs designed primarily or exclusively for minorities. As a result, many advisors, librarians, scholars, researchers, and students are often unaware of the extensive funding available to African Americans and other minorities. But, with the ongoing publication of *Financial Aid for African Americans*, that has all changed. Here, in just one place, African American students, professionals, and postdoctorates now have current and detailed information about the special resources set aside specifically for them.

Financial Aid for African Americans is prepared biennially as part of Reference Service Press' four-volume *Minority Funding Set* (the other volumes in the set cover funding for Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans). Each of the volumes in this set is sold separately, or the complete set can be purchased at a discounted price. For more information, contact Reference Service Press's marketing department or visit www.rspfunding.com/prod_prodalphabet.html.

No other source, in print or online, offers the extensive coverage provided by these titles. That's why the Grantsmanship Center labeled the set "a must for every organization serving minorities," *Reference Sources for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries* called the titles "the absolute best guides for finding funding," and *Reference Books Bulletin* selected each of the volumes in the *Minority Funding Set* as their "Editor's Choice." *Financial Aid for African Americans*, itself, has also received rave reviews. *Off to College* rated it as "the top of all books of this sort," About.com selected it as one of the seven "Top Financial Aid and Scholarship Guides," and *EMIE Bulletin* called it "the only comprehensive and current listing of programs for this group." Perhaps *Multicultural Review* sums up the critical reaction best: "nothing short of superb."

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) reviewed and updated all relevant programs covered in the previous edition of the directory, 2) collected information on all programs open to African Americans that were added to Reference Service Press' funding database since the last edition of the directory, and then 3) searched extensively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including printed directories, news reports, journals, newsletters, house organs, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. We only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or online (no information is ever taken from secondary sources). When that information could not be found, we sent up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone or email inquiries, if necessary) to those sponsors. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2012-2014 edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans* completely revises and updates the previous (sixth) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped from the listing. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on African Americans have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; more than 80 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), benefits, or eligibility requirements since the 2009-2011 edition. In addition, more than 380 new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing describes the nearly 1,300 biggest and best sources of free money available to African Americans, including scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, and internships.

WHAT MAKES THIS DIRECTORY UNIQUE?

The 2012-2014 edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans* identifies billions of dollars available for study, research, creative activities, past accomplishments, future projects, professional development, work experience, and many other activities. The listings cover every major subject area, are sponsored by more than 900 different private and public agencies and organizations, and are open to African Americans at any level, from college-bound high school students through professionals and postdoctorates.

Not only does *Financial Aid for African Americans* provide the most comprehensive coverage of available funding (1,292 entries), but it also displays the most informative program descriptions (on the average, more than twice the detail found in any other listing). In addition to this extensive and focused coverage, *Financial Aid for African Americans* also offers several other unique features. First of all, hundreds of funding opportunities listed here have never been covered in any other source. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *Financial Aid for African Americans* for additional leads. And, here's another plus: all of the funding programs in this edition of the directory offer "free" money; not one of the programs will ever require you to pay anything back (provided, of course, that you meet the program requirements).

Further, unlike other funding directories, which generally follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, *Financial Aid for African Americans* groups entries by intended recipients (undergraduates, graduate students, or professionals/postdoctorates), to make it easy for you to search for appropriate programs. This same convenience is offered in the indexes, where title, sponsoring organization, geographic, subject, and deadline date entries are each subdivided by recipient group.

Finally, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding. The volume is organized so you can identify programs not only by intended recipient, but by subject focus, sponsoring organization, program title, residency requirements, where the money can be spent, and even deadline date. Plus, we've included all the information you'll need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available), along with complete contact information.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

While this book is intended to be the most comprehensive source of information on funding available to African Americans, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the directory:

- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents.* If a program is open only to foreign nationals or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered.
- *Programs that are open equally to all segments of the population.* Only funding opportunities set aside primarily or exclusively for African Americans are included here.

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[390]**
- (2) **NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
- (3) National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: National Achievement Scholarship
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897
(847) 866-5100
Web: www.nationalmerit.org/nasp.php
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance for college to Black American high school seniors with exceptional scores on the SAT and/or PSAT/NMSQT.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to Black American seniors who are enrolled full time in a secondary school and progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school requirements. Applicants must be U.S. citizens (or intend to become a citizen as soon as qualified) and be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. They must take the PSAT/NMSQT at the proper time in high school (no later than the 11th grade) and mark section 14 on the PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet, which identifies them as a Black American who is requesting consideration in the Achievement Program. Final selection is based on the student's academic record, a self-description, PSAT/NMSQT and SAT scores, and a recommendation written by the principal or another official. Financial information is not considered, nor are college choice, course of study, or career plans.
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$2,500.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year.
- (8) **Additional information** A sizeable group of each year's Achievement Program's nonwinners are brought to the attention of U.S. institutions of higher education for the College-Sponsored Achievement Program or for the Corporate-Sponsored Achievement Program. Each winner must enroll as a full-time day student in a course of study leading to 1 of the traditional baccalaureate degrees.
- (9) **Number awarded** Approximately 700 each year.
- (10) **Deadline** Applicants must take the PSAT/NMSQT no later than October of their junior year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** The consecutive number that is given to each entry and used to identify the entry in the index.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, grant, award, internship or other source of free money described in the directory.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and/or web site (when information was available) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants, plus information on application procedure and selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any unusual (generally nonmonetary) benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations associated with the program.
- (9) **Number awarded:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- *Money for study or research outside the United States.* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe the available funding for study, research, and other activities abroad (see the list of Reference Service Press titles opposite the directory's title page), only programs that fund activities in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs.* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state) or offer limited financial support (less than \$1,000). Note, however, that the vast majority of programs included here go way beyond that, paying up to full tuition or stipends that exceed \$25,000 a year!
- *Programs administered by individual academic institutions solely for their own students.* The directory identifies "portable" programs—ones that can be used at any number of schools. Financial aid administered by individual schools specifically for their own students is not covered. Write directly to the schools you are considering to get information on their offerings.
- *Money that must be repaid.* Only "free money" is identified here. If a program requires repayment or charges interest, it's not listed. Now you can find out about billions of dollars in aid and know (if you meet the program requirements) that not one dollar of that will ever need to be repaid.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

Financial Aid for African Americans is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to African Americans and 2) a set of six indexes to help you pinpoint appropriate funding programs.

Financial Aid Programs Open to African Americans. The first section of the directory describes 1,292 sources of free money available to African Americans. The focus is on financial aid aimed at American citizens or residents to support study, research, or other activities in the United States. The programs listed here are sponsored by more than 900 different government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations, religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into the following three chapters:

- **Undergraduates:** Included here are nearly 600 scholarships, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of free money that support undergraduate study, training, research, or creative activities. These programs are open to high school seniors, high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, and students returning to college after an absence. Money is available to support these students in any type of public or private postsecondary institution, ranging from technical schools and community colleges to major universities in the United States.
- **Graduate Students:** Described here are nearly 500 fellowships, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of free money that support post-baccalaureate study, training, research, and creative activities. These programs are open to students applying to, currently enrolled in, or returning to a master's, doctoral, professional, or specialist program in public or private graduate schools in the United States.
- **Professionals/Postdoctorates:** Included here are more than 200 funding programs for U.S. citizens or residents who 1) are in professional positions (e.g., artists, writers), whether or not they have an advanced degree; 2) are master's or professional degree recipients; 3) have earned a doctoral degree or its equivalent (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D.); or 4) have recognized stature as established scientists, scholars, academicians, or researchers.

Within each of these three chapters, entries appear alphabetically by program title. Since some of the programs supply assistance to more than one specific group, those are listed in all relevant chapters. For example, the Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarships support both undergraduate or graduate study, so the program is described in both the Undergraduates *and* Graduate Students chapters.

Each program entry has been designed to give you a concise profile that, as the sample on page 7 illustrates, includes information (when available) on organization address and telephone numbers (including toll-free and fax numbers), e-mail addresses and web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline.

The information reported for each of the programs in this section was gathered from research conducted through the beginning of 2012. While the listing is intended to cover as comprehensively as possible the biggest and best sources of free money available to African Americans, some sponsoring organizations did not post information online or respond to our research inquiries and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed six indexes; these will let you access the listings by program title, sponsoring organization, residency, tenability, subject focus, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Program Title Index. If you know the name of a particular funding program and want to find out where it is covered in the directory, use the Program Title Index. To assist you in your search, every program is listed by all its known names, former names, and abbreviations. Since one program can be included in more than one place (e.g., a program providing assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students is described in both the first and second chapter), each entry number in the index has been coded to indicate the intended recipient group (for example, "U" = Undergraduates; "G" = Graduate Students). By using this coding system, you can avoid duplicate entries and turn directly to the programs that match your eligibility characteristics.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding primarily or exclusively to African Americans. More than 900 organizations are indexed here. As in the Program Title Index, we've used a code to help you determine which organizations sponsor programs that match your educational level.

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to African Americans in a particular state or region. Others are open to African Americans wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency requirements. Further, to assist you in your search, we've also indicated the recipient level for the funding offered to residents in each of the areas listed in the index.

Tenability Index. This index identifies the geographic locations where the funding described in *Financial Aid for African Americans* may be used. Index entries (city, county, state, region) are arranged alphabetically (word by word) and subdivided by recipient group. Use this index when you are looking for money to support your activities in a particular geographic area.

Subject Index. This index allows you to identify the subject focus of each of the financial aid opportunities described in *Financial Aid for African Americans*. More than 250 different subject terms are listed. Extensive "see" and "see also" references, as well as recipient group subdivisions, will help you locate appropriate funding opportunities.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to determine which programs are still open. This index is arranged by recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professionals/Postdoctorates) and subdivided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, this index should be used only as a guide for deadlines beyond 2014.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the funding opportunities listed in *Financial Aid for African Americans*.

To Locate Funding by Recipient Group. To bring together programs with a similar educational focus, this directory is divided into three chapters: Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professionals/Postdoctorates. If you want to get an overall picture of the sources of free money available to African Americans in any of these categories, turn to the appropriate chapter and then review the entries there. Since each of these chapters functions as a self-contained entity, you can browse through any of them without having to first consulting an index.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name of a particular financial aid program, and the group eligible for that award, then go directly to the appropriate chapter in the directory (e.g., Undergraduates, Graduate Students), where you will find the program profiles arranged alphabetically by title. To save time, though, you should always check the Program Title Index first if you know the name of a specific award but are not sure in which chapter it has been listed. Plus, since we index each program by all its known names and abbreviations, you'll also be able to track down a program there when you only know the popular rather than official name.

To Locate Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to identify agencies that provide financial assistance to African Americans or to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular organization. Each entry number in the index is coded to identify recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professionals/Postdoctorates), so that you can easily target appropriate entries.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Look at the listings in the chapter that relates to you (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, or Professionals/Postdoctorates) and read the "Summary" paragraph in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that you might want to pursue. If it is, be sure to read the rest of the information in the entry, to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Please, save your time and energy. Don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Funding Available to African Americans from or Tenable in a Particular City, County, or State. The Residency Index identifies financial aid programs open to African Americans in a specific state, region, etc. The Tenability Index shows where the money can be spent. In both indexes, "see" and "see also" references are used liberally, and index entries for a particular geographic area are subdivided by recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professional/Postdoctorates) to help you identify the funding that's right for you. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Open to African Americans in a Particular Subject Area. Turn to the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying funding programs for African Americans that are focused on a particular subject area. To make your search easier, the intended recipient groups (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professionals/Postdoctorates) are clearly labeled in the more than 250 subject listings. Extensive cross-references are also provided. Since a large number of programs are not restricted by subject, be sure to check the references listed under the "General programs" heading in the index, in addition to the specific terms that directly relate to your interest areas. The listings under "General programs" can be used to fund activities in any subject area (although the programs may be restricted in other ways).

To Locate Financial Aid Programs for African Americans by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out the financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate recipient group and month. Note: not all sponsoring organizations supplied deadline information; those programs are listed under the "Deadline not specified" entries in the index. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing date, go the appropriate chapter and read through all the entries there that match your educational level.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Open to All Segments of the Population. Only programs available to African Americans are listed in this publication. However, there are thousands of other programs that are open equally to all segments of the population. To identify these programs, talk to your local librarian, check with your financial aid office on campus, look at the list of RSP print resources on the page opposite the title page in this directory, or see if your library subscribes to Reference Service Press' interactive online funding database (for more information on that resource, go online to: www.rspfunding.com/esubscriptions.html).

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2012-2014, is the seventh edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans*. The next biennial edition will cover the years 2014-2016 and will be issued in mid-2014.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to *Financial Aid for African Americans*, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking, including the award-winning *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*; *Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*; and *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families*. Since each of these titles focuses on a separate population group, there is very little duplication in the listings. For more information on Reference Service Press' award-winning publications, write to the company at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, give us a call at (916) 939-9620, fax us at (916) 939-9626, send us an e-mail at info@rspfunding.com, or visit our expanded web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dr. Gail Ann Schlachter has worked for more than three decades as a library manager, a library educator, and an administrator of library-related publishing companies. Among the reference books to her credit are the biennially-issued *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* and two award-winning bibliographic guides: *Minorities and Women: A Guide to Reference Literature in the Social Sciences* (which was chosen as an "outstanding reference book of the year" by *Choice*) and *Reference Sources in Library and Information Services* (which won the first Knowledge Industry Publications "Award for Library Literature"). She was the reference book review editor for *RQ* (now *Reference and User Services Quarterly*) for 10 years, is a past president of the American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association, is the former editor-in-chief of the *Reference and User Services Association Quarterly*, and is currently serving her fifth term on the American Library Association's governing council. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to reference service, Dr. Schlachter has been named the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies "Alumna of the Year" and has been awarded both the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation and the Louis Shores/Oryx Press Award.

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Financial Aid Programs Open to African Americans

- Undergraduates* ●
- Graduate Students* ●
- Professionals/Postdoctorates* ●

Undergraduates

Listed alphabetically by program title and described in detail here are 599 scholarships, scholarship/loans, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of "free money" set aside for African Americans who are college-bound high school seniors or continuing and returning undergraduate students. This funding is available to support study, training, research, and/or creative activities in the United States.

[1]
100 BLACK MEN OF AMERICA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

100 Black Men of America, Inc.
 Attn: Scholarship Administrator
 141 Auburn Avenue
 Atlanta, GA 30303
 (404) 688-5100 Toll Free: (800) 598-3411
 Fax: (404) 688-1028 E-mail: info@100bmoa.org
 Web: www.100blackmen.org

Summary To provide financial assistance for college to African American males and other high school seniors or current undergraduates who submit essays on topics related to African Americans.

Eligibility This program is a to high school seniors and undergraduates who are attending or planning to attend an accredited postsecondary institution as a full-time student. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and have completed at least 50 hours of active community service within the past 12 months. Along with their application, they must submit a 600-word essay on their choice of a topic that changes annually; recently, students were invited to write on 1 of the following: 1) Black male suicide; 2) the war in Iraq; 3) bailout for whom; 4) role of the Black church; or 5) the first African American president. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

Financial data Stipends range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and are paid directly to the institution.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline February of each year.

[2]
ABSALOM JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
 Attn: Absalom Jones Scholarship Selection Committee
 522 Main Street
 Laurel, MD 20707
 (301) 776-5151 Fax: (301) 776-6337
 E-mail: absalomjonesfund@stphilipslaurel.org
 Web: www.stphilipslaurel.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to African American and other undergraduate and graduate students at schools in any state who have a tie to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

Eligibility This program is open to students who reside, work, attend school, or are members of a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Applicants must be attending or planning to attend a college, seminary, or vocational/technical institute in any state as an undergraduate or graduate student. They must be able to demonstrate the qualities for which Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, was noted: compassion, service, leadership, and an emphasis on education. Financial need is considered in the selection process.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,000.

Duration 1 year.

Additional information The Episcopal Diocese of Washington serves the District of Columbia and the Maryland counties of Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, and Montgomery.

Number awarded 2 each year.

Deadline March of each year.

[3]
ACADEMIC MAJOR-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

United Negro College Fund
 Attn: Scholarships and Grants Department
 8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive
 P.O. Box 10444
 Fairfax, VA 22031-8044
 (703) 205-3466 Toll Free: (800) 331-2244
 Fax: (703) 205-3574
 Web: www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp

Summary To provide financial assistance to students who are interested in majoring in specified fields at academic institutions affiliated with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

Eligibility These programs are open to students planning to pursue designated majors at UNCF-member institutions. Applicants must be high school graduates with strong academic backgrounds (minimum GPA of 2.5). Students who have completed their junior year in high school with a record of distinction may also be considered. Financial need must be demonstrated. Applications should be submitted directly to the UNCF-member institution the student plans to attend.

Financial data The awards are intended to cover tuition and range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

Additional information Recipients must attend a UNCF-member institution of higher learning. These are: Miles College, Oakwood College, Stillman College, Talladega College, and Tuskegee University in Alabama; Philander Smith College in Arkansas; Bethune-Cookman College, Edward Waters College, and Florida Memorial College in Florida; Clark Atlanta University, Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College, Paine College, and Spelman College in Georgia; Dillard University and Xavier University in Louisiana; Rust College and Tougaloo College in Mississippi; Bennett College, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, Saint Augustine's College, and Shaw University in North Carolina; Wilberforce University in Ohio; Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College, and Voorhees College in South Carolina; Fisk University, Lane College, and LeMoyne-Owen College in Tennessee; Huston-Tillotson College, Jarvis Christian College, Paul Quinn College, Texas College, and Wiley College in Texas; and Saint Paul's College and Virginia Union University in Virginia.

Number awarded A total of nearly 1,200 UNCF scholarships are awarded each year.

Deadline Deadline dates vary, depending upon the individual institution's requirements.

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ACCOUNTANCY BOARD OF OHIO EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Accountancy Board of Ohio
 77 South High Street, 18th Floor
 Columbus, OH 43215-6128
 (614) 466-4135 Fax: (614) 466-2628
 Web: acc.ohio.gov/educasst.htm

Summary To provide financial assistance to African American or other minority/financially disadvantaged students enrolled in an accounting education program at Ohio academic institutions approved by the Accountancy Board of Ohio.

Eligibility This program is open to minority and financially disadvantaged Ohio residents who apply as full-time sophomores, juniors, or seniors in an accounting program at an accredited college or university in the state. Students who remain in good standing at their institutions and who enter a qualified fifth-year program are then eligible to receive these funds. Minority is defined as people with significant ancestry from Africa (excluding the Middle East), Asia (excluding the Middle East), Central America and the Caribbean islands, South America, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean; in addition, persons with significant ancestry from the original peoples of North America who are of non-European descent. Financial disadvantage is defined according to information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is required.

Financial data The amount of the stipend is determined annually but does not exceed the in-state tuition at Ohio public universities (currently, \$10,426).

Duration 1 year (the fifth year of an accounting program). Funds committed to students who apply as sophomores must be used within 5 calendar years of the date of the award; funds committed to students who apply as juniors must be used within 4 years; and funds committed to students who apply as seniors must be used within 3 years. The award is nonrenewable and may only be used when the student enrolls in the fifth year of a program.

Number awarded Several each year.

Deadline Applications may be submitted at any time.

[5] ACT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS

Act Six
c/o Northwest Leadership Foundation
717 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite A
Tacoma, WA 98402
(253) 272-0771 Fax: (253) 272-0719
E-mail: info@actsix.org
Web: www.actsix.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to African Americans and other residents of Washington and Oregon who come from diverse backgrounds and are interested in attending designated private faith-based universities in those states.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of Washington and Oregon who are high school seniors or recent graduates and planning to enter college as freshmen. Applicants must come from diverse, multicultural backgrounds. They must be planning to attend 1 of the following institutions: George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon), Gonzaga University (Spokane, Washington), Heritage University (Yakima, Washington), Northwest University (Kirkland, Washington), Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, Washington), Trinity Lutheran College (Everett, Washington), Warner Pacific College (Portland, Oregon), or Whitworth University (Spokane, Washington). Students are not required to identify as Christians, but they must be interested in engaging in a year-long exploration

and discussion of Christian perspectives on leadership, diversity, and reconciliation. Ethnicity and family income are considered as factors in selecting an intentionally diverse group of scholars, but there are no income restrictions and students from all ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Financial data The program makes up the difference between any other assistance the student receives and full tuition. For recipients who demonstrate financial need in excess of tuition, awards cover some or all of the cost of room and board, books, travel, and personal expenses.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

Number awarded Varies each year; recently, 48 scholarships were awarded to the Washington schools and 21 to the Oregon schools.

Deadline October of each year.

[6] AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Administrative Services, Inc.
Attn: MEFUSA Program
457 Ives Terrace
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Summary To provide financial assistance to African American high school seniors who are interested in attending a community college.

Eligibility This program is open to African Americans graduating from high schools anywhere in the United States. Applicants must be planning to attend a community college on a full-time basis. Along with their application, they must submit a 1,000-word essay on their educational and career goals, how a community college education will help them to achieve those goals, and how they plan to serve the African American community after completing their education. Selection is based on the essay, high school GPA (2.5 or higher), SAT or ACT scores, involvement in the African American community, and financial need.

Financial data The stipend is \$5,000 per year.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed 1 additional year if the recipient maintains full-time enrollment and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Additional information This program is sponsored by the Minority Educational Foundation of the United States of America (MEFUSA) and administered by Scholarship Administrative Services, Inc. MEFUSA was established in 2001 to meet the needs of minority students who "show a determination to get a college degree," but who, for financial or other personal reasons, are not able to attend a 4-year college or university. Requests for applications should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope, the student's e-mail address, and the name of the source where they found the scholarship information.

Number awarded Up to 100 each year.

Deadline April of each year.

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