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Financial Aid for African Americans 2014-2016

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A Listing of Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, 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 and 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 often have been 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, e-mail Reference Service Press's marketing department (info@rspfunding.com) or visit www.rspfunding.com/prod_proalpha.html.

No other source, in print or online, comes anywhere close to matching the extensive coverage of funding for minorities 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 data collection letters (followed by up to three telephone or e-mail 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 2014-2016 edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans* completely revises and updates the previous (seventh) 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 directory. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; nearly 80 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), benefits, or eligibility requirements since the 2012-2014 edition. In addition, hundreds of new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing describes the more than 1,330 biggest and best sources of free money available to African Americans, including scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities.

WHAT MAKES THIS DIRECTORY UNIQUE?

The 2014-2016 edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans* identifies billions of dollars available for study, research, creative activities, past accomplishments, future projects, professional development, 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 (1,334 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) **[490]**
- (2) **RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM**
- (3) CAP Charitable Foundation
Attn: Ron Brown Scholar Program
1160 Pepsi Place, Suite 206
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 964-1588
E-mail: info@ronbrown.org
Web: www.ronbrown.org
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance for college to African American high school seniors.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to academically-talented African American high school seniors who have demonstrated social commitment and leadership potential. They must be interested in attending a 4-year college or university as a full-time student. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is required. Finalists are invited to participate in a weekend selection program in Washington, D.C.; their expenses are reimbursed. Final selection is based on academic excellence, leadership, skills, school and community involvement, and financial need.
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$10,000 per year. Funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, books, room, board, and other college-related expenses. Payment is made directly to the recipient's school.
- (7) **Duration** 4 years.
- (8) **Additional Information** Established in 1996, this program honors a former Secretary of Commerce who served during the Clinton administration. During college, recipients are required to pursue 1 or more summer internships devoted to community service (e.g., in education, health, government, or politics) and at least 1 pre-professional internship.
- (9) **Number awarded** 10 to 20 each year.
- (10) **Deadline** January of each 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, 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 1,334 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 more than 600 scholarships, grants, awards, and other sources of free money that support undergraduate study, 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, 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 250 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 address 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 2014. 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 chapters), 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 the 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 2016.

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 may not know its exact official title.

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 quickly target appropriate entries.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Look at the listings in the chapter that covers the educational level of interest 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: *RSP FundingFinder*. For more information on that award-winning resource, go online to: www.rspfunding.com/esubscriptions.html.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2014-2016, is the eighth edition of *Financial Aid for African Americans*. The next biennial edition will cover the years 2016-2018 and will be issued by the beginning of 2016.

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

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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 604 scholarships, forgivable loans, grants, awards, 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]
ACA/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

American Correctional Association
Attn: Scholarship Award Committee
206 North Washington Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 224-0000 Toll Free: (800) ACA-JOIN
Fax: (703) 224-0179 E-mail: jenniferb@aca.org
Web: www.aca.org/pastpresentfuture/awards.asp

Summary To provide financial assistance for undergraduate or graduate study to African Americans and other minorities interested in a career in the criminal justice field.

Eligibility Members of the American Correctional Association (ACA) may nominate a minority person for these awards. Nominees do not need to be ACA members, but they must have been accepted to or be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in criminal justice at a 4-year college or university. Along with the nomination package, they must submit a 250-word essay describing their reflections on the ideals and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King and how they have attempted to emulate those qualities in their lives. They must provide documentation of financial need, academic achievement, and commitment to the principles of Dr. King.

Financial data A stipend is awarded (amount not specified). Funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

**[2]
ACCENTURE NSBE CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

National Society of Black Engineers
Attn: Programs Department
205 Daingerfield Road
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 549-2207 Fax: (703) 683-5312
E-mail: scholarships@nsbe.org
Web: www.nsbe.org/Programs/Scholarships.aspx

Summary To provide financial assistance to members of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) who are majoring in engineering or applied sciences.

Eligibility This program is open to members of the society who are entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year at a 4-year college or university and majoring in engineering or applied sciences. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher and be authorized to work in the United States. Along with their application, they must submit an essay on 1) how they will use this scholarship opportunity to advance their career goals; and 2) which of the financing sponsor's values best aligns with their personal core values. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

Financial data The stipend is \$2,000.

Duration 1 year.

Additional information This program is sponsored by Accenture.

Number awarded 5 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

**[3]
ACT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS**

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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 high school seniors or recent graduates and planning to enter college as freshmen who come from diverse, multicultural backgrounds. Applicants must be residents of the following regions and interested in attending designated colleges for that region: Portland: George Fox University or Warner Pacific College; Spokane: Gonzaga University or Whitworth University; Tacoma-Seattle: Gonzaga University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, Trinity Lutheran College, or Whitworth University; or Yakima Valley: Heritage University. Students are not required to make a faith commitment, but they must be willing to explore Christian spirituality as it relates to service and leadership. 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, 65 of these scholarships were awarded.

Deadline October of each year.

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ACT-SO (AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS)**

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
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Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 580-5650 Toll Free: (877) NAACP-98
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Web: www.naacp.org/programs/entry/act-so

Summary To recognize and reward (with college scholarships) outstanding African American high school students who distinguish themselves in the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program.

Eligibility This competition is open to high school students (grades 9-12) of African descent who are U.S. citizens and amateurs in the category in which they wish to participate. Competitions are held in 26 categories in 5 general areas: humanities (music composition, original essay, playwriting, and poetry), sciences (biology and microbiology, chemistry

and biochemistry, computer science, earth and space science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and health, and physics), performing arts (dance, dramatics, music instrumental/classical, music instrumental/contemporary, music vocal/classical, music vocal/contemporary, and oratory), visual arts (architecture, drawing, filmmaking, painting, photography, and sculpture), and business (entrepreneurship). Competition is first conducted by local chapters of the NAACP; winners in each event at the local level then compete at the national level.

Financial data In each category, the first-prize winner receives a gold medal and a \$1,000 scholarship, the second-prize winner receives a silver medal and a \$750 scholarship, and the third-prize winner receives a bronze medal and a \$500 scholarship.

Duration The competition is held annually.

Additional information This competition began in 1977.

Number awarded 78 each year: 3 in each of 26 categories.

Deadline Local competitions usually take place between February and April. The national finals are held each year in July.

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ACTUARIAL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Actuarial Foundation

Attn: Actuarial Education and Research Fund Committee

475 North Martingale Road, Suite 600

Schaumburg, IL 60173-2226

(847) 706-3535

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E-mail: scholarships@actfnd.org

Web: www.actuarialfoundation.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to African American and other minority undergraduate students who are preparing for a career in actuarial science.

Eligibility This program is open to members of minority groups, defined as having at least 1 birth parent who is Black/African American, Hispanic, Native North American, or Pacific Islander. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or current full-time undergraduate students working on or planning to work on a degree at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession. They must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; high school seniors must also have a minimum score of 28 on the ACT mathematics examination or 600 on the SAT mathematics examination. Along with their application, they must submit a 1- or 2-page personal statement that covers why they are interested in becoming an actuary, the steps they are taking to enter the actuarial profession, participation in actuarial internships, and participation in extracurricular activities. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

Financial data Annual stipends are \$1,000 for high school seniors applying for freshman year, \$2,000 for college freshmen applying for sophomore year and for college sophomores applying for junior year, \$3,000 for college juniors applying for senior year, or \$3,000 for college seniors applying for graduate school or continuing graduate students.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed, provided the recipient remains enrolled full time, in good academic standing, in a course of study that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession, and (for college juniors and higher) passes actuarial examinations.

Additional information This program began in 1977 by the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Society of Actuaries. In 2008, it was transferred to the Actuarial Foundation.

Number awarded Varies each year; recently, 32 of these scholarships were awarded.

Deadline May of each year.

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A.D. OSHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Greater Houston Community Foundation

Attn: Scholarship Coordinator

5120 Woodway Drive, Suite 6000

Houston, TX 77056

(713) 333-2205

Fax: (713) 333-2220

E-mail: lgardner@ghcf.org

Web: www.ghcf.org/Receive/Scholarships

Summary To provide financial assistance to African Americans and members of other designated groups who are residents of Texas and attending or planning to attend college in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to Texas residents who are graduating high school seniors or full-time freshmen, sophomores, or juniors at an accredited public 2- or 4-year college or university in any state. Applicants must qualify as a member of a recognized minority group, the first in their family to attend college, or a veteran with active service, particularly service in Iraq or Afghanistan. They must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher and a history of community service. Financial need is considered in the selection process.

Financial data The stipend is \$2,500 per year for students at 4-year universities or \$1,500 per year for students at 2-year colleges.

Duration 1 year; recipients may reapply.

Number awarded 2 each year.

Deadline March of each year.

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ADDIE B. MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP

American Association of Railroad Superintendents

P.O. Box 200

La Fox, IL 60147

(630) 762-0754

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Web: www.railroadsuperintendents.org/Scholarships

Summary To provide financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students, with preference given to African Americans and other minorities working on a degree in transportation.

Eligibility This program is open to full-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at accredited colleges and universities in Canada or the United States. Applicants must have completed enough credits to have standing as a sophomore and must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher. Preference is given to minority students enrolled in the transportation field who can demonstrate financial need.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,000. Funds are sent directly to the recipient's institution.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 1 or more each year.

Deadline May of each year.

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Since most funding programs have specific deadline dates, some may have already closed by the time you begin to look for money. You can use the Calendar Index to identify which programs are still open. To do that, go to the recipient category (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, or Professionals/Postdoctorates) that interests you, think about when you'll be able to complete your application forms, go to the appropriate months, jot down the entry numbers listed there, and use those numbers to find the program descriptions in the directory. Keep in mind that the numbers cited here refer to program entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

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