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# Introduction

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## HOW THE DIRECTORY HAS GROWN IN THE PAST 35 YEARS

In 1977 and 1978, while we were furiously researching, writing, editing, and updating entries for the very first edition of the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*, major events were occurring that would have a lasting effect on the role of women in American society:

- The first National Women's Conference was held in Houston, Texas, attended by 20,000 women who passed the landmark National Plan of Action.
- The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence was established.
- The Air Force graduated its first women pilots.
- Congress passed the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, prohibiting discrimination against pregnant women in all areas of employment.
- Congress allocated \$5 million to the Department of Labor to set up centers for displaced homemakers.
- The Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar.
- Dianne Feinstein became the first female mayor of San Francisco, replacing the assassinated George Moscone.
- Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister.
- Hanna Gray was named president of the University of Chicago, becoming the first woman to lead a major America university.

But, from our point of view, the most significant development occurred in the field of higher education. In 1978, for the first time ever, more women than men entered American colleges and universities. We knew these women would face many challenges, particularly financial ones. Numerous studies had shown that, historically, when women competed against men for college aid, they were notably unsuccessful. We believed we could help to level this funding playing field by compiling the first-ever listing of financial aid opportunities open primarily or exclusively to women. And, so, the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* was launched. Finally, women could find out about the hundreds of funding opportunities that were available just for them!

We were right. The directory did make a difference. Orders poured in. Women wrote to us about their successes. The book was featured in numerous magazines, television shows, bibliographic guides, and reviewing sources. It became clear to us at Reference Service Press that there was an continuing need for this type of compilation. So, in 1980, we made a commitment to collect, organize, and disseminate—on an on-going basis—the most current and accurate information available on all types of funding opportunities open to women.

To accomplish this goal over the years, we have had to become sophisticated information sleuths, tracking down all possible leads, identifying even the slightest changes to existing programs, finding new sources of funding opportunities for women, and constantly expanding and updating the electronic database used to prepare each new biennial edition of the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*. The results have been dramatic, especially when the first (1978) edition is compared, side-by-side, to this issue (2012-2014). In the past 35 years, the directory has increased fivefold in size, growing from a modest 300 programs (200 pages) to the staggering 1,489 opportunities described in the 2012-2014

edition's more than 500 pages. Access to the information has advanced significantly as well, going beyond the simple program title listing in the first edition (with basic subject, geographic, and sponsor indexes) to a user-friendly grouping of records by recipient category (undergraduates, graduate students, and professionals/postdoctorates) and six detailed and sub-divided indexes in the latest edition, making it possible to search the information by all current, variant, and former program titles; every sponsor and administering organization; each location where an applicant must live; every place where the money can be spent; hundreds of specific subject fields; and month-by-month deadline dates.

Even the physical appearance of the two editions is strikingly different. In 1978, we laboriously photocopied program information, cut and pasted the draft, and then produced the final "camera-ready" version on an IBM Selectric typewriter. If you look carefully in the first edition, you'll be able to see where we used White-Out and correction tape! In contrast, the entries in the 2012-2014 edition have been carefully selected from our database of 45,000 unique funding records, extensively reviewed electronically by editors in geographically-dispersed locations, formatted using a layout and font chosen specifically for maximum utility, and produced simultaneously in both book and electronic versions.

One thing that hasn't changed during the past 35 years, however, is our passionate commitment to making a difference. Little did we realize, when we first published the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* in 1978, that we had taken the initial steps on what would become a life-long search for unique funding opportunities available specifically to special needs groups. And though our focus has broadened beyond women and our output has expanded beyond books, we have never lost sight of the fact that financial need is not just one of our publishing interests. It is and will be our only business. Perhaps that's why *The Simba Report on Directory Publishing* called Reference Service Press "a true success in the world of independent directory publishers" and why both Kaplan Educational Centers and Military.com have hailed the company as "the leading authority on scholarships."

## WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Currently, billions of dollars in financial aid are available primarily or exclusively for women. In fact, more money is available today than ever before. This funding is open to applicants at any level (high school through postdoctoral and professional) for study, research, travel, training, career development, or innovative efforts. While numerous directories have been prepared to identify and describe general financial aid programs (those open to both men and women), they have never covered more than a small portion of the programs designed primarily or exclusively for women. As a result, many advisors, librarians, scholars, researchers, and students have not been aware of the impressive array of financial aid programs established with women in mind. Now, with the 2012-2014 edition of the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*, up-to-date and comprehensive information is available in a single source about the special resources set aside for women. No other source, in print or online, comes anywhere close to matching the extensive coverage provided by this publication.

The unique value of the *Directory* has been highly praised by the reviewers. Here are just some of the rave reviews:

- "The title is a must-purchase guide." —*American Reference Books Annual*
- "Nobody does a better job...a great resource and highly recommended." —*College Spotlight*
- "The only current source of information on financial aid specifically for women...an essential and reasonably priced purchase." —*Reference Books Bulletin*
- "The quintessential acquisition for public libraries of all sizes...feminists, homemakers, and women everywhere will welcome this book, since it is so well-done and simple to use." —*Small Press*
- "The variety of programs is amazing...an essential purchase...has become the standard source for information on scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, awards, and internships available primarily to women." —*Library Journal*

## SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[41]**
- (2) **ANITA BORG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
- (3) Google Inc.  
Attn: Scholarships  
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway  
Mountain View, CA 94043-8303  
(650) 253-0000  
Fax: (650) 253-0001  
Web: [www.google.com/intl/en/anitaborg/us](http://www.google.com/intl/en/anitaborg/us)
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance to women working on a bachelor's or graduate degree in a computer-related field.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to women who are entering their senior year of undergraduate study or are enrolled in a graduate program in computer science, computer engineering, or a closely-related field. Applicants must be full-time students at a university in the United States and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. They must submit essays of 400 to 600 words on 1) a significant technical project on which they have worked; 2) their leadership abilities; 3) what they would do if someone gave them the funding and resources for a 3- to 12-month project to investigate a technical topic of their choice; and 4) what they would do if someone gave them \$1,000 to plan an event or project to benefit women in technical fields. Citizens, permanent residents, and international students are eligible. Selection is based on academic background and demonstrated leadership.
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$10,000 per year.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year; recipients may reapply.
- (8) **Additional information** These scholarships were first offered in 2004.
- (9) **Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, 25 of these scholarships were awarded.
- (10) **Deadline** January of each year.

## DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** The consecutive number assigned to the references and used to index the entry.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of the 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 supplied) 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.

Previous editions of the directory were selected as the "cream of the crop" in *School Library Journal's* "Reference Round-Up;" were included in *Recommended Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries and Media Centers*; were featured in *Glamour*, *Good Housekeeping*, *New Woman*, and *Teen* magazines; and were selected as the "Best of the Best" in education and career information print materials by members of the National Education and Information Center Advisory Committee. In the view of The Grantsmanship Center, "No organization interested in serving women should be without this directory!" Want to read more reviews? Go to: [www.rspfunding.com/reviews.html](http://www.rspfunding.com/reviews.html).

## WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* 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 primarily or exclusively to women 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 in the *Directory* 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 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 the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* completely revises and updates the previous (15th) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have broadened their focus to include men have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect operations in 2012-2014; more than 75 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), benefits, or eligibility requirements since 2009. In addition, more than 500 new entries have been added to the program section of the *Directory*. The resulting listing describes the nearly 1,500 biggest and best sources of free money available to women, including scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, and internships.

## WHAT MAKES THIS DIRECTORY UNIQUE?

The 2012-2014 edition of the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* identifies billions of dollars available for study, research, creative activities, past accomplishments, future projects, professional development, and work experience. The listings cover every major subject area, are sponsored by more than 900 different private and public agencies and organizations, and are open to women at any level—from high school through postdoctorate and professional. This approach is unique. No other source, in print or online, provides this type of comprehensive and current coverage of funding opportunities available primarily or exclusively to women.

Not only does the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* provide the most comprehensive coverage of available funding (1,489 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, the directory 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 the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* 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, the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* 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 program 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 also 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 women, 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 men and women:* Only funding opportunities set aside primarily or exclusively for women are included here.
- *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, or other activities abroad (see the list of Reference Service Press publications opposite the directory's title page), only programs that fund activities in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs.* The emphasis here is on the biggest and best funding available. 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 majority of programs award considerably more than the \$1,000 minimum requirement, 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

The *Directory* is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of financial aid programs available to women and 2) a set of six indexes to help you pinpoint appropriate funding programs.

**Financial Aid Programs Open Primarily or Exclusively to Women.** The first section of the *Directory* describes the nearly 1,500 biggest and best sources of free money aimed primarily or exclusively at women. These programs are sponsored by government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations, religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. They are open to women at any level (high school through postdoctoral) for study, research, travel, training, career development, personal needs, or creative activities. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered in the awards listed. The focus is on pro-

grams tenable in the United States that are open to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents

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

- **Undergraduates:** Included here are more than 700 scholarships, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of free money that support women's 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 nearly 500 fellowships, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of free money that support women's 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 nearly 300 funding programs for women who are U.S. citizens or residents and 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 chapter in the *Directory*, 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 Ada I. Pressman Scholarship supports 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 women, 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 ("U" = Undergraduates; "G" = Graduate Students; "P" = Professionals/Postdoctorates). 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 women. More than 900 organizations are listed alphabetically, word

by word. 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 women in a particular state, region, or other geographic location. Others are open to women 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 the *Directory* may be used. Index entries (city, county, state, province, 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 the *Directory*. More than 250 different subject terms are listed. Extensive "see" and "see also" references, as well as recipient group subdivisions, will help you in your search for 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 the end of 2014.

## HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out the funding opportunities listed in the *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*.

**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 women 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 Locate a Particular Women's 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 women or to target specific financial aid programs for women 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 Open to Women from or Tenable in a Particular Geographic Location.** The Residency Index identifies financial aid programs open to women in a particular geographic loca-

tion. 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 Professionals/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 for Women in a Particular Subject Area.** Turn to the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying financial aid programs for women in a particular subject area (more than 250 different subject fields are listed there). To make your search easier, the intended recipient groups (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professionals/Postdoctorates) are clearly labeled in each of the subject listings. Extensive cross-references are also provided. As part of your search, be sure to check the listings in the index under the heading "General Programs;" those programs provide funding in any subject area (although they may be restricted in other ways).

**To Locate Financial Aid Programs for Women 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 Both Men and Women.** Only programs designed with women in mind are listed in this publication. There are thousands of other programs that are open equally to men and women. To identify these programs, talk to your local librarian, check with your campus financial aid office, 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](http://www.rspfunding.com/esubscriptions.html)).

## PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

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# Financial Aid Programs Primarily or Exclusively for Women

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- Undergraduates* ●
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# Undergraduates

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Listed alphabetically by program title and described in detail here are 711 scholarships, grants, awards, internships, and other sources of "free money" set aside for females who are college-bound high school seniors and continuing or returning undergraduate students. This funding is available to support study, training, research, and/or creative activities in the United States.

**[1]****AARP WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

American Association of Retired Persons  
 Attn: AARP Foundation  
 601 E Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20049  
 (202) 434-3525 Toll Free: (888) OUR-AARPf  
 TDD: (877) 434-7598  
 Web: www.aarp.org/womensscholarship

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to mature women who are interested in returning to college.

**Eligibility** This program is open to women who are at least 40 years of age. Priority is given to women who 1) are raising the children of another family member; 2) are in low-paying jobs and lacking a retirement benefit and/or health insurance; or 3) have been out of the work force for more than 5 years. Applicants must be planning to enroll as an undergraduate at a community college, 4-year university, or technical school. Selection is based on personal circumstances and achievements, educational goals, financial need, and the likely impact of the scholarship on the applicants' lives, families, and communities.

**Financial data** Stipends range from \$500 to \$5,000, depending on the need of the recipient and the cost of the education or training program. Funds are paid directly to the institution to be used for payment of tuition, fees, and books.

**Duration** 1 year; may be renewed.

**Additional information** This program was established in 2007. Support is provided by Wal-Mart Foundation and individual donors to the AARP Foundation.

**Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, more than 200 of these scholarships, worth more than \$450,000, were awarded.

**Deadline** March of each year.

**[2]****ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, Inc.  
 Attn: Director of Foundation Administration  
 3450 Founders Road  
 Indianapolis, IN 46268  
 (317) 872-0540 Fax: (317) 876-3948  
 E-mail: zetataualpha@zetataualpha.org  
 Web: www.zetataualpha.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to women who are members of Zeta Tau Alpha.

**Eligibility** This program is open to undergraduate and graduate women who are enrolled at a 4-year college or university and student members of the school's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter. Applicants must demonstrate leadership qualities within their chapter or in campus activities while maintaining a high scholastic average. Selection is based on academic achievement (GPA of 2.75 or higher), involvement in campus and community activities, recommendations, current class status, and financial need.

**Financial data** The stipend is at least \$1,000.

**Duration** 1 year; renewable.

**Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, the foundation awarded a total of more than \$600,000 to 235 undergrad-

uate and graduate members for all of its scholarship programs.

**Deadline** February of each year.

**[3]****ADMIRAL GRACE MURRAY HOPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Society of Women Engineers  
 Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
 120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1515  
 Chicago, IL 60603-3572  
 (312) 596-5223 Toll Free: (877) SWE-INFO  
 Fax: (312) 644-8557  
 E-mail: scholarshipapplication@swe.org  
 Web: societyofwomenengineers.swe.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to women who will be entering college as freshmen and are interested in studying computer science or related engineering fields.

**Eligibility** This program is open to women who are entering college as freshmen with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Applicants must be U.S. citizens planning to enroll full time at an ABET-accredited 4-year college or university and major in computer science or engineering. Selection is based on merit. Preference is given to students in computer-related engineering.

**Financial data** The stipend is \$1,500.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Additional information** This program, established in 1992, is named for the "mother of computerized data automation in the naval service."

**Number awarded** 3 each year.

**Deadline** May of each year.

**[4]****AGENDA FOR DELAWARE WOMEN TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Delaware Higher Education Commission  
 Carvel State Office Building, Fifth Floor  
 820 North French Street  
 Wilmington, DE 19801-3509  
 (302) 577-5240 Toll Free: (800) 292-7935  
 Fax: (302) 577-6765 E-mail: dhed@doe.k12.de.us  
 Web: www.doe.k12.de.us

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to women who are residents of Delaware and interested in working on an undergraduate degree at a college in the state.

**Eligibility** This program is open to women who are Delaware residents planning to enroll in a public or private non-profit college in the state as an undergraduate student. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. They must be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens. Selection is based on financial need (50%) and community and school activities, vision, participation, and leadership (50%).

**Financial data** The stipend is \$2,500 per year.

**Duration** 1 year; recipients may reapply.

**Number awarded** 10 each year.

**Deadline** April of each year.

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**AGNES C. ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation  
 Attn: Educational Endowment Fund  
 1244 Bainbridge Road  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423  
 (717) 367-1536 Toll Free: (800) 266-8424 (within PA)  
 Fax: (717) 367-0616 E-mail: pmyf@pagrandlodge.org  
 Web: www.pmyf.org/scholar/index.html

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to members of Rainbow Girls in Pennsylvania who are attending college in any state.

**Eligibility** This program is open to active Pennsylvania Rainbow Girls in good standing. Applicants must have completed at least 1 year at an accredited college, university, or nursing school in any state.

**Financial data** The stipend depends on the availability of funds.

**Duration** 1 year; may be renewed.

**Number awarded** 1 each year.

**Deadline** Requests for applications must be submitted by January of each year. Completed applications are due by the end of February.

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**AGNES MISSIRIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Armenian International Women's Association  
 65 Main Street, Room 3A  
 Watertown, MA 02472  
 (617) 926-0171 E-mail: aiwainc@aol.com  
 Web: www.aiwa-net.org/scholarshipinfo.html

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to Armenian women who are upper-division and graduate students.

**Eligibility** This program is open to full-time women students of Armenian descent attending an accredited college or university. Applicants must be full-time juniors, seniors, or graduate students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher. They must submit an essay, up to 500 words, describing their planned academic program, their career goals, and the reasons why they believe they should be awarded this scholarship. Selection is based on financial need and merit.

**Financial data** The stipend is \$2,000.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Number awarded** 1 or more each year.

**Deadline** April of each year.

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**AGNES MORRIS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional  
 Women's Clubs, Inc.  
 c/o Linda Burns  
 1424 Evangeline Road  
 Glenmora, LA 71433  
 (318) 748-7603 E-mail: amesfchair@bplouisiana.org  
 Web: lafbpw.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pageId=880660

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to members of the Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (BPW/LA) who are interested in pursuing college or professional advancement in any state.

**Eligibility** This program is open to women who are 25 years of age or older and members of the BPW/LA and a BPW local organization in Louisiana. Applicants must be enrolled at or entering an accredited university, college, technical school, or program for licensing or career advancement in any state. Along with their application, they must submit transcripts from their high school and any institution of higher education they have attended, entrance examination scores, 3 letters of recommendation, and a 250-word statement on why they want this scholarship and their plans for using it. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

**Financial data** The stipend is \$1,000 per year.

**Duration** 2 years, provided the recipient completes at least 6 hours per semester and maintains a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Additional information** This program originated as the Agnes Morris Educational Loan Fund.

**Number awarded** 1 or more each year.

**Deadline** January of each year.

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**AHIMA FOUNDATION DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Health Information Management Association  
 Attn: AHIMA Foundation  
 233 North Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor  
 Chicago, IL 60601-5809  
 (312) 233-1175 Fax: (312) 233-1475  
 E-mail: info@ahimafoundation.org  
 Web: www.ahimafoundation.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to women and other members of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) who are interested in working on an undergraduate degree in health information administration or technology and who will contribute to diversity in the profession.

**Eligibility** This program is open to AHIMA members who are enrolled at least half time in a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Applicants must be working on an associate degree in health information technology or a bachelor's degree in health information administration. They must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and at least 1 full semester remaining after the date of the award. To qualify for this support, applicants must demonstrate how they will contribute to diversity in the health information management profession; diversity is defined as differences in race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical capabilities, and religious beliefs. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

**Financial data** Stipends are \$1,000 for students working on an associate degree or \$1,200 for students working on a bachelor's degree.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, 8 of these scholarships were awarded.

**Deadline** April or October of each year.

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# Calendar Index

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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