

Financial Aid Resources

Office of Higher Education

www.ctohe.org

Whatever postsecondary school or college you plan to attend, your best source of information about financial aid is the school or college you are considering. When you apply for admission, be sure to consult the school's financial aid web page to learn about scholarships unique to that school, and to verify financial aid deadlines. Key online sources are:

- www.ctohe.org/sfa/ to learn about State of Connecticut programs
- www.studentaid.ed.gov to learn about federal programs
- www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply and access your FAFSA – Free Application For Federal Student Aid

Other resources are listed below. For questions, contact the Office of Higher Education.

Resources for All Students

Connecticut Student Aid

College Goal Sunday – financial aid officers will help you complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – www.collegegoalsundayct.org

Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, an alternative source of student loan funds – www.chesla.org

Connecticut Higher Education Trust, CHET Connecticut's 529 College Savings plan – www.aboutchet.com

Connecticut Office of the Attorney General Student Loan Repayment Guide – www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?A=2066&Q=577988

Connecticut Office of Higher Education Student Financial Aid – www.ctohe.org/sfa

CONNTAC-EOC, Connecticut Talent Assistance Cooperative-Educational Opportunity Center offers free statewide educational counseling, scholarships, and career planning services – www.conntacinc.org

Federal Student Aid

College Scorecard provides tools for students to match colleges with personal interests and financial ability – <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

College Affordability and Price Transparency List – www.collegecost.ed.gov/catc/

FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid – www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA4Caster – The U.S. Department of Education's tool for students and parents to estimate a student's eligibility for federal financial aid – www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate

Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Information Center – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/consolidation>

Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program – www.studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/public-service-loan-forgiveness-common-questions.pdf

Funding Education Beyond High School – The U.S. Department of Education's guide to federal student aid – www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/funding-your-education.pdf

Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, American Opportunity Credit – www.irs.gov/Individuals/Students

Income Based Repayment (IBR) – a repayment plan for the major types of federal student loans. Under IBR, the required monthly payment is capped at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on income and family size – www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/understand/plans/income-driven

Loan counseling tools a Repayment Estimator that allows borrowers to compare monthly payment amounts in repayment plan choices – www.studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action

Your Federal Student Loans, Learn the Basics and Manage Your Debt – www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans

U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Financial Aid Comparison Shopper to compare college costs and loan amounts – www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college

Resources for Dislocated Workers

Opportunity.Gov provides information for unemployed workers receiving unemployment benefits who may qualify for aid to pay for education and training – www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html

STEP UP Subsidized Training and Employment Program through Connecticut's Department of Labor – www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/FactSheet.pdf

WIOA, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act-To search approved training programs open then click on Explore Careers, Education Services, Training and Education Programs – www.cthires.com/vosnet/Default.aspx

Other Resources

American Association of Retired Persons, AARP Women's Scholarship Program for women aged 50+ – www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/info-2010/scholarship-opportunities.html

AFSCME scholarships available to members and their families – www.afscme.org/members/scholarships

Better Business Bureau Connecticut click on the “Get Involved” link to connect to the Student Ethics Scholarship Award or the Military Line Student Ethics Scholarship Award for a child of a military family – www.bbb.org/connecticut

CHET, Connecticut Higher Education Trust, Advance Scholarship – www.chetadvance.com/

Collegeboard's website has access to scholarship searches and the College Scholarship Service CSS/Profile Supplementary financial aid application required by many colleges – www.collegeboard.org

College Reality Check from the Chronicle for Higher Education – allows students to compare college prices, graduation rates, debt, default rates – www.collegerealitycheck.com

Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education Scholarship – www.calahe.org/scholarships

Fastweb's searchable scholarship database – www.fastweb.com

Finaid has a searchable scholarship database, information about other types of aid including sources for private elementary and high schools, student loans and cost calculators – www.finaid.org

International Education Financial Aid has a searchable database for students who wish to study abroad – www.iefaf.org

Marine Draftsmen Association, UAW Local 571 scholarships for graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing – <http://region9a.uaw.org/local571/>

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators explains how to apply for financial aid, cut college costs, tax breaks and tuition discount information by area – www.nasfaa.org

New England RSP, Regional Student Program has information about tuition savings for New England residents studying in other New England states – www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview

Payscale is a salary information company ranking the starting and mid-career salaries of graduates of American colleges and universities – www.payscale.com/

Sallie Mae's searchable scholarship database – www.collegeanswer.com

State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships – www.cspaaa.com

United Negro College Fund provides scholarships to students attending member colleges – www.uncf.org

Resources for Graduate Students

American Council of Learned Societies' fellowship and grant programs – <http://artct.org/glenn-moon-scholarship/>

American Association of University Women website for grants and fellowships listings – www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm

Fulbright Scholarship aids students, scholars, teachers, and professionals to pursue graduate work, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools – <http://www.cies.org/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund for undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic descent – www.hsf.net

National Science Foundation provides funding for undergraduate and graduate students as well as K-12 educators and veterans for studies in science – www.nsf.gov/funding/

Social Science Research Council provides fellowships in the social sciences – www.ssrc.org/fellowships

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation – www.woodrow.org

Tuition Assistance Partnerships

Fairfield University – The Community Partnership Scholars Program for low-income Bridgeport high school students. Call the Financial Aid Office at 203/254-4125 – www.fairfield.edu/admissionaid/financialaidtuition/undergraduatefinancialaidtuition/scholarshipsgrants/

Hartford Promise scholarship for Hartford Public School students- www.hartfordpromise.org/

New Haven Promise scholarship for New Haven Public School students - www.newhavenpromise.org/

University of Hartford – The Hartford Scholars Program for Hartford residents who graduate from a Hartford secondary school or who participate in Open Choice. Call 860/768-5223 for more information – www.hartford.edu/student_affairs/departments/multicultural/hartford_scholars.aspx

Specific Occupations or Interests

Professional organizations for many occupations often offer scholarships. Students may research these in the Occupational Outlook Handbook at www.bls.gov/oco.

Agriculture

www.bethlehemfair.com/scholarships.html – Scholarships for students majoring in agri-business or home economics.

www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships – Scholarships – The Future Farmers of America scholarships for students pursuing agricultural programs.

Architecture

www.aiact.org/outreach/ctaf_scholarship.php – Scholarships for Connecticut residents interested in pursuing an architecture program.

www.cbc-ct.org – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying. Click on “Member Services” for the application.

Athletic Training

www.ctathletictrainers.org – Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students majoring in an athletic training program.

Communications, Broadcasting and Journalism

<http://www.ctba.org/scholarship.php> – Connecticut Broadcasters Association scholarship for students majoring in broadcasting, communications, marketing, journalism, engineering, or electronics.

www.quillandscroll.org – The Edward J. Nell Memorial scholarship for students majoring in journalism.

Design

www.cadc.org/Events/Student_Conference/ – Scholarships for students majoring in design, photography or illustration.

Engineering and Computer Science

www.smeef.org – Scholarships for students majoring in manufacturing engineering and manufacturing technology.

www.nacme.org/NACME_A.aspx?pageid=1 – Scholarships for African American, American Indian and Latino students in engineering.

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org> – Society of Women Engineers scholarship program for women studying engineering.

Environmental

www.ctgardenclubs.org – Scholarships for students majoring in conservation, environmental studies, forestry and allied subjects.

Health Sciences and Nursing

www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/index.html – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services list of scholarships and loan programs for students in nursing programs.

www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/ – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program.

www.discovernursing.com/resources/online-resources#category=financial-assistance – A scholarship search for students entering nursing.

<http://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship> – Scholarships for students entering health professions.

www.ynhh.org/community-health/career.aspx?2 – Yale Minority Nursing & Allied Health Scholarship.

Management

<http://ismct.org/content.php?page=Scholarships> – Purchasing managers scholarships.

Mortuary Science

<http://www.abfse.org/html/scholarships.html> – American Board of Funeral Service Education scholarships for students enrolled in funeral service or mortuary science programs.

Sports Participation

www.cjsa.org – the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

www.cwga.org/PME_CWGA_Scholarships – the Connecticut Women Golfers Association.

Surveying

www.cbc-ct.org – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying.

Teaching

www.aft.org/about/member-benefits/scholarships – the American Federation of Teachers union Robert G. Porter Scholars and Union Plus Scholarship Programs.

www.almaexleyscholarship.org/ – Scholarships for minority students in Connecticut education programs.

<http://artct.org/glenn-moon-scholarship/> – Scholarships offered by the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut.

<http://www.cea.org/cef/> – Scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

www.ctpta.org/NSPTA-Scholarship.html – PTA scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

www.nea.org/home/16692.htm – National Education Association scholarships and grants.

www.pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/ – Phi Delta Kappa scholarships for prospective educators.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach> – Grants for new and current teachers.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher> – Federal loan cancellation and/or deferments for teachers.

Veterans

Office of Higher Education information about approved schools and veterans benefits – www.ctohe.org/vet/default.shtml

American Legion's Scholarships – www.legion.org/scholarships

E Benefits Gateway to Benefits Information – www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

Unemployed Armed Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment Program helps former military combat personnel find new employment – www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/StepUpVets.htm

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefit information – www.gibill.va.gov

Veterans Tuition Waiver at Connecticut public higher education institutions –
Board of Regents – www.ct.edu/admission/veterans#benefits
University of Connecticut – <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/waiver>

Yellow Ribbon Program – http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon.asp

Students with Disabilities

FinAid's information about scholarships, publications and support organizations for students with disabilities – www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml

HEATH Resource Center of the George Washington University, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities – www.heath.gwu.edu/

Scholarship Scams

FinAid's Scholarship Scam information page – www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

U.S. Department of Education's Avoiding Scams webpage – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams>

Federal Trade Commission's site for reporting any fraudulent financial aid schemes – www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams

Community Organizations & Non-Profit Foundations

American Savings Foundation
860/827-2556
www.asfdn.org

Branford Community Foundation, Inc.
203/444-4898
(Branford High School Seniors only)
www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
203/777-2386
www.cfgnh.org

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
860/229-6018
www.cfgnb.org

Community Foundation of Middlesex County
860/347-0025
www.middlesexcountycf.org/

Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut
860/626-1245
www.cfnwct.org

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut
860/442-3572
www.cfect.org

Connecticut Community Foundation (Waterbury)
203/753-1315
www.conncf.org

Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Scholarship
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<http://www.thefairfieldcountylinks.org/>
info@thefairfieldcountylinks.org

Fairfield County Community Foundation
203/750-3200
<http://fccfoundation.org>

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
860/548-1888
www.hfpg.org

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc.
860/583-6363
www.mainstreetfoundation.org

The Mayflower Scholarship
Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants
www.ctmayflower.org/programs.php

National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut
860/289-1971
www.nfbct.org/html/schinfo.htm

New Haven Scholarship Fund
203/389-1622
www.newhavenscholarship.wix.com/newhavenscholarship

Orange Foundation (residents only)
P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477

SBM Charitable Foundation
860/533-1067
www.sbmfoundation.org

The Watertown Foundation
(Limited to students who have resided in
Watertown, CT for at least three years.)
860/274-4299
www.watertownfoundation.com