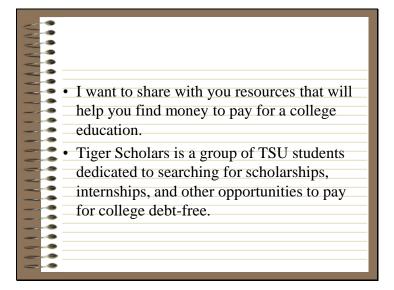


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Office of Scholarships, Currently Enrolled Students

## Scholarship Process

In order to be considered for University/Foundation Scholarships for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 all currently enrolled students must do the following:

- -Complete the Federal Application for Student Aid Form by April 1, go to fafsa.gov to apply (The FAFSA form will be used as the official scholarship application for all University/ Foundation scholarships)
- -Students selected for verification must complete all financial aid requirements no later than April 30th

Scholarships will be awarded by the University's Scholarship Committee using the established criteria for each scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be contacted via their myTSU Email Accounts no later than July 15th. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sedric Griffin, Director of Scholarships at 615-963-2593.

Go to the link below to view the list of available scholarships that will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee:

http://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/foundation.pdf

#### **Government Websites and Publications**

## 1. <a href="http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov">http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov</a>

Federal Student Aid Publications

Students can go to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online and apply. If you apply online, the process is faster.

Also, students and parents can receive assistance in completing the FAFSA online by calling 1-800-801-0576. Since this is a government website, .gov will be in the web address. Any .com in the web address will charge you money and is a rip-off, and that .com is not associated with the federal government.

- 2. <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/fafsa.jsp">http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/fafsa.jsp</a>
  Information about filling out the FAFSA on the web
- 3.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing\_fafsa/index.html

Information about completing the FAFSA can be found here, including the PDF versions of the Dept. of Education's *Completing the FAFSA*, 2010-2011.

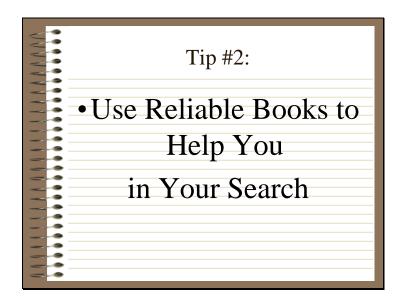
4. http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/publications.jsp

Several good publications are available in PDF format, informing students and parents on how to file the FAFSA, how to choose a college or career, and how to avoid student loan scams.

Another publication, *Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees*, can make some interesting reading.

#### Other Publications and Information

- 1. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* web site has a great article entitled, "11 Student-Aid Traps to Avoid," which would make for timely reading: <a href="http://www.kiplinger.com/features/archives/2009/01/avoid-student-aid-traps.html">http://www.kiplinger.com/features/archives/2009/01/avoid-student-aid-traps.html</a>
- 2. Another Kiplinger article, "Financial-Aid Form Gets a Facelift: The new FAFSA is shorter, more helpful and less confusing": <a href="http://www.kiplinger.com/magazine/archives/financialaid-form-gets-a-facelift.html">http://www.kiplinger.com/magazine/archives/financialaid-form-gets-a-facelift.html</a>
- 3. FAFSA Guide eBook Line By Line FAFSA Help! http://www.fafsaonline.com/fafsa-guide-ebook.php



- Kantrowitz, Mark. FastWeb College Gold: The Step-by-Step Guide to Paying for College. Collins, 2006. ISBN#: 978-0061129582.
- Kaplan, Ben. How to Go to College Almost For Free", 2nd ed. Collins, 2001. ISBN #0-06-093765-3.
- Khalfani, Lynnette. Zero Debt for College Grads: From Student Loans to Financial Freedom, Kaplan, ISBN #978-1-4277-5464-6.
- Ragins, Marianne. Winning Scholarships for College, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition: An Insider's Guide, Holt, 2004. ISBN # 0805075216
- Scheer, Marc. *No Sucker Left Behind: Avoiding the Great College Rip-Off*, Common Courage Press, 2008. ISBN # 978-1567513783.
- Tanabe, Gen & Kelly. 501 Ways for Adult Students to Pay for College: Going

  Back to School Without Going Broke, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Supercollege, 2009. ISBN #978-1932662337.

Tanabe, Gen & Kelly. *The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2010: Billions of Dollars in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes*. Supercollege, 2009. ISBN #978-1932662368.

Either these editions or earlier editions of these books are available from the Nashville Public Library.

The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2009 is available in the TSU library.

Also, go to the online Catalog of Tennessee State University's library, <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/library">http://www.tnstate.edu/library</a> and type in scholarship, using Keyword, to find books available in our library.

Under the Virtual Information section of TSU's online library, you will find College Resources: <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/library/collegeinfo.htm">http://www.tnstate.edu/library/collegeinfo.htm</a>



Nashville Public Library (Main), 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219.

I found two resources in the Center for Entrepreneurs in the downtown library. The center contains college and career resources, as well as small business, foundations and grant, and investment research. To find the Center for Entrepreneurs, ask at the reference desk, located on the third floor, adjacent to the Grand Reading Room. Tell them you are researching information about scholarships and let them pinpoint you to some wonderful sources.

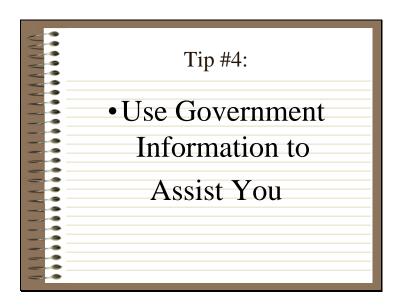
I found a book, *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, published by the Foundation Center. This book contains information about private grants to individuals.

Another database available is the *Foundation Directory Online Platinum*, an online version of this book that contains more up-to-date information. The reference librarian has to put in the password, so that a person can access it. This resource is not available online, but only at the downtown library. For people who are not in Nashville, your local library or college library may have access to this resource.

To receive a Nashville Public Library card, go to any library. Present the librarians with your TSU student ID and your driver's license, and you can receive a free Nashville Public Library card.

Visiting TSU's library and asking what sources they have on scholarships and internships is another good source for information.

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#### 1. <a href="http://www.govbenefits.gov/">http://www.govbenefits.gov/</a>

The federal government has a web site where you can put in your information and see what government benefits you qualify for: The federal government gives over \$60 billion a year in federal aid.

## 2. <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/">http://studentaid.ed.gov/</a>

Federal Student Aid (FSA) for Students

#### 3. http://www.students.gov/

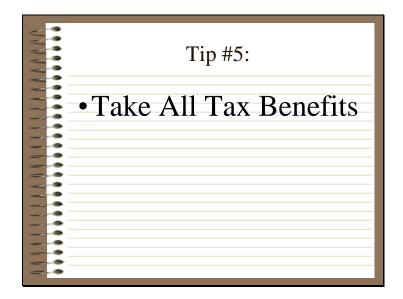
The student gateway to the federal government. Check out information under the headings of plan your education, pay for your education, and career development.

#### 4. <a href="http://www.usa.gov/">http://www.usa.gov/</a>

The official website for exploring the federal government

#### 5. <a href="http://www.college.gov/">http://www.college.gov/</a>

A website about the journey to college, sponsored by our federal government



## 1. <a href="http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students/index.html">http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students/index.html</a>

Of course, the IRS government web site has a section strictly for students of all ages, from elementary to higher education students. Recent information about the American Opportunity Credit can also be found here.

For more information about tax benefits and deductions that might help you on your tax return, click on <a href="http://www.irs.gov/recovery">http://www.irs.gov/recovery</a>

# 2. http://www.nasfaa.org/redesign/taxbenefitsguide2009.html

To find accurate information about federal tax benefits, check out the *Higher Education Federal Tax Benefits Guide - 2009 Tax Year* at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (NASFAA) web site.

2008 Edition: <a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/annualpubs/taxbenefitsquide.html">http://www.nasfaa.org/annualpubs/taxbenefitsquide.html</a>

# 3. <a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/redesign/ParentsStudents.html">http://www.nasfaa.org/redesign/ParentsStudents.html</a>

The NASFAA website not only includes information about the recent tax updates, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit, but also includes a comprehensive process on everything related to college and expenses.



## 1. http://www.gkscholarship.com/

\$1,000 Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, Deadline: July 31, 2010

## 2. <a href="http://www.cfmt.org/index.php">http://www.cfmt.org/index.php</a>

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT) administers several scholarships for the local Middle Tennessee community. Deadline: March 15, 2010

Look at some of the following scholarships offered, especially at the Jerry Newson Scholarship, Drue Smith/Society of Professional Journalists Scholarship, Emmett H. Turner Scholarship, Teddy Wilburn Scholarship, The Woman's Club of Nashville Scholarship, and John W. Work III Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

Some of these are very specific, pertaining to what high school you went to, what county you resided, and what particular university you are attending.

Explore them all to see which pertains to you.

One student I told about these scholarships won one. He sent a thank you note afterwards to the CFMT and did some volunteer work for the CFMT later on.

3. Writers of Passage" Essay Competition, Five (5) \$1,000 winners,

Deadline: March 5, 2010

Details (from a letter): "Dear Colleagues:

NAFEO and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation Services, are pleased to announce the essay competition, "Writers of Passage", in which five (5) winning students will receive \$1,000 for writing and presenting a compelling 500- word essay about how Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and/or Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) are uniquely suited to prepare students to develop sustainable agriculture solutions for the 21st century. The winning essay will be creative, well argued, free of spelling and grammatical errors, and will clearly define the writer's vision of sustainable agriculture.

The competition is open to college students who will enter a 2- or 4-year Historically Black College or University or Predominantly Black Institution in the fall of 2010, or who are enrolled as freshmen, sophomores, or juniors at the time of the competition, who demonstrate unmet financial need; and who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The final round of the competition will be held in March 2010 during NAFEO's 36th Annual Conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. The application receipt deadline is March 5, 2010.

Please mail your essay to: Writers of Passage 2010, 209 3rd Street, SE Washington, DC 20003, Attention Ms. Tamisha Marsh. Applications must be received by the deadline. Faxed applications will be accepted. To fax, send to the attention of "Writers of Passage 2010" at 202-552-3330. Your full name, college or university, permanent address, phone number, and e-mail address should be typed and included on a separate sheet of paper. Failure to include this information will result in disqualification from the competition. For questions, please contact Ms. Tamisha Marsh, program coordinator, at <a href="mailto:tmarsh@nafeo.org">tmarsh@nafeo.org</a>."

You can receive assistance with this essay in the University Writing Center. Located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the LRC building in Suite #300 (#4 on the elevator), the University Writing Center has this listed on its Money Wall. Not only can you get help with this essay, but TSU's University Writing Center can help you with other writing projects. You can also call them at 615-963-5102.

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher education (NAFEO) has a website with other opportunities, such as the Coast Guard HCBU Student Scholarship, NAFEO-AIFS Study Abroad Scholarship, and the State Department Program (Franklin Fellows):

http://www.nafeo.org/community/index.php

## 4. <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/">http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/</a>

Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance For Minority Participation—"The goal of the TLSAMP program is to increase the number of the underrepresented **science, technology, engineering, and mathematics** (STEM) students by at least 100% at the end of the five-year period."

If you are a student with any of these majors, you need to check out what opportunities are available to you.

From this webpage:

Scholarship Opportunities:

http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/Scholarship%20Opportunities.htm

Student and Faculty Funding:

http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/student\_facult\_funding.htm

While some of these opportunities may have had deadlines in 2009, you can explore the links and see when they will most likely have opportunities in 2010.

5. <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=738">http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=738</a>

Types of Financial Aid Programs available at TSU

6. <a href="http://www.cob.tnstate.edu/scholarship/scholarship.html">http://www.cob.tnstate.edu/scholarship/scholarship.html</a>

http://www.cob.tnstate.edu/Career/internship.html

TSU's College of Business has a list of scholarship opportunities for TSU Business students and a list of internship opportunities for TSU Business students.

7. Various departments and schools on campus will list internal and external scholarships

http://agfacs.tnstate.edu/uno/financial%20assitance.html

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=6943&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=3939&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2405&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=1780

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2913

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=4405&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=4408&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/gpo/old/scholar.htm

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=1264&ptid=1

http://www.tnstate.edu/gpo/scholar.htm

## 8. <a href="http://bit.ly/dhFl5d">http://bit.ly/dhFl5d</a>

Chemistry Majors—Land Grant Institutions—contact the Chemistry Dept for Information about how you can apply for the Land-Grant Institution Scholarship (http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=1376&ptid=1)

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=3074&ptid=1

Other Scholarships you might inquire the Chemistry Dept. about

9. <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2171&ptid=1">http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2171&ptid=1</a>

http://www.tnstate.edu/interior.asp?mid=2859&ptid=1

Various heath related associations

Associations will often have scholarships or internships. You have to investigate this issue on your own.

## **Scholarship Search Engines and Information**

- 1. http://scholarshipexperts.com/
- 2. <a href="http://www.scholarships.com/">http://www.scholarships.com/</a>
- 3. http://www.fastweb.com/
- 4. <a href="http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch-ss/welcome.jsp">http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch-ss/welcome.jsp</a>
- 5. <a href="https://www.brokescholar.com/">https://www.brokescholar.com/</a>
- 6. <a href="http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/">http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/</a>

#### **Other Sites I Recommend**

- 1. <a href="http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com">http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com</a>
- 2. http://www.supercollege.com
- 3. <a href="http://www.collegegold.com/index.phtml">http://www.collegegold.com/index.phtml</a>
- 4. <a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/Redesign/CollegeAccess">http://www.nasfaa.org/Redesign/CollegeAccess</a> center.asp

College Access Center—resources to improve college access

5. <a href="http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/">http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/</a>

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation manages lottery and other scholarships for the state of Tennessee

6. <a href="http://www.tnstate.edu/scholarships/">http://www.tnstate.edu/scholarships/</a>

Information about scholarship opportunities at Tennessee State University

# **Contact Information**

- If you need more information, you can check out the blog for TSU Tiger Scholars at <a href="http://tigerscholars.wordpress.com">http://tigerscholars.wordpress.com</a>.
- If you are a student at Tennessee State University and could not make session #1, you can set up an appointment with Mr. Turner to discuss the process of financing your education debt-free by emailing him at mjturner@tnstate.edu.