

Scholarships: No High GPA Required October 18, 2019

This scholarship seminar is taking place on Friday, Oct 18, at 2-3 pm in computer lab room 310, Student Success Center (aka LRC). If you are a Tennessee State University student and can't make the workshop, then refer to the bottom of this handout and make an appointment with Mr. Turner to go over these opportunities.

We will briefly discuss these scholarships, many of which do not require high GPAs (many do not require any GPAs).

We will discuss how to make your application stand out.

Then, we will open the seminar to students and explore other scholarships that they can apply to.

Current 2019 Scholarships (Mostly!)

1. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

Go to this website and work on one of the following scholarships

\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, D: Oct. 31, 2019

\$ 5,000 Education Matters Scholarship, D: Nov. 30, 2019

\$10,000 Unigo Scholarship, D: Dec. 31, 2019

To apply for these scholarships, you will have to complete a profile at Unigo.com, which will show you more scholarships you can apply for.

You will have to click on APPLY NOW to find the scholarship prompt.

Also, if you click on PREVIOUS WINNERS found on the right hand side, you will see past prompts and entries that won the scholarships over the years.

2. <https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships>

\$20,000 Do Something Scholarships, No GPA required!

DoSomething.Org is for people ages 13-25 and encourages young people to do something, to complete social action through campaigns.

Scholarships and opportunities are ongoing throughout the year, some times as much as \$5,000.

Some of these scholarships are

\$5,000 Cancel Bullying Scholarship, D: Nov. 1, 2019

\$5,000 Huddle Up to Brighten Someone's Day, D: Nov. 1, 2019

\$2,500 STEM Superheroes Scholarship, D: Nov. 30, 2019

\$5,000 the Hit We'll Take Scholarship, D: Dec. 31, 2019

3. <https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/students/>

\$2,500-\$15,000 per academic year, Scarlett Family Foundation Scholarship, D: Dec 15, 2019

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

–Be a graduating high school senior, an individual who obtained a GED by June 1st, or a college freshmen, sophomore, or junior

–Demonstrate financial need via 1040 tax return

–Graduate from any high school in Middle Tennessee's 40 counties

–Pursue a Business or STEM degree at a 4-year, non-profit college or university

–Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

–Enroll full-time next fall

–Scholarships must be used at an accredited, 4-year, non-profit college or university in the United States.

4. <http://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm>

\$1,000 College is Power (C.I.P) Scholarship, D: Dec. 31, 2019

From webpage:

“A scholarship to help you pay for college! The "College Is Power" scholarship is open to students age 17 and older who are currently in college or plan to start college within the next 12 month. Use the scholarship to pay for tuition, books, room and board, computers or anything else related to your education!

In 150 words or fewer, please answer: "What is your primary goal for going to school?"

5. <http://www.return2college.com/awardprogram.cfm>

\$1,000 Return to College Scholarship, D: Jan 31, 2020

Applicants:

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Starting a program of higher education (college or graduate school) within the next 12 months or currently full- or part-time students
- Age 17 or older
- Answer in three sentences or less, “Why are you getting your degree?”

<https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/no-essay-college-scholarships-for-2019/>

No Essay Scholarships: Your Essential Guide for 2019

Some of these scholarships I found here. There are more you can explore. This is a good list. Several of the scholarships have deadlines in 2020.

2020 Future Scholarships

1. <https://www.glennmiller.org/scholarship>

\$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 Glenn Miller Music Scholarships, D: Jan. 6, 2020

Scholarships for instrumentalists and vocalists

2. <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>

\$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship, D: Feb 2020 (most likely)

Ages 16-24

Applicants must be located in and be a legal resident of the 50 United States or D.C., which means lawful permanent residents are also eligible

Create a 2 minute or less video about your passion

Sign up to be notified when this scholarship opens (scholarship will most likely open around Nov 2019 and close around Feb 21, 2020)

3. <https://livebearded.com/pages/scholarship>

\$2,500 LiveBearded.com Scholarship, D: Feb 1, 2020

Submit a video, more details above

From webpage:

“ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled in a College or University at the time of the next deadline
- For applicants under the age of 18, you must have permission from a parent or a legal guardian.
- Must apply to the scholarship via the link provided. You must provide your full name, .edu email, target graduation year and the name of your academic institution.
- Our \$2,500 scholarship can be used for any education-related expense, including: tuition, textbooks, course material and any other education-related expense that you may come across.”

4. <https://www.aspirehigherscholarships.com/index.html>

\$10,000 Ortho Dermatologies Aspire Higher Scholarships

Awarding scholarships of \$10,000 each to nine students who have been affected by dermatologic conditions and allowing them to pursue education at the undergraduate and graduate level

Visit this page for 2020 opportunities, submission period is **Feb. 1, 2020—April 24, 2020**

5. <https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

\$10,000 Create a Greeting Scholarship, D: Mar 2, 2020

From webpage:

- Submit original photo, artwork or computer graphics for the front of a greeting card.
- Winner will be announced May 6th, 2020.
- Age Eligibility: Must be 14 years or older at time of entry and be enrolled in High School, College, University or Homeschool.
- The finalists will again be decided by voting!

6. <http://www.beyondtheboroughs.org/the-scholarship/scholarship-requirements/>

\$5,000 a year (total: up to \$20,000) Beyond the Boroughs Scholarship, D: Mar. 15, 2020

Selected criteria from website:

“Scholarships up to \$20,000 over four years will be awarded to full-time students who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent (culinary school, for example). **Applicants can be current high school seniors entering college in the fall or students currently attending a college or university.**

Scholarship Application Requirements:

- Acceptance to an accredited four-year college, university, or equivalent
- Low income household
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Involvement in an extra-curricular activity or work
- Completion of full application including a completed **Student Aid Report** from the FAFSA or the CSS Profile”

7. <https://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship>

Tylenol Future Cares Scholarship, opens around May 1, 2020

Check back to see when the 2020 period opens,

Ten \$10,000 scholarships

Twenty-five \$5,000 scholarships

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Be a resident of the 50 United States, Puerto Rico or the District of Columbia.
- Be a graduate student or be a college senior who will be enrolling in graduate school during the 2019-20 academic year.
- Provide proof of enrollment to a graduate program in medical school, nursing, and/or pharmacy.
- Have one or more years of school remaining.
- Scholarships will be awarded to students and practitioners who are seeking a degree to actively treat patients.

Most likely opens May 1, 2020 and closes late June 2020

Information gathered from https://www.tylenol.com/sites/tylenol_us/files/2019-20_tylenolr_future_care_scholarship_faq.pdf

9. <https://www.emergencydentistsusa.com/dental-scholarship/>

\$5,000 Emergency Dentists USA's 4th Annual Video Scholarship, D: July 1, 2020

“Description: Scholarship is open to high school and college students of all majors who are United State citizens or foreign citizens residing legally in the USA. Applicant must create a video that is two minutes and explains what super power they would love to have and how they would use it to help create better dental health in all people.”

This description is taken from JLV College Counseling's website:

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/age/hs-seniors/6/>

More Scholarships (Year Round—use these resources)

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>

Scholarship America Open Scholarships

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

I find a lot of scholarships at this very reliable scholarship directory—**JLV College Counseling**

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Browse millions of scholarships at **Unigo's Scholarship Directory** at the above link.

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

Browse over 25,000 scholarships in the **Chegg Scholarship** database

<https://www.scholarshipdesk.com/>

Though **Scholarship Desk** is full of ads, I have found some good scholarships on it.

<https://yescollege.com/guides/weird-scholarships/>

200 Unique and Weird Scholarships Worth Applying For (Updated for 2018 and 2019)—there are some interesting scholarships on this list.

SKIP THE ADS! (Some of the ads are legitimate, but sadly I can't vouch for them all. Avoid the single mom or single dad scholarships—I and a few other students have received calls, and some of the operators are not scrupulous, trying to pressure students in pursuing degrees at for-profit colleges and to take on heavy student loans.)

Grants to Individuals Online database

There is a little known resource called **Grants to Individual Online database**, accessible to students and others through **Funding Information Network Locations**.

If you happen to be in Nashville, TN, this summer, then the **Nashville Public Library at 615 Church St, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, Phone: (615) 862-5800** is one of those locations.

<http://grantspace.org/find-us>

By putting in your **zip code at the website** at the above link, you can **find libraries or places you can go to access this database**.

Have the librarians teach you everything that the Grants to Individual Online database has available.

<http://gtionline.foundationcenter.org/>—This is the official page to look once you get to one of those libraries. I believe if one of these libraries aren't close to you, it costs about \$20 to access for one month.

Benefits.gov--Looking for Scholarships, Internships, and other Government Programs

<https://www.benefits.gov/>

Benefits.gov is the portal for information about government benefits, which incorporates state information.

Students, and also parents, can choose to answer questions in the Benefit Finder Tool and find benefits, including scholarships, internships, and government programs, they can apply for.

Also, under Benefits, you can choose “Browse Benefits” to explore benefits by category.

Some programs I saw in the past:

American Music Abroad Program,

Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships, and

Undergrad Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, in which “individuals must pursue a course of study which prepares them for professions needed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The maximum scholarship per academic year is \$20,000. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition/educational and living expenses incurred while attending school.”

In other words, explore this resource for wonderful possibilities!

You can find more scholarship opportunities at the Scholarship Tigers blog:

<https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

How to Receive Entire Blog Entries from ScholarshipTigers.com as They are Published

On the right hand side of the webpage, scroll down until you see the words, EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION.

If you enter your email address and click on the box, SIGN ME UP, you should receive an email, and then all you have to do is confirm it.

You will then receive blog updates with scholarships, PDFs, and clues so that you can discover more college money and aim for less student debt.

Writing Help and Scholarship Coaching at the TSU Writing Center

Once you are a Tennessee State University student, if you need help with scholarship applications, essays, or any other writing concern, know that the Writing Center at Tennessee State University, found in room 310, Student Success Center, also known as the Harold M. Love Learning Resource Center (LRC), is available to you.

During the Fall 2019 semester, hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm, 615.963.5102

For online scheduling: <https://tnstate.mywconline.com/>

Register for an account, and schedule your appointment!

For personal scholarship coaching, choose Mr. Michael Turner, signing up for 30 minutes or an hour, and we will look for scholarships that pertain to your major and your personal circumstances.