

Thousands in Scholarships Workshop, Th, Feb 20, 11 am- 12 noon, more than \$15,000 in possibilities

How the TSU Writing Center Can Help You Find Thousands in Scholarships Workshop

Please visit us for a scholarship workshop given on Thursday, February 20, from 11 am-12 noon at the TSU Writing Center, room 310, Student Success Center.

You will also hear from a TSU student who received \$5,500 in scholarship money as a sophomore because she came to the TSU Writing Center tutors for assistance as a freshman.

Writing tutor and scholarship coach, Mike Turner, will tell you how the Writing Center can assist you in applying for TSU Foundation scholarships and other external scholarships to pay for college with more money, less debt.

TSU Foundation Scholarships and Other Scholarships Exclusively for TSU students

On Thursday, Feb 19, the application period for TSU Foundation scholarships open. Deadline is March 31, 2020.

Thousands of dollars are available, but you have to make yourself stand out from the crowd!

Hear how one student as a freshman did that by getting help from the TSU Writing Center to receive \$5,500 in scholarships.

\$3,000 was received from a TSU Foundation scholarship.

Learn how you should make your application stand out by

- ✓ creating enough distance to think like a scholarship giver
- ✓ if an organization you volunteered for is unfamiliar, then give a brief description for the organization
- ✓ think of 2 or 3 highlights of what you did for each organization you list
- ✓ work on your application a little at a time in 15, 30, and hour slots—schedule your success
- ✓ have tutors in the TSU Writing Center review your application and short answer essays to make them stand out and improve your chances

<https://tnstate.academicworks.com/>

TSU Foundation Scholarships open around February 19, 2020. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2020.

<http://www.tnstate.edu/business/scholarships.aspx>

TSU College of Business Scholarships and Awards

We will discuss opportunities for business and business-related majors.

External Scholarships To Help You Pay for College

<https://www.cfmt.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/>

The TSU student will also share with you how she received \$2,500 from a Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee scholarship.

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee scholarships, D: March 15, 2020

CFMT administers over 100 scholarships. See if any apply to you and your circumstances.

Some scholarships you might explore (there might be more): **Teddy Wilburn Scholarship Fund, Emmett H. Turner Scholarship Fund, Mike and Mary Jean Kruse Scholarship Fund, Nashville Academy of Medicine Alliance Scholarship Fund for Nursing, Steve Thompson Scholarship Fund.**

<https://www.cof.org/community-foundation-locator>

Find a Community Foundation Close to You—there are many community foundations across the United States and many administer scholarships. Find out if your community foundation does.

More External Scholarship Opportunities

1. <https://www.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>

\$3,500 Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest, D: Feb. 29, 2020

Go further down the page to read winning scholarship essays (500 words or less) that won in 2019.

Many people do not apply for scholarships that involve writing. But you have the **TSU Writing Center** here to help you. Come and visit us to brainstorm ideas and review your essay before you submit.

Selected criteria from webpage:

“Who inspires you?

Is there a particular African-American who inspires you?

Write about an African-American who has inspired and motivated you for the opportunity to earn a \$5,000 or \$3,500 scholarship. Essays should be 500 words or less and should:

Address how an African-American has been an inspiration in your life.

Discuss the contributions of the African-American individual who has served to inspire and motivate you.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Regions will award \$3,500 scholarships to 15 freshmen, sophomores or juniors who permanently reside in, or currently attend an accredited college in, states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2020-2021 academic school year.”

Students who attend an accredited college in Tennessee and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher can enter this scholarship essay contest. Read the rules for complete information.

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

Up to \$20,000 Beyond the Boroughs Scholarship, D: March 15, 2020

Selected criteria from website

For full-time students

“Applicants can be current high school seniors entering college in the fall or students currently attending a college or university.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning. Everyone who meets the requirements below is invited to apply.

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”

3. <https://www.risecredit.com/rise-scholarship>

\$3,000 Rise Financial Progress Scholarship, D: May 1, 2020 or the first 1,000 applications submitted, whichever comes first

Description: “The RISE Financial Progress Scholarship Program is offering five scholarships of \$3,000 each for college students who complete the RISE Financial Progress Course and discuss how it will help them achieve their financial goals. Applicants must be part-time or full-time undergraduate students (or planning to be in the upcoming semester) with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).”

Description taken from the Scholarship America database:

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

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

up to \$10,000 Aspire Higher Ortho Dermatologics Scholarship, D: Apr. 27, 2020

selected criteria from webpage:

“3 Undergraduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing undergraduate degrees

3 Graduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing graduate degrees

3 Today’s Woman Scholar Awards—for students who are mothers pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees

Determine the scholarship category that fits your academic status. You may only apply within one category. Students pursuing technical/vocational degrees or certificates may be eligible. See Rules & Regulations.

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a United States citizen living in the United States
- At the time of application, have applied to, have been accepted to, or are currently attending an accredited, nonprofit, two- or four-year college, university, or advanced (post-high school) vocational or technical school for academic year 2020-2021
- Have been diagnosed with and treated for a dermatologic condition
- Have been treated by a dermatologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner working in a dermatology practice
- Used a prescription medicine to treat your dermatologic condition”

5. <http://www.pushexcel.org/scholarships/oralee/>

\$2,500 Ora Lee Sanders Scholarship, D: Apr 15, 2020

Selected criteria:

“The Ora Lee Sanders Scholarship is awarded to students who are majoring in any college-approved major, achieve academic success, and play an active role in their communities.

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, four-year-degree, undergraduate program at a college or university in the U.S. by August 2020.
- Must be entering freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year (but not 5th year or greater).
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- Must demonstrate academic preparation to attend college and succeed.
- Must demonstrate the ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals.”

6. <https://elcscholarships.elcinfo.com/>

\$12,000 Ann Fudge Scholarship Program, D: Mar 20, 2020

Selected criteria:

“The Ann Fudge Scholarship is open to high achieving undergraduate black female students attending one of the nation’s top Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen at time of application.
- The applicant’s classification status for Fall 2020 must be sophomore, junior or senior. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA.
- Must be pursuing a degree in business and currently enrolled at an Historically Black College or University.”

7. <https://elcscholarships.elcinfo.com/>

Check out the other 2020 undergraduate scholarship programs offered by the Executive Leadership Council, D: Mar 20, 2020

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.salliemae.com/student-loans/graduate-school-information/graduate-school-scholarships/>

Graduate School Scholarship Search Engine

<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.)

Writing Help and Scholarship Coaching at the TSU Writing Center

As a Tennessee State University student or faculty/staff member, 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 Spring 2020 semester, hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm, 615.963.5102

For online scheduling: <http://mywco.com/tystate>

If you already have an account, log in and make an appointment.

If you don't have an account, register for an account by clicking on "Register an Account" next to FIRST VISIT? 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. Or if you are having problems with making an appointment, email me at mjturner@tystate.edu.