

International Scholarship Information

College takes drive, passion and resources. We recognize that families often need to look outside their immediate resources in order to help their students take full advantage of the Hood College experience. It is the mission of the Office of Financial Aid to help you and your family develop a financial plan to make your education attainable. Below is a list of various scholarship resources to consider:

Funding Sources: Web Sites with Multiple Scholarship Resources

<u>College Board</u>	<u>FastWeb</u>
<u>Scholarship Finder</u>	<u>International Education Financial Aid</u>
<u>EducationUSA</u>	<u>International Scholarships</u>
<u>EduPASS</u>	<u>Mobility International USA</u>

Funding Sources: Private Loans**Organization of American States**

The Organization of American States, an international organization based in Washington, DC offers, through the Rowe Fund program, interest-free loans to competent students from Latin American and Caribbean countries to help them finance their graduate, postgraduate, and final two years of undergraduate studies at accredited universities within the United States. For more information and to download the forms, see <https://www.oas.org/en/rowefund> or e-mail the Rowe Fund Program at rowefund@oas.org.

Web Pages Offering Additional Information Regarding Studies in the USA:

[EduPass:](#) Information for international students who are interested in pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education in the United States.

[InternationalStudent.com:](#) Information and advice regarding preparation for your education as well as living and learning in the United States.

[NAFSA:](#) National Association of International Educators: Information about financial aid for undergraduate international students.

[Abroad Planet Scholarship Resources:](#) Online community of international students studying in the United States.

[College Board:](#) Free online financial aid source for scholarships, grants, and loans for all college-bound students, including permanent residents and international students wishing to study in the United States. [FastWeb:](#) Free online scholarship search service.

[Global Scholarships:](#) Free online scholarship search engine for international students globally.

[International Education Financial Aid:](#) Free online scholarship search service designed for international students.

[International Scholarships:](#) Free online scholarship database for international students wishing to study worldwide.

[Mobility International USA:](#) Free online scholarship resource for non-U.S. citizens with disabilities.

[We Make Scholars:](#) Free online resource with thousands of international scholarships available around the world.

[AKDN Agha Khan Foundation Scholarship](#) The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for post-graduate studies to outstanding students from select developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies, in order to develop effective scholars and leaders and to prepare them for employment.

[IELTS USA Andrea Scott International Graduate Scholarship](#) US\$5000 tuition scholarship that is awarded to an international graduate student and can be renewed for up to three years if you maintain good academic standing.

The Office of Financial Aid at Hood College provides information regarding outside scholarship searches as a courtesy to students and families. Hood College does not endorse any private scholarship search websites. Although we have made an effort to ensure material contained on or links provided by the websites.

Tips for Scholarships

Scholarships can be found in several ways; contacting your high school counselor, public library, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups.

Search Tips

Searching for private scholarships can be time intensive. Make it easier by having a system to find and apply for these opportunities!

- Open an email account specifically for scholarships using a professional name and check the account frequently
- Start a spreadsheet to track deadlines and application requirements
- Make sure your resume is updated

Application Tips

Keep your information updated. If you have a LinkedIn profile or a resume, make sure it's up-to-date.

Be concise. Instead of listing everything you've ever done, highlight the activities you would like the donor to know about you.

Show initiative. Donors who invest in a student's future like to reward those who show initiative. If you have started your own business, created a club, or organized clubs or an event, highlight it!

Essay Tips

Do:

- Tailor your essay to each application to address specific questions or topics
- Be creative, organized and succinct
- Get feedback from a trusted mentor
- Proofread

Don't:

- Use slang or jargon
- Compare yourself to other students
- Submit the same essay for multiple applications

TIPS FOR WRITING A WINNING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Scholly website, Posted September 19, 2021

myscholly.com/how-to-write-a-scholarship-essay/

Tips for Recommendation Letters

Many private scholarships ask for a recommendation letter. The best letters come from someone (not a parent) who can speak not just to your accomplishments, but can applaud your character, work ethic and professionalism to showcase your intangible, positive character traits.

To get a great recommendation letter:

- Provide the recommender with a description of the scholarship and a list of skills or qualities that are important to highlight
- Give the reference a current copy of your resume and at least two weeks' notice for when the letter is due

Final Steps

If you receive a scholarship, write a thank you letter to the donor

Inform the Office of Financial Aid about the awarded scholarship

Beware of Scams!

Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are *legitimate*. Remember that you don't have to pay to find scholarships. Avoid any scholarship that asks for application or processing fees. Check out studentaid.gov/resources/scams for information on how to avoid scams.