

On Your Mark...

Congratulations! You've decided to go to college. Believe it or not, you need to begin preparing for your college experience now. If you're a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in high school, this guide will tell you about some important steps you need to take to get ready for college. It also will tell you how to apply for financial aid and scholarships.

Get Set...

Here is a checklist of what you should do during high school.

High school freshmen and sophomores:

- ✓ Contact the Admissions office of the colleges you are interested in. You will get general information about the college's programs and costs. Ask to have your name put on the college's mailing list so that you can get information on a regular basis.

High school juniors:

- ✓ Contact your local Chamber of Commerce about private scholarships you may be eligible for.
- ✓ Go to your local library and look for information about college scholarships. Many libraries have a number of books in the reference section that describe how to apply for financial aid, grants, and loans.
- ✓ Contact local clubs, like the Lions or the Rotary, to learn about their scholarships.

High school seniors:

- ✓ Pay attention to "priority deadlines" (time limits) to apply for financial aid! Priority deadlines typically are in March. DO NOT WAIT until you have been accepted at a college before applying for financial aid.
- ✓ Meet with a vocational rehabilitation counselor who works with deaf or hard-of-hearing clients in your community. Talking with that counselor about your personal, educational, and career goals will help determine if you are eligible for services.
- ✓ Apply for any scholarships that you think you qualify for. See the listing at the end of this brochure for some possibilities. Remember the list of scholarships that you developed in your junior year!
- ✓ Use today's technology! The World Wide Web (WWW) can help you find scholarships and financial aid awards. Use the keywords "scholarships" and "financial aid" to connect to Internet locations that can give you detailed information about scholarships and financial aid awards. See the chart in this brochure for help in getting on the "Web."
- ✓ Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) through your local Social Security Office.

- ✓ Get the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the only application that can be used to apply for federal financial aid. These applications are available in December from your local college's Financial Aid Office or your high school guidance office.
- ✓ Some schools may ask you to complete another form in addition to the FAFSA to determine your eligibility for institutional aid. This may be their own institutional form or the College Scholarship Service PROFILE form. You must pay for the PROFILE form.

In March or April of your senior year, you will receive financial aid awards from the colleges that accept you for admission.

The aid offered may include anticipated vocational rehabilitation support, federal or state aid, and institutional aid. The award should include the total cost of education, which is tuition and fees, room and board, books, personal expenses, and transportation. **Remember that the difference between the cost of education and the aid offered is what you and your family are expected to contribute.**



When you have heard from all the colleges to which you have applied, sit down with your family, teachers, and high school guidance counselor and talk about your options so that you can make the best decision possible about where to go to college.

Congratulations on your hard work and get ready to enjoy college life!

FINDING POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS USING THE WORLD WIDE WEB
With Netscape Navigator, Microsoft Internet Explorer, or a capable browser:

1. Open Netscape Navigator, or the browser program you will be using.
2. In the location field (text box on top, under the toolbar) enter the following Internet location for a very detailed search job:
<http://www.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/query?pg=q>
Or you can enter the following Internet location for a general, easy search job:
<http://search.yahoo.com/bin/search/options>
Other search engines that you can try are listed below:
<http://www.infoseek.com/>
<http://www.lycos.com/>
<http://index.opentext.net/>
<http://www.webcrawler.com/>
3. Follow the instructions. Usually all you have to do is type the keyword you want to search for on the WWW in the text field, check or select various search options, then press the appropriate button to start the search. An example of a keyword to search for is scholarship.
4. Most search engines will display a list of WWW sites containing scholarship information, along with a brief description of each. Look for one that interests you.

fastWEB is one of the best websites to find scholarships/grants. There, you can create a profile on yourself, and they will attempt to match your needs with potential scholarships, grants, loans, etc. and add the information to your mailbox on a daily basis (you have to create a mailbox at the website first). **Educaid** is another especially good website.

Scholarships...

for undergraduate and graduate students

A variety of scholarships and fellowships are available each year to qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing students. In addition to those listed below, remember to follow up on other scholarship opportunities that you may have learned about through your local library, chamber of commerce, civic organizations, or on the WWW.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Scholarship

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf offers a college scholarship to provide financial assistance for postsecondary education to students who are profoundly deaf or hard of hearing.

Application Process:

Applications are accepted on November 1 of each year. Only the first 500 requests will be accepted. Requests must be made in writing.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a 60 dB or greater hearing loss in the better ear in the speech frequencies of 500, 1,000, and 2,000 Hz.
- Applicants must be oral deaf students who were born with a profound hearing impairment, or incurred loss before language was acquired.
- Applicants must use speech and residual hearing and/or speechreading as their mode of communication.
- Applicants must be accepted by or already enrolled in a regular full-time college or university program for students with normal hearing.

Deadline:

All applications and materials must be postmarked by March 15.

Contact:

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc.
3417 Volta Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 337-5220 (V/TTY)

Alan B., '32 and Florence B., '35 Crammattee Fellowship

To provide financial assistance to deaf graduate students who wish to pursue graduate study in a field related to business at universities for people who hear normally.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be hearing-impaired graduates of Gallaudet University or other accredited colleges or universities who have been accepted to graduate study in a business-related field at colleges or universities for people who hear normally.
- Preference is given to applicants who possess a master's degree or equivalent and are seeking the doctorate.

Deadline: April 20.

Contact:

Gallaudet University Alumni Association
Peikoff Alumni House, Kendall Green
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002-3695
(202) 651-5060 (Voice)
(202) 651-5061 (TTY)

Gallaudet University Scholarships

Gallaudet University offers a variety of scholarships to provide financial assistance to deaf graduate students who wish to pursue graduate study at universities for people who hear normally.

Available Scholarships:

Waldo T., '49 and Jean Kelsch, '51 Cordano Fellowship
Old Dominion Foundation Scholarship
Graduate Fellowship Fund
Regina Olson Hughes, '18, Fellowship
Doris B. Orman, '25, Fellowship
James N. Orman, '23, Fellowship
David Peikoff, '29, Fellowship
Henry Syle Memorial Fellowship for Seminar Studies
John A. Trundle, 1885, Fellowship
Boyce R. Williams, '32, Fellowship

Eligibility:

- Must be hearing-impaired graduates of Gallaudet University or other accredited colleges or universities where people hear normally.
- Preference is given to applicants who possess a master's degree or equivalent and are seeking the doctorate.

Deadline: April 20.

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IADES Fellowship Award

To provide financial assistance to deaf women pursuing a doctoral degree. The award will be sent to the recipient's university/college to pay tuition costs for the next academic year.

Eligibility:

- Deaf women pursuing a doctoral degree, who are not alumnae of the Delta Epsilon Sorority of Gallaudet University.
- Applicants must have attained 12 or more credits, and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Deadline: April 15.

Contact:

International Alumnae of Delta Epsilon Sorority
Virginia Borggaard
2453 Bear Den Rd.
Frederick, MD 21701

☞ IADES Betty G. Miller Fellowship Award

To provide financial assistance to deaf women pursuing a doctoral degree.

Eligibility:

- Deaf women who are alumnae of the Delta Epsilon Sorority of Gallaudet University.
- Must have attained 12 or more credits and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Deadline: April 15.

Contact:

International Alumnae of Delta Epsilon Sorority
Virginia Borggaard
2453 Bear Den Rd.
Frederick, MD 21701

☞ National Fraternal Society of the Deaf Scholarships

To provide financial assistance for postsecondary education to members of the society. The Society presents 10 \$1,000 scholarships each year.

Eligibility:

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, or hearing persons who are enrolled in or accepted to a postsecondary educational institution are eligible to apply, if they have been members of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf for at least one year prior to application.

Deadline: July 1.

Contact:

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf
1118 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-7429 (Voice)
(217) 789-7438 (TTY)
(217) 789-7489 (Fax)

☞ Minnie Pearl Scholarship Program

All Minnie Pearl Scholarship recipients are exceptional students. They have achieved academic excellence, are class leaders, and are aspiring to even higher levels after high school. Even more remarkable, these students have been able to reach such high goals in spite of being deaf/hard of hearing.

This year, the EAR Foundation will award 14 \$2,000 scholarships to deaf/hard-of-hearing students who will be attending prestigious colleges across the United States.

Eligibility:

- Be a high school senior with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Have significant bilateral hearing loss.
- Have already been accepted as a full-time student at the university of their choice, but not yet be in attendance.
- Be mainstreamed, deaf/hard of hearing, and a United States citizen.

Deadline: February 15.

Contact:

The EAR Foundation
2000 Church Street, Box 111
Nashville, TN 37236
1-800-545-HEAR (Voice/TTY)

or

Minnie Pearl Scholarship
1817 Patterson Street
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 329-7807 (Voice/TTY)

☞ Sertoma International Scholarships

Sertoma International is now accepting applications for scholarships for all deaf and hard-of-hearing college students pursuing four-year degrees. This organization will provide 13 awards of \$1,000 each to students attending universities in the United States or Canada. This scholarship program has been made possible through a donation by Oticon, Inc. and Phonic Ear Inc. Both companies are well known for the hearing instruments they create and produce.

Application Process:

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with request.

Eligibility:

- Have 3.2 cumulative grade point average.
- Have a documented hearing loss.
- Be a full-time entering or continuing student in a four-year degree program at a college or university in the United States or Canada.

Deadline: May 2.

Contact:

Sertoma International
1912 East Meyer Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64132
(816) 333-8300 (Voice/TTY)
(816) 333-4320 (Fax)

☞ William C. Stokoe Scholarship

To increase the number of deaf social scientists who are actively involved in research on sign language or the deaf community by providing financial aid to a deaf graduate student.

Eligibility:

Any deaf student who is pursuing part-time or full-time graduate studies in a field related to sign language or the deaf community, or who is developing a special project on one of those topics.

Deadline: March 15.

Contact:

National Association of the Deaf
Stokoe Scholarship Secretary
814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-1788 (Voice)
(301) 587-1789 (TTY)
(301) 587-1791 (Fax)

Northeast Technical Assistance Center
Rochester Institute of Technology
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623
(716) 475-6433 (V/TTY)
(716) 475-7660 (Fax)
netac@rit.edu (E-mail)
<http://www.rit.edu/~netac> (WWW)

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