

College Money Search Tips



Open Houses – College of Natural Resources
and Environment

Tips and Examples

- The following tips and examples are intended as starting points in your scholarship search.
- The lists are not complete.
- An example = one that is representative of a group as a whole.
- You need to do the work.
- Google it!

Start Your Search for Scholarships

- Start with a Personal Inventory
 - Talents and interests
 - State of residence, religion, ethnic background, disability, military status, employer, membership organizations, and so forth
- Research Local Scholarships First
- Check Membership Organizations and Employers
- Use a Free Scholarship Search Service
- Contact your State Department of Higher Education
- Research Institutional Scholarships

From [CollegeBoard.com](https://collegeboard.com)

Talents and interests

- School Band and Orchestra Magazine Scholarship
- Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship
- MyParkPhotos.org Scholarship Photography Contest
- Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition
- AAA Travel High School Challenge
- Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship
- Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest
- US Bowling Congress Scholarships
- TAPPI Scholarships (relating to pulp and papermaking industries)

from www.FinAid.org

State of residence, religion, ethnic background, disability

- Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (www.vawcd.org/scholarship.htm)
- Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association (<http://www.gky.com/VLWA/programs/Scholarships/index.htm>)
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association (www.macieca.org)
- Intertribal Timber Council (www.itcnet.org)
- The Multicultural Advantage (www.multiculturaladvantage.com/scholarship.asp)
- Sons of Italy (<http://www.osia.org/public/scholarships/grants.asp>)

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- McDonald's USA National Employee Scholarship Program (<http://www.mcdonalds.com/usa/good/people/scholarships.html>)
- Burger King (<http://www.bk.com/>)
- American Express Scholarship Competition (www.ahlef.org/scholarships_american_express.asp)
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation (www.thecoca-colacompany.com/contactus/faq/scholars.html)
- Walmart Scholarship (www.walmartfacts.com/wal-mart-scholarship.aspx)
- KFC Colonel's Scholars (www.act.org/kfcscholars/index.html)
- State Farm Insurance scholarships (www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/grants.asp)

Research Local Scholarships

First

- Rotary clubs, American Legion posts, hunt clubs, etc.
- Alumni chapters, for example the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, Washington DC Area (<http://www.ncrhokies.org/scholarships/>)
- Guidance counselor/school system (for example, Virginia Beach City Public Schools Scholarship Central <http://www2.vbschools.com/scholarship/>)
- Downtown Merchants Associations, Chambers of Commerce
- Church groups
- Local chapters of Key Club, Garden clubs (for example, Monticello Garden Club)

Regional

- Tobacco Commission
(<http://www.vatobaccocommission.org/>)
- Dollars for Scholars chapter
(http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/dfs/find_chapter_detail.php?id=VA2216)

Check Membership Organizations and Employers

- Parents' employers and student's employer
- Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Voice of Democracy (www.vfw.org)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (www.nrcs.usda.gov)
- Izaak Walton League of American (IWLA) National Conservation Scholarship (www.iwla.org/scholarship)

Use a Free Scholarship Search Service

- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.enviroeducation.com/financial-aid/
- <http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp>

Contact your State Department of Higher Education

- State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
(<http://www.schev.edu/students/undergradFinancialAidPrograms.asp>)
- Common Market
(http://www.registrar.vt.edu/records/common_market.php)
- **Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program**
http://www2.nr.edu/transfer/pdf/two_year_college_transfer_grant_factsheet.pdf

Virginia Tech

- Virginia Tech Scholarships and Financial Aid (http://www.finaid.vt.edu/types_of_aid/scholarships/)
 - General scholarship program
 - Presidential campus enrichment scholarships
 - Military scholarships
 - College of Natural Resources scholarships
- MAOP (<http://www.maop.vt.edu>)

FAFSA

- Fill out free FAFSA form
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Virginia Tech FAFSA information
<http://www.finaid.vt.edu/apply/FAFSA.php>

Major-related scholarships

- SavATree scholarships (www.savatree.com)
- Davey Tree Expert Company grant program
- Ben Meadows through Society of American Foresters (<http://www.benmeadows.com/scholarships/>)
- Dow AgroSciences (<http://preview.manrrs.org/scholarships.aspx>)
- Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholarships (www.udall.gov/)
- The Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society scholarship (<http://vatws.org/awards.php>)
- Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (<http://www.nfwf.org/>, look under Grants)

Get a Job

- Work-study program
- Hourly wage on campus
 - Intramural sports (officiating, etc.)
 - Dining halls
 - UUSA (Venture Out, etc.)
 - Library
 - Bookstore
 - Other student jobs
(<http://www.hr.vt.edu/employment/stujobs/>)
- Hourly wage off-campus

College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA)

- <http://www.nasfaa.org/publications/2007/G2669Summary091007.html>
- <http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml>

Scholarship	Amount	Description	Due Date	Majors	Website	Contact Information
Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation 2010 Scholarship Program	Varies	94 Scholarships in VA and MD area	3/1/2010	Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Science	http://www.colonialfarmcredit.com/	Debbie Delby ddelby@colonialfarmcredit.com 804-746-4581
Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District	\$1000	Henrico Co. Resident and attend VA state-supported college or university	3/1/2010	Conservation related field	http://www.co.henrico.va.us/swcd/	Barb Strohman Henricopolis District 804-501-5175
Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program	\$2000 or \$1500	Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students	1/29/2010	Natural Resources	http://www.itcnet.org/	Intertribal Timber Council Itc1@teleport.com 503-282-4296
MAC-IECA Collegiate Scholarship Award	\$750	Spring Scholarship for upperclassmen	December	Erosion and Sediment Control- Many majors from Natural Resources to Engineering	http://www.macieca.org/	Beth Krumrine Beth.krumrine@state.de.us 302-739-9921
The Garden Club of America Scholarships	Varies	Many Scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students	Varies: Nov 15- Feb 10	Botany and Forestry related majors	http://gcamerica.org/	
Davey Foundation Arbor Grant Program	\$1000	"Green Industry" fields	June 2010	Arboriculture, horticulture, landscape, forestry, turf science, etc.	http://www.davey.com/	Shawn Skilton sskilton@davey.com 800-447-1667
The Railway Tie Association: John Mabry Forestry Scholarship	\$1500	Full-time Juniors and Seniors attending full school year	6/30/2010	Those invested in improving railroad related products		770-460-5553 ties@rta.org
Izaak Walton League of American National Conservation Scholarship	\$2500	IWLA Members	April 1	Conservation or environmental related field	http://www.iwla.org/scholarship.	
Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts	\$1000	Resident of VA soil and water conservation district	March 1	Undergraduates	http://vaswcd.org/scholarship.htm	Mechanicsville, VA Office- 804-559-0324 Toll free- 800-727-6354
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$5000 or \$15000	Working on or work directly related to National Wildlife Refuge	April	Undergraduate, Masters, Juris Doctorate, PhD and DVM	http://www.nfwf.org/programs/cenntennialscholarship/index.cfm	Kevin Kilcullen 703-358-2029 Kevin_Kilcullen@fws.gov Alison Bolz 202-857-0166

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Washington Biologists' Field Club Research Awards	Up to \$2500	Grants to support research on natural resources of the Potomac River Basin	January	Any qualified person to perform research	http://pwrc.usgs.gov/resshow/perry/bios/wbfchome.htm	Alma Solis 301-504-5183 Alma.solis@ars.usda.gov
Monticello Garden Club of Charlottesville, VA	\$5000	VA Resident attending VA college or university as a junior or senior	April 1	Garden related majors: Forestry, Horticulture, Environmental Science		Mrs. W. Ramsey Richardson 434-977-6880 Wrichar450@aol.com
VT Faculty Women's Club	\$1200	3 rd year outstanding women students at VT			http://www.finaid.vt.edu/	Anne Robinson jfr@vt.edu
John D. O'Bryant National Merit Scholarship	\$1000 and \$500	African American students at predominantly white colleges and universities	October		http://www.johndobryant.org Apply for HDOTT Scholarship	Karen Eley Sanders 110 Femoyer Hall 504-231-5499
Dakotas Society of American Foresters		North or South Dakota resident majoring in Forestry		Forestry Majors		Travis Smith 605-255-4800 ex 220 Travis.smith@state.sd.ud
Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship	\$4000	NAA member or SSA member	May	Commercial Arboriculture Career seeking students	http://www.treefund.org	Tree Fund 217-239-7070
Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association Scholarship	\$1000	Undergraduate and Graduate students	July 31	Water Resources related majors	http://www.gky.com/vlwa/scholarship.htm	Shelly Frie 757-456-2915 Shelly.frie@gmail.com
Robert E. Jenkins Undergraduate Scholarship	\$500	Junior and seniors at VA college or university	January 1	Fisheries and related Aquatic Sciences		Stephen Reeser VDGIF PO BOX 996 Verona, VA 24482
New Jersey Forestry Foundation		NJ resident, full time junior, senior or graduate student	April 1	Forestry related major		Thomas F. Bullock 856-696-5300
Leo Bourassa Scholarship	\$2500	VA Resident attending VA college or university	May 31	Water Resources related majors	http://www.gky.com/vlwa/programs/scholarships/index.htm	Shelly Frie 757-399-6882 757-422-4298
Southeastern Outdoor Press Association Student Scholarship Awards	\$500	Juniors, seniors and graduate students	July	Students becoming professional communicators in outdoor related field	http://www.Seopa.org	SEOPA Headquarters 704-463-4300 seopa@aol.com
101 Conservation Scholarship	\$1000	Son or Daughter of USFS employee	January 31	Natural Resource Conservation related majors	http://www.pinchot.org	Pinchot Institute for Conservation 202-797-6580

Ben Meadows Scholarship	\$2500	Junior or senior	June 30	Natural Resources Conservation related majors	http://www.benmeadows.com/scholarship/ .	
Richard A. Herbert Memorial Scholarship	\$2000	American Water Resources Association member	April	Graduate and undergraduates seeking water resources related career	http://awra.org	AWRA 540-687-8390 info@awra.org
Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholarships	\$5000	Environmental related career seeking students, Native American, Alaska Native			http://www.udall.gov	
Dow Agro Sciences Scholarship	\$3000			Seeking careers in agriculture, natural resources or related sciences	http://www.gcsaa.org/students/scholarships/default.asp	
Sensational Scholarship Program	\$2500			Forestry and horticulture related fields		careers@savatree.com 914-214-4999
Frank O'Neil Memorial Scholarship		Write a 750 word essay		Anyone attending university, college, trade school, etc.		http://Easyaid.com
National Organization or Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Services	\$1000	Graduating High School students	May	Natural Resources related field	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/hispanic/scholarship.html	NOPHNRCSE Scholarship Endowment Fund Committee 3941 Mammoth Drive Madison, WI 53719
Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program	varies		Nov. 1	High School Students	http://www.vfw.org	Veterans of Foreign Wars 816-968-1117
State Farm Insurance					http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants.asp	
DAR Scholarship	Varies	Must have Sponsorship of local DAR Chapter	varies	Depends on the scholarship	http://www.dar.org	DAR Committee Services Office 1776 D Street, NW Washington, DC 20006
All-USA College Academic Team	\$2500	20 Representatives	Nov	Any full-time junior undergraduate student	http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/college-team-advice.htm	
KFC Colonel's Scholars					http://kfcscholars@act.org	866-KFC-7240
Wal-Mart	\$1000	Each Wal-Mart and Sam's		High School Seniors	http://www.walmartfacts.com/wal	

		Club store is eligible to give an award			-mart-scholarships.aspx	
American Express	\$500-2000	Full- or part-time students working 20 hrs/wk at a AH&LA hotel w/ 1 yr experience		Baccalaureate or Associate Majors		Crystal Hammond chammond@ahelf.org
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation	\$10,000-20,000		Oct. 31	High School Seniors	http://www.coca-colascholars.org	800-306-2653 for Questions
VT Alumni Association Washington DC area	\$2000	Northern Virginia resident meeting minimum GPA and SAT requirements				admissions@ncrhokies.org
VA Dare Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Program	\$2000	3.0 or greater GPA, enrolled or applied to a undergraduate level curriculum	April	High School Seniors		Kathleen Hickman 757-385-4775
McDonald's USA National Employee Scholarship Program	\$1000-5000	Work 15 hrs/wk at US McDonald's restaurant and been employed 4 months	March	High School Senior or current college students	http://www.mcdonalds.com/usa/good/people/scholarship.html	