

# Financial Aid Resources

Education & Employment Information Center  
Connecticut Department of Higher Education

800/842-0229  
www.ctdhe.org

Whatever your educational plans, your best source of information and advice about financial aid is the college or postsecondary school that you plan to attend. When you apply for admission, be sure to contact the school's financial aid director and apply for financial aid. To explore programs on your own, start with the websites listed below. For answers to questions about any of these sources, contact the Education & Employment Information Center, a statewide clearinghouse on learning and career opportunities operated by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

## Resources for All Students

### *Connecticut Student Aid*

**www.ctdhe.org/sfa** – The Connecticut Department of Higher Education's financial aid webpage describing state and federal programs.

**www.chesla.org** – The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority serves as an alternative source of student loan funds.

**www.KnowHow2GoConnecticut.org** – College planner for 8th-10th graders and mentors.

**www.collegegoalsundayct.org** – On College Goal Sunday financial aid officers will help you complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Check the website for locations and materials to bring.

**www.conntacinc.org** – Free statewide educational counseling, scholarships, and career planning services.

### *Federal Student Aid*

**www.fafsa.ed.gov** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

**www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov** – The U.S. Department of Education's new tool for students and parents to estimate a student's eligibility for federal financial aid.

**http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\_guide/index.html** – “*Funding Education Beyond High School*” – the U.S. Department of Education's guide to federal student aid.

**http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/LoanForgivenessv4.pdf** – The Federal Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees Program.

**http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying\_loans/index.html** – *Your Federal Student Loans, Learn the Basics and Manage Your Debt* – A new pamphlet to explain what you should consider when you're planning on borrowing money for college.

**http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRPlan.jsp** – Income Based Repayment (IBR) is a new repayment plan for the major types of federal loans made to students. Under IBR, your required monthly payment is capped at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on your income and family size.

**www.irs.gov/publications/p970/** – Information on the Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits and the new, as of tax year 2009, American Opportunity Credit.

**www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov** – The Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Information Center.

## Resources for Dislocated Workers

<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/opportunity/index.html> – Information for unemployed workers receiving unemployment benefits who may qualify for aid to pay for education and training.

[www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/etpl/index.asp](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/etpl/index.asp) – WIA, Workforce Investment Act, Eligible Training Providers List. A searchable database of pre-approved programs and facilities for unemployed workers who are seeking funding for retraining.

## Other Resources

[www.abetterchance.org/Programs/Applicants/ProgramsP.html](http://www.abetterchance.org/Programs/Applicants/ProgramsP.html) – Scholarships and other resources for minority students.

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com) – A searchable scholarship database sponsored by Sallie Mae; registration is required.

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) – Click on "For Students>>" to access scholarship search, and the College Scholarship Service CSS/Profile Supplementary financial aid application required by many colleges.

[www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25) – A good jumping off point to many links.

[www.cspaaa.com](http://www.cspaaa.com) – Click on "Educational Foundation" for information about State Police Academy Alumni Educational Foundation scholarships.

[www.educationisfreedom.com](http://www.educationisfreedom.com) – A national scholarship program for qualified high school seniors.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) – A searchable scholarship database.

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) – A searchable scholarship database.

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) – The Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

[www.iefa.org](http://www.iefa.org) – A searchable database for students who wish to study abroad.

[www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp](http://www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp) – The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

[www.nebhe.org/explain.html](http://www.nebhe.org/explain.html) – Tuition savings for New England residents studying in other New England states.

[www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org](http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org) – Sources of financial aid for Hispanic students.

[www.smartmoney.com/college/?nav=dropTab](http://www.smartmoney.com/college/?nav=dropTab) – College savings resources and calculators.

[www.uawlocal571.org/index.html](http://www.uawlocal571.org/index.html) – UAW Local 571, Marine Draftsmen Association scholarships for graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing.

[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org) – The United Negro College Fund.

[www.yahoo.com/education/financial\\_aid](http://www.yahoo.com/education/financial_aid) – A directory of searchable scholarship databases.

## Resources for Graduate Students

[www.acls.org/grants/default.aspx?id=354](http://www.acls.org/grants/default.aspx?id=354) – The American Council of Learned Societies' fellowship and grant programs.

[www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm) – The American Association of University Women website for grants and fellowships listings.

[www.ctschoolcounselor.org/scholarship](http://www.ctschoolcounselor.org/scholarship) – Connecticut residents who are matriculated in a program for school counseling certification.

[www.iie.org/fulbright/](http://www.iie.org/fulbright/) – The Fulbright Scholarship.

[www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/javitsoverview2006.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/javitsoverview2006.pdf) – The Jacob Javits Fellowship Program.

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) – The Hispanic Scholarship Fund for graduate students.

[www.nsf.gov/funding/](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/) – The National Science Foundation.

[www.ssrc.org/fellowships](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships) – The Social Science Research Council Fellowship.

[www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org) – The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

## Tuition Assistance Partnerships

**Fairfield University** – [www.fairfield.edu/admission/fa\\_schols.html#tuition](http://www.fairfield.edu/admission/fa_schols.html#tuition) – The Community Partnership Scholars Program is for low-income Bridgeport high school students. Call the Financial Aid Office at 203/254-4125.

**Sacred Heart University** – [www.sacredheart.edu/pages/23779\\_fairfield\\_county\\_tuition\\_free\\_plan\\_for\\_low\\_income\\_students.cfm](http://www.sacredheart.edu/pages/23779_fairfield_county_tuition_free_plan_for_low_income_students.cfm) – Fairfield County Tuition-Free Plan for Low Income Students is for low-income Fairfield County residents. Call Karen Guastelle, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, 203-371-7881, or Julie Savino, Dean of University Financial Assistance, 203-371-7984.

**University of Hartford** – [www.hartford.edu/support/desc.asp?id=26](http://www.hartford.edu/support/desc.asp?id=26) – The Hartford Scholars Program is for Hartford residents who graduate from a Hartford secondary school or who participate in Open Choice. Call 860/768-5223 for more information.

## Specific Occupations

[www.abfse.org/html/scholarship.html](http://www.abfse.org/html/scholarship.html) – American Board of Funeral Service Education scholarships for students enrolled in funeral service or mortuary science programs.

[www.aessuccess.org/afscmeC13](http://www.aessuccess.org/afscmeC13) – Scholarships available to AFSCME members and their families.

[www.aiact.org](http://www.aiact.org) – Scholarships for Connecticut residents interested in pursuing an architecture program.

[www.almaexleyscholarship.org/](http://www.almaexleyscholarship.org/) – Alma Exley Scholarship for minority students pursuing accredited teacher-preparation programs in Connecticut.

[www.artsci.ccsu.edu/sstem/](http://www.artsci.ccsu.edu/sstem/) – Computer science, mathematics, and physics, scholarships for qualified Central Connecticut State University students.

[www.bethlehemfair.com/scholars.htm](http://www.bethlehemfair.com/scholars.htm) – Scholarships for students majoring in agri-business or home economics.

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/> – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website that lists scholarships, loans and loan repayment programs for students in nursing programs.

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) – The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* which lists job descriptions with links to professional organizations' scholarships.

<http://cadc.org/?p=360> – Scholarships for students majoring in design, photography or illustration.

[www.capminc.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.capminc.org/scholarships.htm) – Purchasing managers scholarships.

[www.cbc-ct.org](http://www.cbc-ct.org) – Scholarships for students entering programs in architecture, engineering, construction management and surveying. Click on “Member Services” for the application.

[www.cea.org/about/cef/](http://www.cea.org/about/cef/) – Scholarships for students planning teaching careers.

<http://chapters.sme.org/c007> – Scholarships for students who major in manufacturing engineering and manufacturing technology.

[www.ctgardenclubs.org](http://www.ctgardenclubs.org) – Scholarships for students majoring in conservation, environmental studies, forestry and allied subjects.

[www.ctsurveyor.com/scholars.htm](http://www.ctsurveyor.com/scholars.htm) – Scholarships for students majoring in a program leading to a degree in surveying.

[www.ctathletictrainers.org](http://www.ctathletictrainers.org) – Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students majoring in an athletic training program.

[www.discovernursing.com/scholarship\\_search.aspx](http://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship_search.aspx) – A scholarship search for students entering nursing.

[www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c\\_programs.Scholarships](http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.Scholarships) – The Future Farmers of America scholarship for students pursuing agricultural programs.

[http://www.nacme.org/NACME\\_A.aspx?pageid=1](http://www.nacme.org/NACME_A.aspx?pageid=1) – Scholarships for African American, American Indian and Latino men and women in engineering.

<http://www.pdkintl.org/index.htm> – Phi Delta Kappa scholarships for prospective educators.

<http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/portal/national> – Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers scholarships for engineering and science students.

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/> – Society of Women Engineers scholarship program for women studying engineering.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp) – Grants for new and current teachers.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying> – Federal loan cancellation and/or deferments for teachers.

[www.tylenolscholarship.com](http://www.tylenolscholarship.com) – Scholarships for students entering health professions.

[www.uiowa.edu/~quill-sc/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~quill-sc/) – The Edward J. Nell Memorial scholarship for students majoring in journalism.

### Sports Participation

[www.cjsa.org](http://www.cjsa.org) – The Connecticut Junior Soccer Association.

[www.cwga.org/jrscholarships.htm](http://www.cwga.org/jrscholarships.htm) – The Connecticut Women Golfers Association.

[www.michaelsjewelers.com/jewelscart2000/store/scholarships.asp](http://www.michaelsjewelers.com/jewelscart2000/store/scholarships.asp) – Michaels Jewelers offers eight scholarships to students who attend the University of Connecticut and participate in intercollegiate athletics.

### Veterans

[www.ctdhe.org/vet/default.htm](http://www.ctdhe.org/vet/default.htm) – Programs approved by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education's State Approving Agency.

[www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/YRP/states/ct.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/states/ct.htm) – Participating Connecticut colleges in the federally sponsored Yellow Ribbon Program. The federal government matches any financial aid that these colleges provide to veterans above the cost of the most expensive public college in their state.

[www.legion.org/programs/resources/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/programs/resources/scholarships) – American Legion's Scholarships page and link to their college financial aid handbook, *Need a Lift*.

[www.military.com](http://www.military.com) – A searchable scholarship database for branches of the military.

[www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) – Federal veterans educational benefit information.

### Students with Disabilities

[www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml) – Scholarships, publications and support organizations.

[www.heath.gwu.edu/](http://www.heath.gwu.edu/) – The HEATH Resource Center of The George Washington University, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, is an online clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities.

[www.gcyd.org](http://www.gcyd.org) – The Governor's Coalition for Youth with Disabilities Scholarship.

### Scholarship Scams

[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/misused/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/misused/index.html) – Federal fraud hotline, updates on current financial aid fraud schemes, and scholarship scam information.

[www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/scholarship/index.shtml](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/scholarship/index.shtml) – Federal Trade Commission's site for reporting any fraudulent financial aid schemes.

<http://ombudsman.ed.gov/CRE43-studentloans3.pdf> – Information on avoiding deceptive student loans.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/lisa.jsp](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/lisa.jsp) – U.S. Department of Education information page with suggestions for deciding about scholarship search services.

## Community Organizations & Non-Profit Foundations

American Savings Foundation  
860/827-2556  
[www.americansavingsfoundation.org](http://www.americansavingsfoundation.org)

Branford Community Foundation, Inc.  
203/488-6063  
(Branford High School Seniors only)  
[www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org)

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven  
203/777-2386  
[www.cfgnh.org](http://www.cfgnh.org)

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain  
860/229-6018  
[www.cfgnb.org](http://www.cfgnb.org)

Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut  
860/626-1245  
[www.tafpg.org](http://www.tafpg.org) (application only)

Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut  
860/442-3572  
[www.cfsect.org/grant\\_nonprofit.php](http://www.cfsect.org/grant_nonprofit.php)

Connecticut Community Foundation  
203/753-1315  
[www.conncf.org](http://www.conncf.org)

Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated  
Scholarship  
Fairfield County Links, Inc. Scholarship  
[info@fairfieldcountylinks.org](mailto:info@fairfieldcountylinks.org)  
[www.fairfieldcountylinks.org/scholarship.php](http://www.fairfieldcountylinks.org/scholarship.php)

Fairfield County Community Foundation  
203/750-3200  
[www.fccfoundation.org/cm/Home.html](http://www.fccfoundation.org/cm/Home.html)

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving  
860/548-1888  
[www.hfpg.org](http://www.hfpg.org)

Main Street Community Foundation, Inc.  
860/583-6363  
[www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org)

The Mayflower Scholarship  
Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants  
Scholarship Chair  
Lois Johnson  
[www.ctmayflower.org/programs.php](http://www.ctmayflower.org/programs.php)

National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut  
860/289-1971  
[www.nfbct.org/html/schform.htm](http://www.nfbct.org/html/schform.htm)

New Haven Scholarship Fund  
203/389-1622  
[www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org](http://www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org)

Orange Foundation (residents only)  
[www.orangefoundation.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.orangefoundation.org/scholarships.htm)

Rotary Club of Waterbury Scholarship  
[www.waterburyrotary.org](http://www.waterburyrotary.org)

The Watertown Foundation  
(Limited to students who have resided in  
Watertown, CT for at least three years.)  
860/274-4299  
[www.watertownfoundation.com](http://www.watertownfoundation.com)

Woodbury Scholarship Fund  
[www.wsfund.org](http://www.wsfund.org)



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