

An Introduction to National Scholarships

What are national scholarships?

National scholarships are highly competitive, prestigious awards that provide support for a wide range of enriching experiences, including study abroad, graduate study (and sometimes undergraduate study also), federal employment, language learning, teaching, research, and public service.

You may have heard of some national scholarships – the Rhodes and Fulbright awards are among the best known – but many college students aren't aware that there is a wide range of prestigious national scholarship programs for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and recent graduates.

Who can apply for national scholarships?

National scholarships are looking for students (with or without financial need) who are developing strong interests and goals – academic and extracurricular – and who want to take advantage of every constructive opportunity that will help them reach their objectives. Just as each national scholarship offers a different kind of opportunity, each is also looking for a different range of strengths and interests in its applicants. If you develop a strong academic record, are thoughtful about your choices and devote yourself to activities you care about, you may well find one or more scholarship opportunities of interest to you. The National Scholarships Office can help you search for awards that fit your goals well.

The National Scholarships Office focuses on approximately 60 programs offering a wide range of opportunities for students with many different goals and interests.

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The National Scholarships Office at the University of Maryland aims to provide undergraduates with the best possible information, guidance and support as they learn about and apply for national scholarships.

We provide information on our website, through a weekly listserv announcement, through outreach to Maryland's many Schools, Colleges, Programs, and Departments, and through individual advising sessions.

We lead workshops for students applying for particular national scholarships, and we provide both general and personal advice on how to prepare the strongest possible scholarship application.

To make an appointment to discuss national scholarships that might help you attain your goals, contact us through the "Request an Appointment" button on our website's homepage.

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