



# NEW JERSEY FOSTER CARE SCHOLARS

The first step in funding a post-secondary education is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

By completing the FAFSA youth may be eligible to receive grants, loans and work study funds. For more information or to complete your FAFSA online, visit: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

## **Federal Scholarships and Grants**

**Pell Grant (Federal)** – Award amount based on financial need, the cost of attendance at your school and your enrollment status (full-time or part-time).

**Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** – For undergraduate students who exhibit exceptional financial need.

**Federal TEACH Grant** - Students who receive grant must agree to fulfill a full-time teaching obligation post-graduation.

## **New Jersey Scholarships & Grants**

For additional information on the New Jersey scholarships and grants listed visit: <http://www.hesaa.org/>

**Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant** – For students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11.

**Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)** - (NJ State Grant) one of the nation's largest and most generous financial aid programs. Pro-rated awards may be given to students attending school part time.

**Educational Opportunity Fund** - Assists low-income NJ residents who are capable and motivated but lack adequate preparation for college study.

**NJ GIVS- Scholarship** – Provides funding to female or minority students enrolled in an eligible certificate program at a NJ community college.

**NJ Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJSTARS)** - A program that was created by the State of New Jersey to provide access to higher education for the State's highest achieving students.

**NJ Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship II-** Enables successful NJ STARS scholars to transfer to a New Jersey four-year public or non-public college or university and earn a bachelor's degree.

**New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid** - Provides financial aid for higher education is to all qualifying students, regardless of their immigration status (NJ Dreamers).

**Governor's Urban Scholarship Program-** Provides a merit award to high-achieving students who reside in New Jersey's 14 designated high-need communities, encouraging these students to pursue their higher education in New Jersey.

## **Private Scholarships and Grants**

In addition to federal and state financial aid programs, youth are strongly encouraged to apply for private scholarship opportunities.

**United Negro College Fund:** The UNCF Program manages various scholarship programs for minority students from low and moderate income families to attend colleges and universities across the country. <https://www.uncf.org/scholarships>

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund:** HSF provides American families with the financial and educational resources they need to achieve a college education. <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

**LULAC National Scholarship Fund:** LULAC offers a variety of scholarships for minority high school seniors, undergraduate

## **Private Scholarships and Grants (continued)**

**Horatio Alger Scholarships:** The Horatio Alger New Jersey Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the State of New Jersey who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education. <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

**The Jackie Robinson Foundation:** Awards students four-year scholarships to attend the four-year accredited college or university of their choice. <https://www.jackierobinson.org/our-programs/scholarship-program>

**The Shawn Carter Foundation:** The SCSF provides individual grants, paid directly to the educational institution, to every student who qualifies and reapplies yearly, from admission to graduation. All Shawn Carter Scholars are required to “give back” by conducting community service and by serving as mentors to younger, aspiring Shawn Carter Scholars. <https://www.shawncartersf.com/scholarship-fund/>

## **Scholarships for Foster, Adopted and Kinship Youth**

**embrella:** The New Jersey Foster Care Scholars (NJFC) Program and embrella's Private Scholarships and Opportunity Grants provide eligible youth that are or were involved with the NJ Division of Child Protection & Permanency with the support they need to complete their education and live independently. <http://www.embrella.org/scholarship>

**Fostering a Future Scholarship:** *A national scholarship program designed for youth who were adopted from foster care at or after the age of 13.* <https://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/>

**UMPS CARE Charities All-Star Scholarship:** All-Star Scholarships are open to children adopted from U.S. foster care at the age of 12 years or older. <http://www.umpscared.com/allstar-scholarship/>

**Foster Care to Success:** Administers a variety of scholarships and grants to help foster youth achieve a post-secondary education and a bright future. <https://www.fc2success.org/programs/scholarships-and-grants/>

**National Foster Parent Association:** The NFPA offers scholarships for foster, adopted, or biological youth of currently licensed foster parents who wish to further their education beyond high school. <https://nfpaonline.org/Scholarship>

## **Scholarship Search Engines**

**Fastweb:** <http://www.fastweb.com>

**CollegeNET:** <http://www.collegenet.com/mach25>

**College Board Scholarship Search:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

**Good Call:** <https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships>

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