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I. FAFSA

Funds are available from the federal government through grants, low-interest loans and work study. To qualify for awards in the state of Maryland, a Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) must be completed by **June 30**. The form can be completed on-line at <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES>

Awarded scholarships are accepted through your home university's financial aid department to transfer the monies into your account.

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SEARCH THE WEB

There is an abundance of free scholarship and grant information on the Internet. Often one website will bring up additional sources.

Scroll down past advertising. Sites with the suffix ".com" are trying to make money. Sites ending in ".edu," ".org," ".net," or ".gov" are more likely to yield useful free information. Research pays off if a student is willing to invest the time.

Following are source suggestions from "The College Grants Database" at <https://www.collegegrant.net/social-work/>:

1. Federal and state government programs serve those with the most financial need.
2. Grants and scholarships are available to military personnel and their families from all military branches.
3. Professional organizations related to Social Work grant scholarships annually.
4. Universities provide grants, scholarships, fellowships, graduate assistantships, and work-study programs.
5. There are opportunities for nontraditional students which are geared to their specific circumstances.
7. Service organizations like Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and Police and Firefighter's clubs often award scholarships to students in their communities.
8. Private organizations and some churches also fund students.



SALISBURY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

II. FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

From the Federal Student Aid Website U.S. Department of Education — Scholarships are Free Money

Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations. Many scholarships are geared toward particular groups of people. Some are available because of where you or your parent works, or because you come from a certain background. A scholarship might cover the entire cost of your tuition, or it might be a one-time award of a few hundred dollars. Either way, it's worth applying for; it will help reduce the cost of your education.

You Don't Have to Pay for Information

Avoid student aid scams and protect your identity while searching for scholarships, filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form (see Page 2), managing your loans, and giving out information. Free help is available. Several websites offer help filling out the FAFSA® form for a fee. These sites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). You are urged not to pay these sites for assistance that you can get for free elsewhere. If you are asked for your credit card information while filling out the FAFSA form on-line, you are not at the official government site. The official form is available from <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>, and you can get free help from the financial aid office at the college(s) you're thinking

about attending. Free help is also available at the FAFSA form's on-line help and the Federal Student Aid Information Center. More tips to avoid scams can be found at

<https://studentaid.gov/resources/scams>

Commercial financial aid services on-line are listed as "ads" with ".com" suffixes. They can cost over \$1,000 and charge for information that's available for free elsewhere. Be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; you don't have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid. If you're unsure whether to pay a company to help you find financial aid, stop and think: What is being offered? Is the service going to be worth the money? Does it seem too good to be true?

You may have heard or seen the following claims:

- **"Buy now or miss this opportunity."** Don't give in to pressure tactics. Remember, the "opportunity" is a chance to pay for information you could find yourself for free.
- **"We guarantee you'll get aid."** A company could claim it fulfilled its promise if you were offered loans from commercial lenders. Is that worth a \$1,000 fee?
- **"I've got aid for you; give me your credit card or bank account number."** Never give out a credit card or bank account number unless you know the organization is legitimate. You could be at risk of identity theft.

You can learn about scholarships for FREE in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking at a library or on-line. You can also go to the U.S. Department of Labor's FREE scholarship search tool, federal agencies, your state grant agency, foundations, religious or community organizations, civic groups, your employer, or your parents' employers.

III. SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Academic Works simplifies the student scholarship application process at salisbury.academicworks.com

To access the General Application, use your SU username and password to login. After completing the application, the system will automatically match you to scholarships you are eligible for based on the information you provided.

When you apply for scholarships on Salisbury University's **Academic Works** site, do not mention athletic ability, participation, or performance in essays. Salisbury University, a Division III member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA,) is not permitted to use athletic skill as a criterion for determining financial aid.

Check back frequently for scholarships which may become available, and pay close attention to submission deadlines. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive an award email at your SU email address unless otherwise noted. Further financial aid information is available at the Office of Financial Aid at <https://www.salisbury.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>

Mannion Scholarship Endowment **Social Work—Senior Status**

This \$1,200 scholarship is open to a full-time student enrolled in the two- year Master of Social Work program at Salisbury's main campus. Preference is given to a Somerset County, MD resident first, then to a Wicomico or Worcester County, MD resident. The student's area of interest should be community health and human services. The scholarship may be renewed for a second year. Application deadline is **April 16**.

President Charles Wight's "Lead From the Front" Scholarship **Undergraduate Incoming, first- time Freshman**

Salisbury University recognizes that the next generation of leaders will 'Lead From The Front'. If you are passionate about social justice, advocacy, equal rights, conservation, the environment, and supporting the underdog, you are invited to apply.

This \$12,000 scholarship is payable over four years, with a maximum of \$3,000 annually. The applicant must demonstrate financial need and exhibit, via a 500 word essay, the impact their leadership has made in their community and how they plan to continue to hone leadership skills in the SU community. For details, refer to SU's **Academic Works** system. Deadline is **March 1**.



Ann & John Gilheany Scholarship **Social Work—Senior Status**

This \$1,000 scholarship provides funds to a first-generation Senior student majoring in Social Work. Criteria include a minimum 3.0 GPA, and completion of a two-paragraph essay of 500 words or less. The essay must answer the following questions: 1. What is care? 2. How do you care for others? Application deadline is **April 16**.

Stephen Michael Emery & Paul Porter Scholarship **Social Work— Senior Status**

This non-renewable \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time Senior student majoring in Social Work. An in-person interview is required. Students from the Maryland Eastern Shore are given preference. Application deadline is **May 1**.

Amy Stoops Rhodes Memorial Scholarship **Social Work—Senior Status**

This \$1,000 scholarship honors Amy's legacy in social work, community health, and human services. An eligible recipient must be a Maryland resident who is full time in the Master of Social Work program with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Deadline is **April 15**.

Sarah Foxwell Memorial Scholarship **Social Work—Senior Status**

This \$800 scholarship, in memory of Sara Foxwell, is for students majoring in Social Work. Requirements include demonstrated financial need and a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Residents of Wicomico County are given first priority followed by residents of Maryland. The scholarship is renewable provided the recipient continues to meet eligibility requirements. The application deadline is **March 15**.

Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship **Social Work—Graduate Student**

The Jesse Klump Memorial scholarship will provide a one-time, \$5,000 scholarship awarded for fall 2023 semester to a graduate student pursuing a master's in social work degree at Salisbury University. Preference will be given to a student planning to complete their field instruction in mental health or trauma related services.

Recipients are expected to attend the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund's annual fundraiser, held on the third Saturday of September, known as "Jesse's Paddle." More information about Jesse's Paddle and the Jesse Klump suicide prevention and awareness program can be found here: [Jesse's Paddle](#). This scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester only.

Good Neighbor Scholarship Undergraduate Students

This scholarship covers approximately 60% of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees. The **Good Neighbor** scholarship is available to students with a home address in **Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C**

Good Neighbor Scholarship Graduate Students

This scholarship covers approximately 75% of the difference between the graduate program's resident and non-resident tuition rate per semester credit hour. The **Good Neighbor** discount is valid for students residing in **Delaware, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.**

The Good Neighbor discount does not apply to on-line courses.

<https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/graduate-studies-and-research/files/good-neighbor-application.pdf>

GOOD NEIGHBOR NOTES FOR HAGERSTOWN

There is a University System of Maryland special rate for Hagerstown which applies to the following counties:

LoudounVA
Franklin & Fulton.....PA
Berkeley, Jefferson, & Morgan..WV

This rate already equals the Good Neighbor discount so anyone living in those counties won't need to apply. Those in the remaining counties in those states will need to complete the Good Neighbor form.

Sea Gull Century Involved in Sea Gull Century

Sea Gull Century, a nationally acclaimed bicycling event, beginning and ending on the SU campus, tours the Maryland Eastern Shore. SGC is managed by the non-profit SU Foundation. Annually, Sea Gull Century Awards 12 scholarships of \$300 to \$800.

Students applying for this scholarship must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA at Salisbury University, be involved in the Sea Gull Century, and provide a written reflection of the Sea Gull Century experience. Deadline for consideration for the following year is **November 1.**

Marshall W. Moore Scholarship Undergraduate Junior/Senior

Preference for this \$500 to \$1,000 award is given to non-traditional students entering the junior or senior year. Eligible students must submit, via "Academic Works," a letter of recommendation from an SU faculty member. Also required is a biographical essay including a description of the applicant's activities at Salisbury and details of future plans.

The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue the scholarship from the junior to senior year. The application deadline is **April 16.**

Rick Dudley Scholarship Graduate Students/Disabilities

The Rick Dudley Scholarship is intended to assist individuals with "severe and substantial" disabilities in pursuing a graduate degree as a Salisbury University student. Qualifying disabilities include a permanent inability resulting in use of wheelchair, cane, crutches, or walker to ambulate; persons with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy; persons who are legally blind with glasses, persons considered profoundly deaf; persons with speech impediments; and persons who need personal assistance with activities of daily living.

Awards vary from \$750 or more per academic year depending on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled. A Medical Opinion Form for Eligibility is required. Applicants must be fully admitted to the MSW program and not on a provisional admission basis. The complete application and description of this award are available on the SU website. Deadline is **November 15.**



Phi Eta Sigma Scholarship Local Honor Society Members

The local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma awards scholarships to local members who have shown outstanding academic performance and have contributed to the goals of the local chapter. Additional information is available from the Provost's Office. The scholarship is awarded after the start of the fall semester each year. Amounts range from \$250-\$400. The deadline is **November 1.**

Justin McJilton Memorial Scholarship Any Major – Undergraduate

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of SU Student Justin McJilton who passed away in 2009 at age 23. The amount is currently \$500 to \$1,000. Application is open to students in any major at Salisbury University with preference given to a Perdue School of Business Student. The scholarship provides support for students whose lives have been touched by cancer. An essay is required. For more information, see the "**Academic Works**" website. Application deadline is **April 3.**

Alan and Patti Guerrieri Scholarship

Undergraduate – Freshman

This is an academic merit based scholarship for incoming freshman students. It ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year and is open to any major. The award is a renewable 4-year scholarship (8 semesters), provided the student is full time each semester and maintains a 3.3 cumulative GPA. Deadline is **January 29**.

Institute for Retired Persons (IRP) Scholarship

Undergraduate Seniors

IRP provides up to three SU \$1,000 scholarships. Requirements include full-time senior status, a GPA of at least 2.80, financial need (from FAFSA), and a short essay. IRP is for adults 50 and over. Scholarship recipients are invited to attend a recognition meeting on the first Tuesday of the fall semester. Check the “Academic Works” website for further details. Deadline is **March 1**.

Fire and Resue Service Survivors Scholarship

Surviving Legal Dependents

SU and the Salisbury Fire Department have a \$2,000 scholarship opportunity for surviving legal dependents of the 343 members of the NYC Fire Department killed in the line of duty on Sept.11, 2001. Also eligible are surviving dependents of a Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia fire/rescue member killed in the line of duty or, any dependent of an active, retired, or life member of the Salisbury Fire Department. Awards will be offered on an annual basis, depending on availability of funds, and are renewable. Refer to the “Academic Works” website for details. Deadline is **July 31**.

Director's Fellowship Honors College

Incoming Freshman

Director’s Fellowships were established to recognize exceptional incoming freshman students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and the promise for leadership and success on the Salisbury University campus. Fellowships range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and are awarded as a four year scholarship. Applicants should first apply to the Honors College using the on-line application. Director’s Fellows receive priority placement in one of the Honors Program’s freshman Living Learning Communities. **The deadline is in January for the following year.**



Leroy P. Fiala Scholarship in the College of Health and Human Services

Undergraduate Junior/Senior

The LeRoy P. Fiala Scholarship will provide \$500 in funding to qualified incoming graduate student(s) enrolled in the College of Health and Human Services. Each applicant must be a first generation college student. Preference will be given to graduate students enrolled in the Master in Athletic Training program and those with the greatest financial need as indicated in the FAFSA form. The scholarship may be renewed for one additional year. The deadline is **April 16**.

Vincent D. Leisey Student Involvement & Leadership Honors Scholarship

Junior/Senior Status

The Vincent D. Leisey Student Involvement and Leadership Honors Scholarship will provide \$500 of financial support for a student who is active in campus life through student clubs and activities. This scholarship for a rising junior is renewable for the senior year if criteria are still met. Applicant must be matriculated in the Honors College at SU. The deadline is **March 15**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarship

New Transfer Students

This scholarship for new transfer students is \$1,000 per year and renewable providing the student maintains full-time status and continues to meet eligibility requirements. More information can be found on the SU website at salisbury.edu/admissions/transfer-students/ptk-scholarship.asp

Pepsi Cola Start Strong Scholarship

Incoming Freshman

The Pepsi Cola up to \$1,000 Start Strong scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman on the basis of academic success and financial need. Eligible students must remain enrolled full-time, complete a minimum of 24 credits per academic year, have financial need from the FAFSA, and maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. The deadline is **March 1**.

Prince Family Scholarship **Incoming Freshman**

The Prince Family \$400 Scholarship provides an award for a first generation freshman student defined as at least one parent not being a college attendee or graduate. Preference is given to a student who comes from a rural background as defined by federal and state guidelines. The scholarship can be renewed for eight semesters (four years total) so long as the student continues to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy. The application deadline is **March 1**.

Allfirst Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund (M&T Bank) **Incoming Freshman**

The Allfirst Foundation \$1,000 Scholarship provides funds to incoming freshman, full-time students who demonstrate financial need, as determined by the FAFSA) and academic merit. The application deadline is **March 1**.

J. Daniel Landsman **SAFERIDE – Undergraduate**

SU and the Salisbury Fire Department have a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for surviving legal dependents of the 343 members of the NYC Fire Department killed in the line of duty on Sept.11, 2001. Also eligible are surviving dependents of a Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia fire/rescue member killed in the line of duty or, any dependent of an active, retired, or life member of the Salisbury Fire Department. Awards will be offered on an annual basis, depending on availability of funds, and are renewable. Refer to the “Academic Works” website for details. Deadline is **May 1**.

University Orchard Scholarship **High School Graduates from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester Counties in Maryland**

The University Orchard Scholarship is a one-time, \$10,000 non-renewable award where candidates will be required to write a one page essay discussing their impact on campus life at Salisbury University. Applicants must be full-time undergraduates with a cumulative 3.0 GPA, have financial need, and have at least two semesters left at SU. The mission of the scholarship is to partner with Salisbury University to create opportunities for SU students who come from the Lower Eastern Shore communities. The award amount can vary. Deadline is **April 4**.

J. Edwin Tawes Memorial Scholarship **Incoming Freshman from Somerset County, MD**

The J. Edwin Tawes Memorial Scholarship provides a \$1,500 award to one student annually from Somerset County, MD. Decisions are based on academic achievement. Student applicant must be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman. Scholarship can be renewed as long as the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Application deadline is **March 1**.

William B. and Betty B. Krieger Scholarship **Undergraduate Students, Colonel Richardson High School Graduates**

This \$5,000 award provides assistance to full-time students with financial need (from FAFSA) with preference given to

graduates of Colonel Richardson High School. Students can be incoming freshmen or current students and must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree to remain eligible for scholarship renewal. The application deadline is **March 1**.

France-Merrick Foundation Scholarship **Baltimore City, MD Students**

The \$1,500 France-Merrick Foundation Scholarship has been established to help recruit students from Baltimore City, MD. Eligible students must have attended a Baltimore City high school (public, private or parochial) or transferred from Baltimore City Community College and be a resident of Baltimore City, MD. The scholarship can be renewed for up to eight semesters if recipient meets the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and remains enrolled full-time, degree-seeking. The deadline to apply is **March 1**.

Heather Clair Miller Memorial Scholarship **High School Graduates from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester Counties in Maryland**

The Heather Clair Miller Salisbury University Fund scholarship was created to provide a four-year, renewable scholarship to at least two student recipients attending Salisbury University. Preference will be given to students who may be challenged in their academic pursuits because of a rural background and/or high need status. The award amounts vary. See SU’s “Academic Works” site for complete details. Deadline for application is **March 1**.

The Vinyard Family Scholarship **Non-traditional Undergraduate**

The Vinyard Family Scholarship will provide funding to an incoming or current non-traditional undergraduate student who has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better and has financial need from the FAFSA. Non-traditional students are those that are considered independent on the FAFSA for financial aid purposes. The deadline to apply is **March 1**.

Robert W. and Josephine P. Sterling Scholarship **Incoming Freshman, Somerset, Wicomico counties**

The Sterling Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who are permanent residents of Somerset or Wicomico county. The scholarship is for \$1,000 per year for four years, and is awarded based on scholastic ability and financial need. Students must remain enrolled full-time with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to continue to receive the scholarship. Deadline to apply is **March 1**.

Elizabeth Cannon Memorial Scholarship **Incoming Freshman from Caroline County or Eight Eastern Shore Counties, MD**

The Elizabeth Cannon Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled academically in high school. Priority is given to a high school graduate (incoming freshman) with a genuine need for financial assistance from Caroline County, MD or the other eight Eastern Shore counties in Maryland. For consideration, students must apply for admission to the University by February 1st. The scholarship may be renewed for a maximum of four years, provided the student maintains a 3.3 cumulative grade point average each semester.

Jack Metzger Scholarship **Freshman from Kent Island, MD, or Queen Anne's County, MD**

The Jack Metzger Scholarship Fund is made available by the American Legion Post 278 of Kent Island, MD. Priority for the \$1,000 scholarship goes to a freshman from Kent Island with second priority being a freshman from Queen Anne's County, MD. The selection committee from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices select the recipient(s) each year. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time and must demonstrate academic merit. The award is \$1,000 and deadline to apply is **March 1**.

IV. STATE OF MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship/grant money is available through the state of Maryland. Funds are both merit and need-based. To apply, complete the FAFSA by **March 1**.

To view Maryland Higher Education Commission scholarships and grants, visit <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/index.aspx>

Interanational Scholarship (AA-I) **Academic – Undergraduate**

The University System of Maryland, through the Alumni Association – International (AA-I) Incorporated established this scholarship to recognize exemplary students matriculating through a USM institution. Salisbury students who demonstrate academic achievement, strong commitment to community service, and leadership qualify for this \$2,500 scholarship. To apply, transfer students must have at least a 3.5 GPA from the most recent institution, and current SU students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA.

Applicants must be Maryland residents and enrolled as full-time undergraduate students. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship, but applicants may reapply multiple years.

Complete application information is available on SU's "**Academic Works**" website. Deadline for all application materials, including two academic letters of reference, is **April 1**.

2+2 Transfer Scholarship **Community College Transfers**

Applicants for this scholarship must submit the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship application available through MDCAPS, file the FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and submit an official college transcript reflecting that the applicant has earned an associate's degree from a community college in the state. For further information, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/program_2_plus_2.aspx

Regents Scholars Program Community College Transfers

The Regents Scholars Program is the most prestigious scholarship awarded in the University System of Maryland (USM). Both full and partial scholarships are available. Full scholarships cover the entire estimated costs of tuition, room and board, books, and academic materials. Partial scholarships range from \$3,000 –\$5,000 per year for educational expenses.

Maryland community college students should submit a Regents Scholarship application to the transfer coordinator at the community college. Regents Scholarship awards are renewed each year if the scholar continues to meet requirements. These scholarships are limited to four semesters.

Some Regents Scholarships are restricted to particular disciplines or to students attending specific institutions. Some have no qualifying factor other than merit.

Transfer students should apply by **May 15** or the next business day if May 15 falls on a weekend or holiday. A FAFSA is required. For more information, visit <http://www.usmd.edu/institutions/FinAid/RegentsScholars/>

Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program Graduate Students Social Work

Contact the financial aid office of the school you will attend for deadlines. Applicants for this scholarship are ranked based on financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable. More details are available at https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/pr og_gradprof.aspx

State Employees Credit Union of Maryland (SECUMD) Foundation SECU Members

Most Marylanders are eligible for membership in SECU, which is the largest credit union in Maryland. Eligibility may be possible through work, college, university, trade school, affiliation with a Maryland state agency, or via a family member.



The SECU Maryland Foundation was created in 2007 to support the educational goals of its members by providing annual scholarships. Applicants are asked to submit a 500–1,000 word essay on a given prompt. Generally, awards are made to 26 students. Recipients must be a SECU member attending a 2 or 4-year college, university, trade, or technical school. Please reach out to the SECU Community Engagement Team with any questions. Further information is available at <https://www.secumdfoundation.org/pr ograms/scholarship-program/>

The Near Completer Grant Undergraduate

A Near Completer is an individual who attended school and has completed college credits but does not have a college degree and is no longer attending school. The student must have earned at least 90 credit hours attending a four-year institution and earned a minimum 2.0 GPA. Near completers will be eligible for up to one third of the in-state undergraduate tuition. Information is available at <https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/NEA R-COMPLETERS-GRANT- INFORMATION.aspx>

Ida G. L. Leonard Ruben Scholarship Social Work, Service Area B Workforce Shortage Grant

This program is for enrolled students who plan on working in specific career/occupational programs upon graduation, including Social Work. Recipients must be employed as a social worker in the public or nonprofit sectors under 501(c)(3) or (4) of the IRS code in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or under-served residents or areas of the State. Award amounts are based on the type of institution and the student's enrollment status. You must sign a promissory note agreeing to begin fulfillment of your service obligation within one year of completing the degree for which you received the award. For a complete description, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog_wssag.aspx The application for this program can be found at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>. The deadline is **July 1**.

USM Women's Forum Female Students

The USM Women's Forum \$1,000 Student Scholarship is open to all female or female-identified students attending a USM institution. An applicant must have earned a total of 48 undergraduate OR 12 graduate credits, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduate OR 3.25 for graduate, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and have demonstrated financial need. <http://www.usmwomensforum.org/awards.html>

HOW TO APPLY FOR STATE DELEGATE/SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

STATE DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Maryland Delegate Scholarship is offered to Maryland residents who plan to pursue a postsecondary credential full-time (12+ credits undergraduate or 9+ credits graduate per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits undergraduate or 6-8 credits graduate per semester) at a two-year or four-year Maryland college, university or private career school.

The student may hold the Delegate Scholarship with all state awards. The total dollar amount of all state scholarship awards may not exceed the students cost of attendance (as determined by their Financial Aid Office), or \$29,600, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

Current or prospective students should contact their local delegates for instructions on how to apply.

For details, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_delegate.aspx

The Maryland Senatorial Scholarship is offered to Maryland residents who plan to pursue a postsecondary credential full-time (12+ credits undergraduate or 9+ credits graduate per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits undergraduate or 6-8 credits graduate per semester) at a two-year or four-year Maryland college, university or private career school.

These scholarships are offered/awarded through your state delegation for your district, not through your federal delegation, which includes your U.S. Senators.

The minimum award is \$400 and the maximum is \$12,617. The total amount of all state awards may not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the student's college's financial aid office or \$29,600, whichever is less.

If your state senator makes his/her own awards, you must call or write to your legislator for further instructions.

For details, go to mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_senatorial.aspx

Maryland SmartWork Initiative – State Employee Student Loan Repayment Plan

Includes Social Work Field or Reimbursement for a Child

Maryland SmartWork Initiative helps the state government to recruit and retain employees in critical areas. This Loan Repayment Plan offers eligible state employees up to \$20,000, over ten years of service, for student loan repayments. Recipients may be reimbursed for their own loans, or for those of an eligible child. The child's student loan debt is payable as long as the child is 25 years of age or younger, and the loan is in the name of the employee.

This program took effect Jan. 1, 2019, which is considered the "Start Date for the Plan." Employees do not receive credit for time on the state payroll prior to that date. Student loan repayments are paid to those eligible if they remain employed by the state over ten years from the first day of eligibility. Reimbursements are direct deposited as part of wages and are taxable as such. In the event an employee leaves state service or becomes ineligible to continue participation in the Student Loan Repayment Plan, the state will not recapture prior repayments made to the employee.

A completed application and "Obligated Service Agreement" should be submitted by an employee who wishes to apply to participate in this plan. To obtain more information, visit the Maryland Department of Budget and Management's website at <https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/SmartWork.aspx>, or contact William Frank, Plan Administrator by telephone at 410-767-4549, or by email at <https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/SmartWork.aspx>

Voting is Your Right and Privilege

Contact the Board of Supervisors of Elections for your county if you need voting information

Allegany (301) 777-5931
 Anne Arundel.....(410) 222-6600
 Baltimore County(410) 887-5700
 Baltimore City..... (410) 396-5550
 Calvert..... (410) 535-2214
 Caroline.....(410) 479-8145
 Carroll (410) 386-2080
 Cecil.....(410) 996-5310
 Charles..... (301) 934-8972
 Dorchester.....(410) 228-2560
 Frederick (301) 600-8683
 Garrett..... (301) 334-6985

Harford(410) 638-3565
 Howard..... (410) 313-5820
 Kent(410) 778-0038
 Montgomery(240) 777-8500
 Prince George's.....(301) 430-8020
 Queen Anne's.....(410) 758-0832
 St. Mary's(301) 475-7844
 Somerset.....(410) 651-0767
 Talbot(410) 770-8099
 Washington(240) 313-2050
 Wicomico.....(410) 548-4830
 Worcester..... (410) 632-1320

V. AMERICORPS SHORECORPS HOPECORPS AMERICORPS A STAR!



AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), is a network of local, state, and national service programs. It connects more than 70,000 Americans annually in service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

ShoreCorps State AmeriCorps Program

ShoreCorps is a state AmeriCorps program, funded in part by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. ShoreCorps members serve on Maryland's Eastern Shore to meet critical needs in communities.

Full-time and half-time applicants attend the tuition-free, mandatory AmeriCorps class at Salisbury University.

A full-time, one-year commitment is 1700 hours of service (40 hrs./week) and a half-time, one-year commitment is 900 service hours (20 hrs./week). Benefits are:

- a bi-weekly living allowance during 48 weeks of active service
- a post-education award to help pay for federal student loans and/or future educational expenses
- six tuition free undergraduate credits for completing the SU training course

- federal student loan forbearance and accrued interest payments
- full-time participants, if eligible, may participate in a health insurance plan and child care reimbursements

Current SU students may apply AmeriCorps experience toward the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certification program at SU. For more information, contact the AmeriCorps Office at 410-543-6137.

HOPECorps Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education Corps

The HOPECorps is a scatter-site AmeriCorps program administered by Salisbury University. It serves the eight Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.) It is available to students at the Salisbury campus and the ESHEC satellite. HOPECorps' mission is to strengthen the capacity of community organizations working to tackle the heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that rural areas such as Maryland's Eastern Shore are experiencing higher rates of growth in opioid use than urban centers.

AmeriCorps Members (ACMs) provide support for community and government agencies and assist with naloxone instruction and distribution. Member training includes pre-service orientation, credited courses at Salisbury University (SU), and on-site guidance.

Members enroll, through Salisbury University, in the on-line Social Work 451 course titled "Behavioral Health."

This course introduces theoretical perspectives on substance misuse and mental health, including a working knowledge of their incidence and prevalence.

Mentorship is provided by ShoreCorps, a current AmeriCorps program under the PACE department and successfully administered by SU for 22 years.

<https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/hopecorps/about.aspx>

AmeriCorps A Star! Western Maryland

AmeriCorps is funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. It's benefits, like those of ShoreCorps, can include a living stipend for full and half-time members, educational debt deferment, professional development training, and, if eligible, reimbursement for child care.

AmeriCorps members complete an identified number of service hours over a contracted period. Full-time (1700 hr.), half-time (900 hr.) and minimum-time (300 hr.) positions are available. Those successfully completing the program are also eligible for a Segal Education Award based on the position type served. These positions are contingent upon grant funding and can possibly work along with internships.

This AmeriCorps program is available at the Salisbury University USMH satellite location and administered through Frostburg State University. AmeriCorps A STAR! in Western Maryland serves Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick Counties.

frostburg.edu/student-community-involvement/civic-engagement/AS-TAR-AmeriCorp/index.php

VI. FOUNDATIONS & FUNDS

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund Social Justice Activists

Founded in memory of Marian Davis, a teacher and political activist, the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund offers annual awards of up to \$15,000 to students who are participating in the work for social justice. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression. Further information is available at <https://davisputter.org/> and application materials can be found at <https://www.davisputter.org/apply>.
Deadline: **April 1st**.

American Cancer Society 2nd Year MSW Student

This organization has a generous two-year grant for second-year Social Work master's degree students who will work in the field of oncology. The student must train to provide psychosocial services to individuals with cancer and services to their families. Find details at: www.cancer.org Deadline to apply for this annual gift of \$12,000 is **October 15**.

National Pathfinder Scholarships Female Undergraduate or Graduate

Established by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) in honor of First Lady Nancy Reagan, three annual National Pathfinder Scholarships for \$2,500 are available as financial support for female students seeking an undergraduate or master's degree in a field related to substance

abuse prevention, including social work. Along with the application, candidates must submit three letters of recommendation, an official college transcript, and a one-page typed essay on career goals. The deadline is June 1. <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-fundingfinder/student-funding/national-pathfinder-scholarship/>

Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship Undergraduate & Graduate

Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarships are granted to accomplished undergraduate students under the age of 30 and graduate students younger than 40. Applicants must show that their degree programs prepare them for "careers aimed at improving the human condition" and that they have financial need. They must also be willing to travel to New York City to interview, which is not paid for by the foundation. Awards may go up to \$10,000. The application process begins in July for the following year. <https://scheppfoundation.org/apply>

Soroptimist "Live Your Dream" Scholarship For Women

The "Live Your Dream" scholarship offers three levels of cash awards. Ultimately, a Live Your Dream Awards finalist has the potential to receive up to \$16,000 to help offset tuition costs, purchase books, get transportation, or find reliable childcare so she can worry less about how to pay her bills and focus on reaching her dreams. **Eligible applicants can submit applications between August 1 - November 15.** <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>



Rootbert Fund Graduate & Undergraduate

These grants average \$5000-\$7000 for 10-15 applicants and are eligible for renewal to continue pursuit of a degree. Strong preference is given to graduate students and undergraduates who have completed at least one year of study. Applications are due February 1 for the following year. Interviews are scheduled in March, and awards are announced in late April. Grants are mailed to the grantees' institutions in August. See <http://rootbertfund.org/scholarships-program.php> for additional information.

Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Women Recommended by a Local Chapter

Citizens of the U.S. or Canada are eligible for recommendation if enrolled in a degree program. The applicant must have had at least twenty-four consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life and will complete her program of education within twenty-four months after the beginning of the term for which the grant is requested.

The Board of Trustees of the Program for Continuing Education (PCE) will evaluate applications with the primary consideration being the applicant's demonstrated overall need for assistance. When a grant is approved, the check is mailed to the PCE contact listed on the chapter recommendation. The award is then presented personally to the recipient. Grant, loan and award recipients need not be members of P.E.O. Details are at <https://www.peointernational.org/psa-eligibility-requirements>

Sarah Haley Memorial Award For Clinical Excellence **Graduate Students in Clinical Social Work**

Sponsored by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), this award is presented to graduate students who have dedicated their careers to working with individuals suffering post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, and/or military service. Eligible candidates for the \$5,000 award must be enrolled in an accredited masters or doctoral program and receiving training for clinical social work. The deadline is **March 31**.

<https://istss.org/membership/awards-and-honors>

American School Health Association Scholarship **Social Work**

ASHA provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree in social work with an emphasis on the health needs of children. Three \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually in the fields of pediatric and adolescent medicine or dentistry, school health education and school nursing. Check the ASHA website for information

William Randolph Hearst Fellowship **Undergraduate & Graduate Students of Color**

From the Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation (PSI), the William Randolph Hearst Fellowship is available for students of color who are pursuing a degree in an altruistic field such as social work. This is a 12 to 15-week fellowship for \$2,000. The deadline is **February 28**.

The Quell Foundation **Mental Health Awareness**

The Quell Foundation has decided not to accept new applications for the academic year 2021-2022. While this was a difficult decision, it was the right one to ensure that the foundation can remain active in the mental health landscape post pandemic. Check back in early December '21 for the '22 - '23 academic year. The Quell Foundation typically distributes three types of scholarships to students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree from U.S. institutions. Applications are available December to mid-April each year and fall under the following categories:

- Survivor Scholarship
- Fighter Scholarship
- Bridge the Gap Scholarship

Survivor Scholarship **Loss of Family Member**

This scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.

Fighter Scholarship **Mental Health**

This scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.

Bridge the Gap Scholarship **Mental Health Field**

This scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.

The Melanie Foundation Scholarship **Mental Health Field**

The Melanie Foundation \$2,500 Scholarship is awarded to a candidate pursuing a doctoral or master's degree in the mental health field. You must be currently enrolled or accepted into a graduate program majoring in the mental health field and demonstrate experience and interest in one or more of the ideals to which Melanie Merola O'Donnell committed herself. The scholarship will be awarded to a candidate for one year. Candidates may reapply for additional years. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/social-work-scholarships/the-melanie-foundation-scholarship/>. Deadline is **March 5**.



The Point Foundation **LGBTQ Students**

The Point Foundation provides financial support, mentoring, and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity. The application is open to LGBT students nationwide.

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate program and "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Finalists must be able to record a video for the Point Selections Committee.

<https://pointfoundation.org/point-apply/application-faqs/>

VII. SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS

Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships Graduate – Social Sciences First or Second Year

Pi Gamma Mu is an International Honor Society in social sciences. To qualify for membership, a student must be a junior, senior, or graduate student in the upper 35 percent of the class; have at least 20 semester hours in specific core areas; and have a GPA of B or better. For further details, go to

<https://pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>

Pi Gamma Mu awards up to ten scholarships each year to members in good standing. These \$1,000 – \$2,000 scholarships are intended for first or second year graduate work in the social sciences, including social work. Business Administration is excluded from consideration. Other interdisciplinary fields are considered on an individual basis depending upon the degree to which the social sciences are an integral component of the course of study. In such cases, applicants should submit a program description outlining requirements and coursework.



A statement of purpose is significant. It should include information about the applicant's commitment to the social sciences and have a professional appearance. Winners will be notified in late spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Only complete applications will be considered for awards. Previous recipients of Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are not eligible to apply again.



Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work

Phi Alpha offers the following student awards:

- **Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg – Scholarship, Service, Leadership**
- **Student Leadership Award – Outstanding Ideals**
- **MSW Scholarship – Scholarship, Service, Leadership**
- **Student Membership Support – Membership Fee**

<https://phialpha.org/programs/>

Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg Scholarship

Awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to present her or his work during the Student Session of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors conference held each spring. Deadline to apply is **May 31**.

Student Leadership Award

The focus of this Award is the student's leadership, service, impact, and commitment. The awards are: (1st) \$1,000, (2nd) \$750, and (3rd) \$500. The first place selection will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to receive their award at the Phi Alpha Honor Society International Business Meeting held during the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

Emma & Meloid Algood Scholarship Undergraduate

This \$1,000 scholarship is open to members of the National Association of Black Social Workers majoring in social work at an accredited U.S. institution. It was established to honor its namesakes who worked

Students are nominated by their Phi Alpha Chapter Advisor. Students must be active leaders of Phi Alpha to be nominated. Deadline to apply is **May 31**.

MSW Scholarship

Awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to present her or his work during the Phi Alpha Executive meeting in conjunction with the Council in Social Work each fall. Deadline to apply is **May 31**.

Student Membership Support

This program is designed for students eligible for Phi Alpha membership whose situation makes it a challenge to pay membership fees. Each chapter receives 2 memberships per academic year at no cost. Chapters are responsible for any chapter fees

tirelessly to better the lives of the poor in their community. Potential applicants must submit letters of recommendation and a 2 –3 page essay detailing the ways in which they are equally dedicated to improving the lives of those in the black community.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-major/social-work-scholarships/emma-and-meloid-algood-tuition-scholarship-bssw-only/1007724>

Cenie "Jojo" Williams Tuition Scholarship

Current NABSW Members

The scholarship is in memory of Cenie "Jojo" Williams, Jr. He was the first elected President and first Executive Director of the National Association of Black Social Workers. His work also resulted in the development of the NABSW International Education Conference. Each year the NABSW awards two Cenie "Jojo" Williams Tuition Scholarships of \$2,500 each. Applicants may be eligible for both a tuition scholarship and a book scholarship for a total of \$5,000.

These awards are given to African American students who have shown commitment to improving the social, economic, and political lives of those in the African American community. Applicants must submit their college transcripts and letters of recommendation. The NABSW homepage is at <https://www.nabsw.org/>

Dr. Joyce Beckett Tuition Scholarship

Current NABSW Members Graduate MSW Program

This award is open to African American students enrolled full time in a master of social work program. Candidates must hold a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate a commitment to working with and serving the black community. They must also serve as active members of NABSW. To apply, students should submit their current academic records, two letters of recommendation, a school registrar letter proving good academic standing, and a statement of purpose.

The NABSW scholarship homepage is at <https://www.naswma.org/page/Scholarships>
The scholarship amount is \$1,000.



National Association of Social Workers

- *Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship – MSW Students*
- *Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship – MSW Students*

Questions should be directed to <https://www.socialworkers.org>

Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship

The \$3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship The \$3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to masters degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in health/mental health practice and have a commitment to working in African American communities.

Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or been accepted into an accredited MSW Program. Students may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Non-members can join NASW: 1) if they have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program. The deadline is **March 11**.

<https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Verne-LaMarr-Lyons-Memorial-Scholarship>

Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship

The Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship is awarded to master's degree candidates in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to working with, or who have a special affinity with, American Indian/Alaska Native

and Hispanic/Latino populations. Candidates with a demonstrated commitment to working with public or voluntary nonprofit agencies or local grassroots groups are also eligible.

A panel reviews applicants for the Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship and selects up to 10 scholarship winners of up to \$4,000 each. Students must have applied to, or have been accepted into, an accredited MSW program. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Those enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Active NASW membership, in good standing, is a mandatory requirement to receive an NASW Foundation Scholarship Award. To apply for NASW membership, visit the NASW website or download and complete NASW's "Membership Application" found at "Online Join." Criteria to join NASW: 1) a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program. The deadline is **March 11**.

<https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Consuelo-W-Gosnell-Memorial-Scholarship>



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VIII. SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley Memorial Scholarship

The \$3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship The \$3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to masters degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in health/mental health practice and have a commitment to working in African American communities.

Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or been accepted into an accredited MSW Program. Students may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Non-members can join NASW: 1) if they have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program. The deadline is **March 11**.

<https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Verne-LaMarr-Lyons-Memorial-Scholarship>

The Jackie Spellman Scholarship

Impacted by Leukemia or Lymphoma

Twelve Jackie Spellman Scholarships of \$5,000 each are available to recipients impacted in some way by leukemia or lymphoma, either as survivors, individuals diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma, or who have a family member with leukemia or lymphoma.

Eligible applicants include four-year university and graduate students who are leukemia or lymphoma patients and/or are children, siblings, or parents of leukemia or lymphoma patients. Prior scholarship winners are eligible. Deadline is April 15. For more information, visit <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/social-work-scholarships/the-jackie-spellman-scholarship/>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Hispanic or Latino Heritage

This \$500–\$5,000 scholarship is for students of Hispanic or Latino heritage. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, DACA resident, or eligible non-citizen according to the FAFSA. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students. Deadline is **February 15**.

Complete information can be found at <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>



Order Sons and Daughters
of Italy in America®

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Italian Descent

Ten to twelve General Study Scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000 are awarded annually to U.S. citizens of Italian descent. Applicants must be enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited institution. There is a nonrefundable \$35 fee which includes a one-year AtLarge Membership to OSDIA. Information can be found at <http://osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/general-study/>

(NAIF) National Italian American Foundation Italian American Students

The National Italian American Foundation awards scholarships to 60 –70 outstanding students. Scholarships range from \$2,500 – \$12,000.

Applicants must be a member of NIAF or have a parent, grandparent or guardian with an active NIAF membership. For requirements and application information, visit <https://www.niaf.org/programs/available-scholarships/>

Council on Social Work Education – Carl A. Scott Book Scholarships Final Year of BASW or MSW Degree in a CSWE Program

The Carl A. Scott Memorial Fund was established by the Council on Social Work Education Board of Directors in recognition of Carl A. Scott's contributions to CSWE and the social work profession. In his honor, two \$500 scholarships are awarded each academic year to students who have demonstrated a commitment to work for equity in social work.

Eligible candidates must be in their final year of study for a full-time bachelor's or master's degree in a CSWE accredited social work program and have a GPA of at least 3.0. Students must be American citizens, non-citizen nationals, or have permanent residence status. Priority will be given, but is not limited, to minority ethnic/racial individuals.

<https://www.cswe.org/Centers-Initiatives/Scholarships-and-Fellowships/Carl-A-Scott-Memorial.aspx>

More CSWE Information Minority Fellowship Program

CSWE's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) opportunities support the mission of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to reduce the effects of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. It is geared toward training for racial/ethnic minority individuals to work with underrepresented and underserved persons at risk for mental health and/ or substance abuse disorders.



The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship

Members of NAACP

The NAACP offers 20– 40 scholarships up to \$2,000 to U.S. citizens who are current members of the NAACP. These awards are available to full-time undergraduate and full or part-time graduate students at accredited colleges and universities in the U.S. Applications are accepted from March to May. For additional information, visit <https://www.poisefoundation.org/the-agnes-jones-jackson-scholarship>

American Indian Education Program

Social Work

This program is for juniors and seniors in college planning to get a master's degree in Social Work. The current scholarship is worth up to \$1,500, primarily for tuition. Applicants must belong to a "federally recognized tribe" and have a 2.0 GPA. Visit our website www.aiefprogram.org to find the application. The deadline is April 4 to be considered, but completed applications received by March 1 will have an advantage.

National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers

NAPRHSW MSW – Social Work Postponed Due to COVID-19

Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAPRHSW has delayed the planning for scholarship awards. Finalized information will be posted in the future at <http://www.naprhsww.com/scholarship-info>

IX. MILITARY & VETERANS

Military Scholarships

Every branch of the military makes provisions for military personnel and their families to attend college or university if the proper criteria are met. This includes, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard, Coast Guard, AMVETS, the American Legion, and many more. Check online for each individual branch to find information on educational funding and how to apply for it.

Veterans Benefits at Salisbury University



VA benefits are administered by the SU Registrar's office. To begin using your VA Education Benefits, supporting documents are needed in advance for the University to be able to certify your enrollment with the Veteran's Administration. You must first complete an Application for Education Benefits on-line through the VA's website. If you have not received your Certificate of Eligibility before starting the admissions process at Salisbury University, please provide the Veteran's Office at SU with a copy of your completed application.

Once you receive your Certificate of Eligibility, to continue enrollment certification at SU, you must complete the Veterans Benefit Certification Request each semester.

To find out how to apply for the GI Bill[®] and related benefits, go to <https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/registrar/veterans/>

Fry Scholarship

Service members' Children and Spouses

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is available for children and spouses of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Information is at https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp[®]

Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts (VAIC) Maryland Residents

This program is designed to provide financial assistance to armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are enrolled in an eligible Maryland institution of higher learning.

Applicants must complete the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship application and a FAFSA. For additional information, please visit, <http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarship>

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Government Match

VEAP is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a \$2-for-\$1 basis by the government. Depending on the number of your monthly contributions, you may be entitled for up to 36-months of benefits.

To learn more about VEAP, including eligibility restrictions, visit [benefits.va.gov/benefits/](https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/)

Maryland Army National Guard

Salisbury University Students

Salisbury University has an MOU with the MD Army National Guard which provides a tuition waiver for up to 50% of six credits for a guard member enrolled full time. The applicant must have a "State Tuition Waiver Letter" signed by his/her commanding officer before turning it into the Registrar's Office. The form to apply can be found at <https://military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/tuition-assistance.aspx>

Survivors and Dependents Assistance (DEA)

Veteran's Dependents

This GI Bill program[®] offers educational opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a military service-related condition. It is also available to dependents of veterans who died while on active duty or died as a result of a military service-related condition. For information, go to <https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>[®]

REAP Conversion to Post – 9/11 GI Bill[®]

Formerly (REAP) Reserve Educational Assistance Program

The National Defense Department ended the REAP program on 11– 25 –15.

Some individuals remained eligible until 11–25 –19. Veterans who had not enrolled in school and applied for REAP prior to 11– 25 –15, in most cases, are eligible for the Post–9/11 GI Bill.[®]To find details on converting to the Post–9/11 GI Bill[®], go to <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/realp.asp>[®]

Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Maryland Veterans and Their Families

This scholarship provides aid for tuition and other educational expenses to veterans and their family members who are attending an institution of higher learning in Maryland. For information, visit the Maryland Higher Education Commission website. (MHEC)

To qualify the applicant must be:

- he son or daughter of a member of the Armed Forces who died, or is 100 % disabled, as a result of military service
- a veteran who suffers, as a result of military service, a disability of 25% or greater and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans educational benefits
- A POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son or daughter
- the son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a victim of September 11, 2001 who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93
- a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100% disabled in the line of duty

Montgomery GI Bill[®] (MGIB-AD) and Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Active Duty (AD) Reserves and National Guard (SR)

MGIB benefits are available for service members and veterans to help with education costs. The AD version is for active duty members who enroll and pay \$100 per month for 12 months. They are entitled to receive a monthly benefit after completing a minimum service obligation. The SR version is for reservists, with a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve, who are actively drilling. To learn more, visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/montgomery_bill.asp[®]

Yellow Ribbon Program Veteran's Dependents

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (known as the Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post–9/11[®] Veterans Education Assistance Act. This program allows American institutions of higher education to enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund the tuition expenses of service

members and veterans that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. To learn more, visit <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>

Post–9/11 GI Bill[®] Active Duty and Veterans

If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after 9–10–2001, and are still on active duty; or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran; or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program. Purple Heart recipients, regardless of length of service, are qualified for Post–9/11[®] benefits at the 100% level.

The bill currently pays tuition and includes an annual book-and-supplies stipend of \$1,000. The percentage of benefits received depends on the time spent on active duty.

To learn how the GI Bill[®] provides financial support for education to veterans, visit https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp[®]

Transferability Option Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Transfer to Spouse and /or Dependents

The transferability option under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® allows service members to transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The request to transfer GI Bill benefits to dependents must be completed while serving as an active member of the Armed Forces. If the Department of Defense (DoD) approves the transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at the Veterans Administration.

Eligible service members may transfer benefits to a spouse and/or one or more children. Family members must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits at the time of transfer to receive the benefits.

The option to transfer is open to any member of the armed forces active duty or selected reserve, officer or enlisted

who is eligible for the Post – 9/11 GI Bill,® and meets the criteria established by the Department of Defense.

Further information is available at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp®

Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

For Debt Incurred Before Joining the Military

LRP is a benefit offered to members of the U.S. Armed Forces to help service members reduce student debt incurred while taking college classes before joining the military. You must enroll in the LRP when you enlist in the Armed Forces. The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force each have versions of the LRP. The Army and Navy will repay up to \$65,000 of your qualifying student loans, and the Air Force will repay loans up to \$10,000. Eligibility restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html>

X. SITE SPECIFIC



Applications for USMH scholarships are available to eligible bachelor's or graduate degree students. Awards are paid to the registrar of the USMH institution the awardee attends. Application deadline is **April 15**.

The USMH application website is: <https://webportalapp.com/appform/usmhagerstown>

Magnolia Foundation Waltersdorf-Henson Scholarship Fund

- City of Hagerstown Scholarship – Hagerstown Residents
- Board of County Commissioners Scholarship – Washington County Residents
- Citi Scholarship – Citi Employee Dependent
- The Florence H. Graff Scholarship – includes Social work

City of Hagerstown

Applicant must be a Hagerstown, Maryland resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA and have completed 64 credits. Preference is given to those involved in community projects, volunteerism, or leadership.

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

Applicant must be a Washington County resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA showing financial need and enrolled in a USMH program. Preference is given to those actively involved in community projects, volunteerism, or leadership.

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Program (TA) Five Branches of Military

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) will pay for some or all of the tuition costs of college courses that you take while on active duty. TA is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Active-duty members may choose to use the MGIB “top-up” in addition to their service provided TA. The use of “top-up” allows for payment up to 100% of tuition expenses. TA benefits are separate from GI Bill® benefits and do not count against them. To learn more, visit benefits.va.gov/benefits/



Citi Scholarship

Applicant may be enrolled in any field if he or she is a Citi employee dependent. A 3.0 GPA is required.

Florence H. Graff

Applicant must be a Washington County resident and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Priority is given to majors in social work, medical-related fields, or education majors.

Community Foundation of Washington County, MD

- Craig MacLean/HGI Scholarship
- Patterson Graf Educational Fund
- Women's Club Foundation Scholarship Fund

<https://www.cfwcmd.org/scholarships/our-scholarships/>

Craig MacLean/ HGI Scholarship

This scholarship, in honor of long-time Executive Director Craig MacLean, is to provide financial support to employees of Goodwill Industries pursuing a degree.

Patterson Graf Educational Fund

This fund supports females in furthering their educational goals.

Women's Club Foundation Scholarship Fund

This scholarship provides financial support to nontraditional female students pursuing post-secondary education.

AAUW Scholarship Hagerstown Branch Women

Applicants for the American Association of University Women scholarship must be female residents of Washington County, Maryland with a demonstrated need for assistance and a GPA of 3.0 or better in the previous year. Transfer students are eligible. Deadline is **February 27**. hagerstown-md.aauw.net/scholarships/

Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Scholarship Undergraduate or Graduate – Women

The applicant must be a Washington County resident enrolled in a program at USMH, and may be either in a graduate or undergraduate program.

XI. LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment program (LARP) Social Work – Maryland

The applicant must be a Washington County resident enrolled in a program at USMH, and may be either in a graduate or undergraduate program.

This program is for Maryland residents who provide public service to low income or under-served residents through Maryland State or local government or nonprofit agencies. There are a number of eligible employment fields including either a bachelor's or master's degree in Social Work.

Applicants must meet requirements – have eligible employment in Maryland, be a Maryland institution graduate, be employed full-time in a shortage area, and have student loans that are not in default. Check the website for current salary limits, which also apply.

Loan repayment awards range from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Award funds are distributed annually over a three (3) year period as long as the recipient remains eligible and continues to submit the required documentation by the deadline.

The application process begins in July through the Maryland College Aid Processing System. All documents must be submitted to the office of Student Financial Assistance by close of business on the last business day prior to **September 30**.

A description of this program and complete details can be found at: https://mhcc.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_larp.aspx

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Includes Social Work

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which offers loan repayment to licensed social workers in exchange for a two-year commitment in a shortage area. The Loan Repayment Program offers up to \$50,000 based on the need of the community in which a provider works.

A description can be found at <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program>

For questions, call 1-800-221-9393 (TTY: 1-877-897-9910)

SCHOLARSHIP BEST PRACTICES

- Do your research. Only apply for awards for which you qualify.
- Read the criteria and enter complete and accurate information.
- Check your work and pay close attention to detail.
- Present yourself in a professional manner and complete applications by the deadline.