

**Chapter 1 : Office of Student Financial Assistance / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education**

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The educational expenses include books and supplies, tuition and fees, room and board, etc. Financial aid schemes include scholarships but student loans and grants are also popular part of financial aid packages. Concept of Education Grant If you wish to enroll in a higher education program but are unable to meet the expenses, then you could apply for higher Education Grants. A higher education grant is given to an individual as a means of financial aid without requesting for refunding. Scholarships and grants are similar in this, but scholarships are given on the basis of merit outstanding academic achievement while grants are normally given for financial need. Every dollar helps, so whether grants are small or large, you should look forward to every grant opportunity. While awarding Education Grants, it is a matter of concern for the grant sponsor that the gift of free money will be used only for the approved higher education program. All that is required from you is to fulfill your educational course and build something on what you have gained. Featured Schools Education Grants in USA Higher education grants are offered in USA by establishments like state and city governments, the federal government, community organizations, unions, colleges, universities, nonprofit organizations and maybe your own employer. Since grants are awarded to individuals needing financial aid, they are often designed for particular segments like disabled students, minority students, students enrolling in specific courses like photography or technology or healthcare , students at a specific degree level in school and students from very poor families. You could find information on foundations and trusts through subscription based directories. Students in post-secondary education institutions normally qualify for grants as issued by the government. There are some cases in which a part of government loan is forwarded as a grant to deserving students who need backing for their education plans. Cultural or trade societies offer small grants if one meets the criteria. Daughters of deceased railroad employees for example are offered higher education grants by the John Edgar Thomson Foundation. How to apply for grants: A student interested in financial support must first access the U. Frequently Asked Questions Q: Are there any USA Education grants offered by corporations? Many renowned companies and corporations in the U. These are not to be paid back and therefore are a preferred financial aid. You can view the McAfee Education Grant Application at our website. How do I apply for online education grants? While searching for education grants for online programs, I came across Pell Grants. Can you tell me something about it? Among the top education grants for online programs, one is Pell Grants. Pell Grants is a requirement- based aid that is provided to the students of under graduation with low income. How are education grants different from education loans? Education grants are basically monetary gifts that help a student pay for education. These are offered by the government and also by a number of private organizations. The major benefit of grants is that they do not have to be paid back. On the other hand, loans are basically borrowed amounts of money. A student can borrow money from a bank and use it to pay for education. A loan is supposed to be paid back along with interest rates. Can I get grants for online education? If you are pursuing online education that does not mean that you cannot avail grants given by the federal government and other sources. It is necessary however to have admission in an accredited institution and to be eligible for federal grants. Other than that, you need to comply with other eligibility requirements. Can I get grants online education? There are plenty of grants that you can find on the internet. To begin with you should visit the website of the university you are applying to and look for scholarships there. These scholarships have various eligibility criteria like academic achievement and extracurricular activities. In addition to this you can also look for scholarships from private organizations. How can I get government education grants? The information on this form will allow the government to gauge your financial need and give you an aid package accordingly. Are there only federal grants for education available or are there other options too? Although it is true that federal grants contribute a significant portion to the free money that students can use for educational purposes, there are private grants available too. These grants are dispersed based on varied criteria such as academic performance, financial need, and extracurricular activities. There are

also some grants available that are given on the basis of ethnicity and location. Can one find grants for online schooling? Grants for online schooling are easily available. The grants offered by federal government and private institutions are not limited to on campus students only. For federal grants anyone can fill the FAFSA form available online and qualify for the grants that are given on need basis. The school that you are enrolled in may have their own grants package that can be checked out as well. Can you give me some information on how to apply grants for online education? A certain amount of financial aid is reserved for students in every academic year. If you are interested in getting financial support you should first contact the U. Department of Education electronically, through its website.

## Chapter 2 : Free College Grants to Pay for Your Higher Education

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Loans, both federal and private, help thousands of students every year finance their education, but that money needs to be repaid " and with interest. Before considering any form of education loan, students need to investigate possible grants for which they may be qualified. Grant money for college never has to be repaid, and there are a wide array of grant programs designed to benefit every kind of student, and every course of study. Thousands of organizations, both public and private, have grant money to award to students who are struggling to cover the costs of their college tuition. You can begin by talking to your high school advisers and teachers, and then continue your investigations on your own. At this point the internet will be a primary tool in your search for education grants, as will your local libraries. Any successful grant search begins with knowing yourself, your status as a student and your academic interests. This will help you narrow your focus, and will allow you to eliminate those grant programs for which you are not eligible. For example, if you are an Hispanic woman going to college to become an accountant, you will want to search for grant programs that are dedicated to Latin-American female students enrolled in business and accounting studies. Begin your grant search early, to allow yourself plenty of time to find, and apply to, the various grant programs for which you may be eligible. As you begin to search for possible education grants, you will find that they come in all shapes and sizes. You will also find that many grant programs may be found in the most unlikely of places. Look deeply, leave no stone unturned, and you may find the necessary education grants that will help meet your college costs. Where To Start The following list of education grants is expansive in the scope of the programs it covers, but it is by no means exhaustive. Some of the listings are for single grant programs, while others are a gateway to a list of further financial aid programs. At the very least, these Grants Opportunities will give you an idea of the vast array of programs that exist to help deserving students find the money they need for college. It should also, hopefully, give you the confidence to keep searching until you find the grant program that will benefit you. Federal Grants The U. These grants are the starting point for and college-bound students looking to find financial aid for their post-secondary education. Need-Based The Federal Pell Grant is available to students who demonstrate the requisite amount of financial need. The ACG is open to students majoring in a critical need area, such as math, science, technology, engineering and foreign languages. Emphasis is placed on those regions where knowledge of the local language and culture would benefit U. The grant is part of the National Security Education Program. The Benjamin A Gilman Award is open to undergraduate students for study abroad. The program is open to students who have already qualified for the Federal Pell Grant. The Gilman Award is a continuing program of the U. State Sponsored Grants Every state maintains its own college grant programs, and they are typically only available to student residents. While it would be impossible to list every education grant from each state in the union in the space available here, the following examples will give students an idea of the types of programs that may be available through their own state governments. The Central Alabama Community Foundation is a state based charitable organization. One of their main directives is to provide financial aid to eligible college-bound students from disadvantaged counties throughout Alabama. The Arizona Private Post-Secondary Education Student Financial Assistance Grant provides financial aid to resident students who have attended a community college, and wish to pursue their baccalaureate degree at a 4 year college or university within the state. These programs are open to resident students attending a participating Colorado college or university. The Kansas Board of Regents sponsors a number of grants and scholarships for resident students, including the Kansas Comprehensive Grant, the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship and the Kansas teacher service Scholarship. Award amounts vary according to need and availability. The state of Michigan offers eligible resident students the Michigan Tuition Grant. The MTG is available to undergraduate students with the requisite financial need. Awards are restricted to the cost of tuition. Texas offers a large number of financial aid programs for its resident college-bound students through the College for All Texans initiative. Chief among the many grants and

scholarships offered is the Texas Grant. Awards are based on need as well as merit, and are open to to all Delaware residents. Grants may be need-based or merit-based, and often they will be dedicated to a specific course of study or career goal. The University of California at Santa Cruz offers many financial aid programs for student residents of California. The school routinely offers a number of scholarships and grants, including the Mount Marty Grant for dependent students living on campus. Programs are open to both undergraduates and graduate students pursuing a degree in Jewish Studies. Graceland University in Iowa provides a large number of grants and scholarships for its undergraduate students. Purdue University sponsors the Span Plan for adult learners returning to complete their college education. The grant includes the cost of a three credit hour class, plus a stipend for books. This award is open to students pursuing their studies in Asian-American relations. Special consideration is given to students pursuing a course of studies in Asian-American cultural or legal issues. Course and Career Specific Grants The following entries in our list of education grants are dedicated to specific course studies, or particular career paths. They may be sponsored by universities, private and public endowments or professional associations. Agriculture The American Floral Endowment offers scholarships, internships and grants for students engaged in horticultural studies. The American Rhododendron Society sponsors a number of comprehensive research grants for graduate students engaged in the advanced study of horticultural genetics, pest control, and fertilization techniques. The Future Farmers of America sponsors scholarships and grants for students pursuing a post-secondary education in farming and agricultural studies. The grant is open to minority student applicants from ethnic groups that have been historically underrepresented in the fields of science and research. Archaeology The Archaeological Institute of America offers six annual fellowships to graduate students for the purpose of travel and study in the preparation of their dissertations. Fellowships are open to student members of the AIA only. The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation awards annual grants to student playwrights. Submissions must represent gay and lesbian lifestyles in a positive light, and must be centered on an historical event or person. Javits Fellowships Program is administered by the Federal Government. Grants are awarded to graduate students in a variety of fields including fine art, creative writing, music and theater arts. Award amounts vary depending on available funding. The award is only available to student members of the CSA. The Handweavers Guild of America offers their annual Convergence Grant for students engaged in the study of weaving and fiber arts. The grant is part of a work study program in which the student gains hands on training while acting as an assistant to a resident professor or instructor. Athletics and Recreation The National Strength and Conditioning Associations sponsors a variety of grants and scholarships. Programs are open to graduate students engaged in research into nutrition, exercise and body maintenance. Business The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants sponsors a wide variety of grants, scholarships and fellowships for student members. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation offers scholarships and grants to dependent students of military veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart. Award amounts vary, and applicants must be enrolled in business studies at an accredited university or college. State Farm Insurance supports a number of grant and scholarship programs for the college-bound dependents of active and retired employees. Applicants must be attending an accredited university or college, and be enrolled in business studies. The annual award targets undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing a career in computer technology. This grant funds the research of deserving student scholars into the areas of neural networking and evolutionary computation. Hospitality The American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation sponsors a number of grant and scholarship programs for students enrolled in a hospitality management program at a partnering college, university or technical school. Award amounts vary depending of course of study. The Council for the Advancement of Science Writing supports a variety of grants and fellowships for journalism students pursuing a career in science and technology reporting. The WHOI offers the annual Ocean Science Journalism Fellowship for graduate students pursuing research in oceanographic and ocean engineering-related journalism. This program is aimed at working journalists who are returning to college to pursue further studies in Public Affairs Reporting. Emphasis is on journalism in the age of digital media. Cox Grant for Women. The purpose of the grant is to encourage women to enter the historically male dominated field of statistics. The grant is open to women pursuing their mathematical studies at the graduate level. Eligible students must be

able to demonstrate a strong proficiency in mathematics. The award is available to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in mathematics at an AMS member university. The award is available to undergraduate and graduate students with an impressive academic record, and a history of community leadership. Awards are open to all eligible Ohio college students pursuing a degree in advertising, marketing and communications. Awards are decided on the basis of merit, as well as financial need. The award is available to undergraduate and graduate students studying voice at UHM. A minimum GPA of 3. Edgewood College offers the Fine Arts Award for freshman music students. Awards are available for students pursuing their studies in all orchestral instruments, as well as piano, voice and guitar. Applicants must submit audition tapes to be considered. The American Brahms Society administers the annual Karl Geiringer Award for music majors working on a doctoral dissertation that relates to the music of Brahms. Students are required to submit an outline for the research project in order to be considered for the award. The Frank Huntington Beebe Fund for Musicians sponsors an annual fellowship grant for graduate music students. Emphasis is on composing and performing classical music. Eugene Smith Memorial Fund awards annual grants to undergraduate and graduate students studying photography at an accredited college or art institute. The emphasis is on humanistic photography, and awards are decided by portfolio submission.

## Chapter 3 : Federal Pell Grant Program

*Eligible Applicants: Applicants that have the ability and capacity to conduct scientifically valid research are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and public and private agencies and institutions of higher education, such as.*

As with all college grants, funding may be provided by a variety of sources, including state governments, professional associations, corporations, colleges and universities. Popular Student-Specific Grants The width and breadth of the student population in the United States continues to grow and change as more and more students head to college to improve their education and professional opportunities. The American collegiate population is made up of a diverse array of students of all types and backgrounds. Grants for college-bound students are often designed to benefit specific types of students, and to address their particular financial needs. The most common student-specific grant programs fall into the following categories. Non-traditional Low-income and culturally disadvantaged Military and their dependents Women and minorities make up a large section of the national student body, and there are a large number of grant programs that target both groups. We will discuss grants dedicated to their needs in a later section. Non-traditional Students The traditional model of a college-bound student is beginning to change. While the majority of college students are still newly minted high school graduates, more and more adult learners are headed to colleges and universities across the country. Some may be returning to school to finish degrees that were interrupted by work and family commitments, while others may be attending college for the first time for training courses to help them achieve greater success in the national workforce. Non-traditional students include single parents, displaced workers, returning military veterans and adults seeking new career opportunities. Grants for non-traditional students are sponsored by variety of different sources, including state and local governments, corporations, advocacy groups and professional associations. These programs provide vital financial assistance to those non-traditional students who are looking to improve their lives, and the lives of their families, through higher education. Low Income and Disadvantaged Students Most college grants are designed to address the needs of students who are facing a financial shortfall in their college funding. That being said, a wide range of grant programs are dedicated to providing financial aid to students in more extreme circumstances. Grants for low-income students are specifically designed to address the financial needs of students from economic or socially disadvantaged backgrounds. Typically, these programs will be sponsored by state and Federal governments, advocacy groups and charitable foundations. In addition to grants dedicated to the economically disadvantaged, there are a wide range of grant programs designed to target the needs of students with both physical and mental disabilities. Grants for students with disabilities help to increase college accessibility to students facing a wide range of personal challenges, including blindness, hearing impairment, autism, and decreased mobility due to physical impairment. Disabled students looking for grants to help them pay for college should begin their search by focusing on advocacy groups and charitable foundations dedicated to the needs of people with their particular disability. Education grants from the military help enlisted service-members, their spouses and their dependent children, find the resources they need to pay for college. Each branch of the military, including the army, navy, air force and marines, provides financial aid programs to benefit their service-members. Military sponsored grants are also offered to the children and spouses of service-members who have been killed, or disabled, in the line of duty. While military sponsored grant programs offer valuable financial assistance, it should be noted that they are only available to enlisted members of the armed services. Students considering military sponsored financial aid for college should be certain that they fully understand their obligations as enlisted personnel in the U. Subject-Specific Grants Many grant programs are dedicated to the needs of students pursuing specific degrees, and with specific career goals. Typically, these programs are designed to encourage and support those students who are pursuing professional careers in high need fields such as science, mathematics, healthcare, and education. These subject specific grants are sponsored by a variety of sources, including Federal and state governments, corporations and professional associations. The STEM Subjects There is currently a national push to encourage students to

pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The United States is currently falling behind in the number of students graduating with professional degrees in the STEM fields. Consequently, grants have become more abundant for students pursuing studies in these fields. These grant programs are typically sponsored by Federal agencies, state governments and professional associations.

**Healthcare** Many regions of the country are currently experiencing critical shortages in licensed healthcare personnel. Nurses, nurse practitioners, and primary care physicians are all in great demand across the country. Grant programs, supported by both public and private sources, have been put into place to encourage students to pursue careers in the healthcare industry. Many of these grants are award-for-service programs, and recipients will be required to serve a predetermined time of service in a high need medical facility, or under-served urban or rural community.

**Teachers** The American school system, like the healthcare system, is also experiencing a critical shortage of qualified professionals. Teachers are in great demand, particularly in historically under-served communities. Grants for educators are available from a variety of sources, including professional teaching associations, private endowments, and state governments. Many of these programs, particularly those supported by state governments, are award-for-service programs. Recipients will be required to sign a contract agreeing to a term of service teaching at a high need school, or in an under-served community.

**A Note on Grant-For-Service Programs** Many grants dedicated to specific career paths are, in fact, award-for-service programs. These programs perform two functions; they give much needed financial aid to talented students pursuing careers in high need fields, and they help to secure and retain talented professionals in communities that are experiencing critical manpower shortages. Students entering into a grant-for-service program should understand that they are agreeing to a binding contract, and will be obligated to fulfill all the particulars of that contract. Students who fail to meet their award-for-service obligations will find that their grants will revert to standard student loans, and they will be expected to repay all monies received plus interest.

**Degree Level Specific Grants**

**Undergraduate Grants** Grants for undergraduate students are a large part of the financial aid landscape. These programs may provide general grant funding for students pursuing any number of degrees, or they may be specific to undergraduates enrolled in science, mathematics or engineering courses. Grants for undergraduate students are available from Federal and state governments, colleges and universities, corporations and professional associations.

**Graduate and Doctoral Students** Grants for doctoral candidates and graduate students are highly competitive, and focus on the financial needs of students engaged in research to complete their high level degrees. These grants are often referred to as fellowships, and are typically sponsored by colleges and universities as a way of bringing the best and brightest graduate students to their campuses. Unlike the more traditional undergraduate grants, these programs place a great amount of weight on academic achievement. Financial need is a secondary consideration. Grants for graduate and doctoral students are typically high dollar awards, and will include funds for research related travel and stipends for living expenses.

**Minority Specific Grants** Many grant programs exist to serve the needs of minority groups who have a history of being under-represented in the American higher education system. While great strides have been made over the last few decades, more work needs to be done to expand and diversify the American collegiate student body. Grants for minorities, and for women, are sponsored by a variety of sources, including state and Federal governments, professional associations, corporations, colleges, universities, charitable foundations and advocacy groups.

**Grants for African American Students** African-American students will find a wide range of grants designed to help them pursue their dreams of a college education. For too long African-Americans were under-represented in the halls of academia. But with the help of publicly and privately funded grant programs, they are beginning to take their rightful place on college campuses across the country. Over the last decade, the number of African-Americans graduating with a four-year degree has risen sharply, and dedicated grant programs for African-American students are helping more and more students of color pursue their dreams of a higher education.

**Hispanic Students** Hispanics are now the fastest growing minority population in the United States. Unfortunately, the rise in population numbers is not yet adequately reflected in the number of college-bound Hispanic students. This is beginning to change, however, and the availability of dedicated college grants for Hispanic students is on the rise. Grants for Hispanic students are supported by charitable foundations and advocacy groups, as well as by corporations and professional

associations dedicated to diversifying the American workforce. Hispanic students will find a large number of grants designed to encourage them to pursue specific career paths, with an emphasis on science, mathematics and technology. Native American Students Grants for Native American students may be less prevalent than those for other minorities, but they are beginning to become more plentiful. State governments, advocacy groups and private endowments support a growing number of grants dedicated to helping Native-Americans pursue a college education. Many of these programs target members of specific Native-American tribes, and students will be required to present documentary evidence of their American Indian heritage. A large number of grants for Native-American students are career-specific, with an emphasis on healthcare, education, science and technology. While Asian immigrants have been part of the American workforce for more than a hundred years, they have been historically under-represented in mainstream colleges and universities. That is beginning to change, and more Asian-American students are headed to college than ever before. For many, they may be the first in their family to pursue a college education. Grants for Asian-American students are supported by a variety of charitable foundations, corporations and private endowments. Like many grants dedicated to the financial needs of minority students, many grants for Asian-Americans place a particular emphasis on specific career paths, including science, technology, education and journalism. While the numbers may prove that women are a majority of the American populace, they unfortunately remain under-represented on most mainstream college campuses across the country. But the need for greater diversity at mainstream colleges and universities still remains, as does the need to diversify the American workforce. Grant programs for women are designed to encourage female students to pursue degrees, and careers, in a wide range of fields in which they have been historically under-represented. Education grants for women typically focus on disciplines in need of greater diversity, such as science, mathematics, technology and business. Grants provide much needed financial support for students of all types, and from a variety of diverse backgrounds. For many students, education grants mean the difference between achieving their college dreams and having those dreams deferred. Students should make the search for college grants a priority when preparing for college. Before considering any high cost college loans, students should investigate the many and varied grant opportunities that may be available to them.

#### Chapter 4 : College Grants You've Never Heard Of

*Alternative state policy mechanisms for pursuing educational quality, equity, efficiency and choice (Grant No. NIE-G). Final report to the U.S. Department of Education. Google Scholar.*

#### Chapter 5 : Education Grants, Online Education Grants

*Grants and scholarships can come from the federal government, your state government, your college or career school, or a private or nonprofit organization. Do your research, apply for any grants or scholarships you might be eligible for, and be sure to meet application deadlines!*