Graduate Scholarships

General Places to Seek Graduate Scholarships
Some places where you can begin your scholarship search include the U.S. Department of Education, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Coca-Cola, and National Education Association.

Some places where you can begin your search for grants to pay for a Masters in Special Education Program include the National Inclusion Project, Special Education Foundation, National Education Association, and Qwest Foundation.

A great website to seek educational funding is the College Grants database. Go to: http://www.collegegrant.net/college-grants-for-women/

Another good website to seek scholarships is School Soup. Go to: http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory/academic-major/?page=1

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.
Eligibility: Be a citizen of Louisiana
Completed or have completed an undergraduate degree
Applied to a graduate program and received confirmation of acceptance by April 1.
Selected a field of study which focuses on the special needs of children
Obtained a driver’s license to attach to the application
Obtained seven (7) photocopies of expense page(s) from current school catalogue
Ordered certified transcripts of all undergraduate study from college or university to be sent to NAJA Headquarters by February 14, 2014
Distributed three (3) Scholarship Recommendation Forms to individuals (educational/professional and character references) to be mailed directly from reference person to NAJA Headquarters by February 1 with letter of recommendation attached.
Submitted completed application and six (6) copies by February to NAJA Headquarters by February 1

Deadlines: Application forms available between September 1 and February 1 on the NAJA website.
Application forms must be typewritten and complete.
Deadline for submission is February 1 of each year.
Scholarship Committee meets, interviews finalist by telephone, selects recipients, and awards scholarships by the first week in April

Address: The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.
P.O. Box 1873
Greenville, MS. 38702-1873

Telephone: 662-332-3000
Email: najanet@bellsouth.net
Go to: www.najanet.org

The United Methodist General Scholarship
Choose if you meet the general requirements but are unsure for which program you qualify. May be awarded to undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students; must be full active members of the UMC for at least 1 year; have a minimum GPA of 2.5+, and are attending any accredited institution within the U.S. Average award: undergrad $500 - $1,000; graduate $1,000 - $2,000.
Go to: http://www.gbhem.org/article/united-methodist-general-scholarship#.Up-fScwknY

The E. Craig Brandenburg Scholarship
Applicants must be students 35 years of age or older; desiring to continue their education or go into a second career; member of the UMC for at least 1 year. Average award $1,000 - 2,000.
Go to: http://www.gbhem.org/article/e-craig-brandenburg-scholarship#.Up-fLicwknY

P. Buckley Moss Foundation Scholarships, Judith Cary Memorial Scholarship
The P. Buckley Moss Foundation administers three scholarships that were initially established by the Moss Society. The Judith Cary Memorial Scholarship is for students who are pursuing either a bachelor's or a master's degree in special education.

Eligibility: Please send original application plus 3 separate additional copies in the following order. (A total of 4 packets) with the following information.

- Nomination by the P. Buckley Moss Society member (brief letter from nominator stating relationship is optional).
- Completion of a minimum of 2 years undergraduate work. Transcripts must be provided to verify.
- Proof of acceptance into a specific program to teach special needs students, i.e., letter from counselor, dean, or administrator.
- Two letters of recommendation, one academic and one personal (not from a relative).
- A short essay detailing school / community / work activities and achievements
An essay of 250-500 words discussing career goals, teaching philosophies, reasons for choosing this career, and ways in which you plan to make a difference in the lives of special needs students.

Go to: http://mossfoundation.org/scholarships-awards-and-grants/judith-cary-leadership-memorial-scholarship

The Lillian & Samuel Sutton Education Scholarship
Amount: $1,000-$2,000; Average: $1,500
Deadline: Varies
Renewable: Yes; Renewable if satisfactory GPA is maintained.
Offered By: POISE Foundation
Two Gateway Center, Suite 1700
603 Stanwix Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Phone: 412-281-4967
Eligibility: Applicants must be education majors at an accredited college and U.S. citizens. Undergraduates must be full-time students with a GPA of 2.5, while graduates may be full- or part-time students and must maintain a GPA of 3.0. NAACP membership is not required but is highly desirable.


TEACH Grant
The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching.

Eligibility: You must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to teach:
- in a high-need field
- at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families
- for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant.

Go to: https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action

Bright Futures Scholarship
Bright Futures Scholarship Program supports the field of early childhood education by offering scholarships for future teachers. We are excited to offer scholarships ranging from $250 - $1000 for full-time students pursuing degrees in early childhood education or in a related field. Students must be enrolled in an Associate, Bachelors or Masters Program at an accredited college or university.
Eligibility:

- Full-time enrollment in an accredited early childhood education or related degree program.
- Demonstrated potential as a teacher of young children under the age of 8 and have at least nine months of experience working with this age group.
- A consistent display of excellence as a standard in their educational coursework, especially in classes related to education/child development. Candidates must demonstrate achievement in their field-based experiences working directly with young children and their families.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Minimum of 30 credits completed for Associate's program, minimum 60 credits completed for Bachelor's program or have been accepted in to a Master's program at the time of submitting their application.
- Two recommendations (one professional and one educational). See Recommendation Form section below for more information.
- Submit a written personal essay via our online application of at least 500 words but not to exceed 800 words that focus on why you are passionate and committed to your education, including any obstacles you may have overcome to reach your goals to pursue your career in Early Childhood Education.
- Your latest transcripts which can be attached during the online application process, mailed, faxed or emailed.
- For United States College and Universities only.
- Individuals are only eligible for one scholarship award.
- The Bright Futures Scholarship program is not open to Bright Horizons employees.

Address:  
Bright Horizons Family Solutions  
Attn: Carley Casey  
200 Talcott Avenue, South  
Watertown, MA 02472

Email:  brightfutures@brighthorizons.com  
Fax: 617-673-8644  
Go to:  http://apps.brighthorizons.com/careers/brightfutures.aspx

Association for American Indian Affairs

Applications are accepted from graduating high school seniors, current college freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate and doctoral students. Send one application package only. You will be considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible. AAIA funds for the entire school year. We do not consider applications for fall and spring semesters separately. Students attending schools with tri or quarter semesters will be considered based on classes taken between September 1 and May 31. AAIA does not provide summer funding.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be Native American from continental US tribes or Alaska Native.
- All applicants must be enrolled in their tribe. A copy of tribal enrollment is required.
- There is no minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility.
- Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students for both fall and spring semester.
- Students must have a minimum need of $750 both fall and spring semester to be eligible.
- Students must be seeking an Associate’s Degree or higher.

For additional information about scholarships for Native Americans, Go to: [http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm](http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm)