



UNCF Scholarships Overview

How to Apply

Founded in 1944, UNCF (the United Negro College Fund) is the nation's largest and most effective provider of minority scholarship assistance and currently offers over 400 scholarship, internship and fellowship programs. To begin the process to determine what scholarship(s) you might be eligible for, take the following steps:

1. Visit the UNCF website: www.uncf.org and select FOR STUDENTS and SCHOLARSHIPS
2. Create a user name and password
3. Start registration process

Once you have completed the registration, you can begin the research process to determine what programs you may be eligible for. UNCF awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending:

- The 37 UNCF member colleges or universities (see below for complete list of UNCF member institutions)
- HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) that are not UNCF member institutions
- Majority institutions (non HBCUs)

UNCF general scholarship eligibility criteria include:

- Student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Student must have an unmet financial need as verified by the Financial Aid Director
- Student must complete a Financial Aid Form (FAF) or a Family Financial Aid Statement (FFS) and request that the Student Analysis Report (SAR) be sent to the financial aid office at their college or university.

- All UNCF scholarships require that these basic criteria are met; however, many scholarships have additional criteria which you may review on our website.
- There are over 400 scholarships listed on the UNCF website that are available to minority students at various times throughout the year. When you visit the website, you will see a list of the scholarships that are currently available for award and this list will change throughout the year.
- Applicants should visit the website periodically throughout the year to search for other currently available scholarships as they are added to the current window for award.
- All scholarships may be viewed in the "SEARCH ALL SCHOLARSHIPS" section of the website throughout the year.
- Generally, once a student receives a UNCF scholarship, it may be renewed in subsequent years if the student continues to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship and if funds are available. However, the renewal of a UNCF scholarship is not an automatic process. Students typically do not receive more than one UNCF scholarship during an academic year.
- If you do not plan to attend one of the UNCF member institutions, search the scholarship database for those scholarships that are listed as: ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: Open
- Search the UNCF scholarship database at to determine the scholarship(s) for which you may be qualified and confirm that you meet all listed criteria before applying.
- Any essay writing, transcripts, or other needed information will be listed in the criteria section of the scholarship application.

Thank you for considering applying for a UNCF scholarship. If you have questions about the process or about a specific scholarship contact:

Scholarships and Programs - Call 202-810-0300 or

Text "FUNDS" to 50555