



Step 1: Visit UNCF.org/Scholarships

Step2: Click " Apply for a Scholarship

Step3: Click Log on or Register

Once registerd, you can begin to search nearly 400 scholarships



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UNCF IS SECOND ONLY TO THE FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT IN** PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP TO **STUDENTS WITH** FINANCIALNEEDS. THROUGH ALMOST 400 SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS, UNCF ANNUALLY **PROVIDES SUPPORT TO ALMOST 10,000 STUDENTS GOING TO AND THROUGH** COLLEGE



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? PLAN /BE ENROLLED FULL MINIMUM GPA IS 2.5 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Helpful Links

UNCF: UNCF.org

Know How to Go: www.knowhowtogo.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org/college

CollegeBoard: bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Federal StudentAid:studentaid.ed.gov/sa

Fastweb:www.fastweb.com/regis tration/step_1

The Posse Foundation: www.possefoundation.org

College Goal Sunday: www.collegegoalsundayuse.org

College Navigator: nces.ed.gov/collegegenavigator





WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INTO COLLEGE

The 10 Steps Rule

- 1. Take challenging courses including AP, IB and honors if offered
- 2. Stay in contact with your school guidance counselor about resources for college. Be persistent in the effort
- Colleges often want to see that astudent is well-rounded. Volunteer and become invvolved with extracurricular activities during high school
- Develop relatioonships with teaches, coaches mentors or otherr adults, as they will provide recommendation leteters when applicable
- 5. Do Your Homework Throughly research colleggees and majoors to find the right fitt for you and your future career goals
- Talk to your guidance counselor about any collegee fairs or universities visiting your high schoo;
- Thoroughlt review all admissions applications and complete all parts, including essays





- 8. Seek college application fee waivers where available
 - National Association of College Admissions Conselors Fee Waivers: wwwnacacnet.org/studentinfo/feewaiver/pages/defaul t.aspx.
 - College Board : If you registered for and took the SAT or one of the SAT Subject Tests using a fee waiver, you are automatically eligible to receive four college application fee waiver form 2,000 participating college.Collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benef its/college-applicvation-fee-waivers.
- Create folders (virtual or hard copy) for each college application and/or create a college application spreadsheet.
- 10. Research scholarships and other funding opportuntities. Tjhere is plenty f aid available to attend college !
 - Consider scholarships from non-traditional outlets as well, such as local nonprofit organizations and large corpoirations.
 - Some college offer institutional scholarships. Be sure to check their website for deadline and eligibility information

College Readiness Checkklist

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Check off Once Completed

- Ensure you have taken all necessary courses tograduate on time
- Sign up to take college placement exams, if necessary
- Take ACT/ SAT, seek waiver if eligible via your high school and of through ACT or SAT website
- Set up appointment(s) with your guidance conselor to discuss college choices and potential majors
- Research college and majors. Set up tours and visits if ableto do so
- Complete the FAFSA (<u>https://fafsa.ed.gov</u>) as soon as possible. It is posted annually starting October 1st. Many states and collegehave specific deadlines for applying for state and institutional

aid. You can find your state's deadline at http://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm andcheck withyour collegeabout other deadlines

- o Search for scholarships and financial aid
- Request high school transcripts to br sent to colleges
- Request letters of recommendation for scholarships and college applications that require them. Try to do this at leastone month in advance
- DraFT COLLEGE ESSAYS. Have at least one person review the draft
- Complete and send off applications. Start esarly in the process and submit before the deadline.
 Apply byy the fall of your senior year at the latest
- Avoid the summer melt. Stayy on top of important information college may request, such as forms related to on -campus housing, immunizations, finalcial aid and new student orientations