



*Student Government Association: Research Committee  
Research for Minority Student Scholarships*

**PART I. What are Some Comparable Universities with Minority Student Scholarships:**

*The Student Government Association Research Committee looked into the Minority Student Scholarship Programs of the following universities:*

- American University
- Benedictine College
- Loyola University Maryland
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Purdue University
- Thomas Aquinas College
- University of Dallas
- University of Delaware

**-American University:**

**-<https://www.american.edu/financialaid/frederick-douglass.cfm>**

*-Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars Program:*

- Bringing together the best of AU—world-class education, leadership development, and innovation—the FDDS program will elevate the college-to-career experience of our most enterprising Honors students and propel them into successful careers in health, medicine, business, government, law, education, communications, and creative industries.
- To this end, the FDDS program has designed initiatives and established partnerships that precipitate a mutually respectful community of scholars where our students and alumni share in a greater purpose to develop to their full potential; to contribute to the intellectual, social, and political environment of the institution; and to proactively prepare for academic, leadership, and career excellence.

- The FDDS program offers a scholarship that provides full tuition, mandatory fees, books, U-Pass, room, and board. It is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study, provided scholars maintain a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA.
- **Historically underrepresented minority students and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.**
- Preference will be given to first-generation student leaders. While we encourage applications from all ambitious, well-rounded student leaders, the most competitive applicants will have a minimum 3.8 GPA (unweighted) or 4.0 GPA (weighted). Submission of ACT or SAT scores are optional.

#### **-Benedictine College**

<https://www.benedictine.edu/admission/financial-aid/scholarships/endowed/index>

##### *-Gilbert R. Estrada Scholarship*

- Grantor: The scholarship was established through gifts from friends in memory of 1974 alumnus Gilbert R. Estrada. Preference is given to a minority student (Native American, Hispanic or African American) who maintains a 2.5 GPA and shows financial need.

##### *-Ann and Jack O'Sullivan Scholarship*

- Grantor: An anonymous donor created this scholarship in memory of Ann and Jack O'Sullivan. Preference is restricted to African-American students with academic ability, character, and intent to graduate.
- Award may be retained if recipient maintains qualifications. Second preference is restricted to a Hispanic student who meets the same qualifications.

#### **-Loyola University Maryland:**

<https://www.loyola.edu/departments/alana/academic-enrichment/scholarships>

- -Their ALANA (African, Latin, Asian, and Native American) Services offers a list of scholarships from outside program for minority students, such as African-American and Black Students, American Indian Students, Asian American & Pacific Islander Students, Hispanic & Latin American Students, LGBTQIA Students, Muslim Students, and Students with Disabilities

##### **-Other Resources Loyola University Maryland has in addition to the scholarship program:**

- The Diversity Course Requirement became a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students beginning with the Class of 2010.
- They have Affinity groups, such as: Faculty Thinkspace on Race and Diversity (ToRaD): which is responsible for materials on critical race theory and pedagogy, and also will hold discussion forums on topics initiated by participants.
- OUTLoyola: promotes equality for the LGBT members of the campus community and informed dialogue about LGBT issues at Loyola
- Women Faculty Leadership: serves as a forum for networking and communication among the women faculty of Loyola University Maryland with the goal of increasing and

encouraging the presence of women in the life of the University and as academic leaders on campus

**-Mount St. Mary's University**

**-<https://msmary.edu/alumni-and-friends/why-i-give/endowment-builders-scholarships.html>**

**-*William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship***

- Established in 2001 for minority retention. The scholarship provides financial support for promising minority students to take part in academically enriching experiences and stay on course for graduation. Awarded to students who intend to permanently reside in the United States after graduation.

**-Purdue University:**

**-*Actuarial Diversity Scholarship***

- This scholarship award recognizes and encourages the academic achievements of full-time undergraduate minority students pursuing a degree that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession

**-*Albert W. Dent Graduate Student Scholarship***

- Sponsored by the American College of Healthcare Executives, this scholarship is for minority students in the final year of a full-time health care management graduate program.

**-*American Chemical Society Scholars Program***

- Renewable scholarships are available for underrepresented minority students who are majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines and who intend to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields.

**-*Leon Bradley Scholarship Program***

- The American Association of School Personnel Administrators sponsors this scholarship to encourage more minorities to enter teaching and school leadership roles.

**-Thomas Aquinas College:**

**<https://www.aquinas.edu/life-aq/center-diversity-inclusion/center-diversity-inclusion-scholarships>**

**-*Stella Ferris Memorial Scholarship***

- This scholarship was established in memory of Stella Ferris, who graduated from Aquinas College in 1988 and from 1989 through 2002 worked as its multicultural director. Trips with Aquinas students took her to Haiti, Mexico and Appalachia to serve others in need. This scholarship is offered annually to minority Aquinas College students who demonstrate caring and consideration towards service learning projects.

**-*Father Bernard A. Hall Memorial Scholarship***

- This scholarship was established in memory of the Rev. Bernard Hall, a Catholic priest who helped establish the African American Apostolate for Grand Rapids.

- It is offered annually to minority non-traditional Aquinas College students who have an interest in theological studies and other human service programs, i.e., pastoral ministry, social work, nursing, teaching.

*-Myrtle Moore Memorial Scholarship*

- This scholarship was created in loving memory of Mrs. Myrtle Moore by Peter M. Wege. It offers financial assistance to minority Aquinas College students who demonstrate caring and consideration towards others.

*-Noel P. and Dorothy A. Fox Scholarship*

- This scholarship was established in 1990 by the late U.S. District Court Judge Noel P. Fox and his wife Dorothy. This scholarship is designed to assist minority students with demonstrated financial need. Candidates must show evidence of community leadership and involvement and be making satisfactory academic progress towards a degree. To be eligible for annual renewal, the awardee must carry a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and continue community service.

*-Harry J. and Beatrice I. Kelley Memorial Scholarship*

- This scholarship was established by the Kelley family in memory of their parents and brother, Harry J. Kelley. It is designed to assist an Aquinas College minority student with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to a resident of Grand Rapids. The amount varies from year to year.

*-Raymond K. Tardy Memorial Scholarship*

- This scholarship is meant to assist Aquinas College students from Kent County Michigan, particularly those of minority status, who wish to pursue a career in social service and/or education. Recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0, make satisfactory academic progress, and demonstrate financial need. This scholarship may be renewed at the discretion of the Office of Financial Aid.

*-Charles L. and Lita K. Wimbley Scholarship*

- This scholarship was developed to assist African-American students primarily from the greater Grand Rapids area and Kalamazoo, Michigan, area schools with financial support to pursue an undergraduate degree at Aquinas College. Recipients must possess evidence of high integrity, Christian values, and leadership. Recipients must also be in good academic standing. Final determination is made by the Office of Financial Aid.
- Application and Selection Process:
- Interested students can apply online using "Award Spring" located on the financial aid website.
- The above scholarships are supported by specific donors and awarded as funds are available.
- After applying, a selection committee, made up of Aquinas faculty and staff, will oversee the award selection.
- These scholarships are open to both traditional and adult students unless noted.

## **-University of Dallas**

### **-National Hispanic Scholars Program**

<https://udallas.edu/admissions/undergrad/scholarships/national-hispanic.php>

- The National Hispanic Scholars Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000 per year, is offered to the top high school senior Hispanic scorers on the PSAT who have earned a 3.0 or higher grade point average. This award can be used in addition to an Academic Achievement Scholarship, but when combined cannot exceed the cost of tuition. The National Hispanic Scholars Scholarship can be used for eight consecutive semesters. Students must submit an application for admission by March 1st to be eligible for the award. Additionally, a copy of the letter or certificate officially declaring National Hispanic Scholar status must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid.

## **-University of Delaware:**

### **- Center for Black Culture Educational Enrichment Scholarship**

- In 2006, the Center for Black Culture (CBC) Educational Enrichment Scholarship (formerly CBC scholarship) was created to offer need-based financial assistance to Black students for books, study abroad, and, at times, tuition. Typical awards range from \$300 – \$500 and can be used toward the current or next academic semester. Award recipients will receive an invitation to provide an impact statement after receiving the award.

### **-African Violet Memorial Award**

- This annual \$1,000 Memorial Award was established by the ladies initiated through the Mu Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated to honor the memory of deceased members by enabling female, undergraduate students to carry on their legacy of scholarship, public service, and leadership.
- Requirements:
  - demonstrate interest in public service and leadership
  - be a female undergraduate student from an underrepresented group
  - be a rising freshman, sophomore, or junior with full time status
  - have a 2.75 GPA or higher
  - be a U.S. Citizen/Resident

### **-Other Resources offered by University of Delaware:**

- Africana Studies – The Black American Studies Program, later renamed the Africana Studies Program, began in 1971 after students from the Black Student Union occupied the university's Student Center for two days in 1968 demanding more diverse programs and curriculum. The program currently offers 3 major concentrations and a minor within the department, including Africana Gender Studies; Law, Public Policy, and Social Justice; as well as Africana Art, Literature, and Cultural Studies.
- ASPIRE – The Academic Support Inspiring Renaissance Educators (ASPIRE) is a student-centered program that is dedicated to supporting diverse students interested in

pursuing careers in education. ASPIRE hosts workshops and supports its members by providing various academic and wellness resources. Interested students may apply to join.

- RISE – Since 1972 the Resources to Insure Successful Engineers (RISE) Program identifies academically talented minority students, and provides a supportive atmosphere to enhance their success in attaining an engineering degree. Their goal is to assist students in obtaining and maintaining GPAs of 2.5 or above through graduation and provide supportive services to promote academic success and career readiness. RISE offers Engineering tutoring for certain engineering courses in addition to academic scholarships to promote student success.

## **PART II. What are Schools that do not have Minority Student Scholarships doing to Promote Diversity Systemically at their Institutions**

### **-Boston College:**

- For academic studies they offer a Cultural course Diversity in the Core Curriculum, African and African Diaspora Studies, Asian Studies, Hispanic Studies, International Studies, Jewish Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies
- They also have the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center which supports the undergraduate community—with a particular focus on AHANA (people of African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American descent), multicultural, multiracial, and OTE students—in navigating college life and fulfilling their potential.

### **-Villanova:**

- They have the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion works to address issues of equity and justice throughout our community. Villanova continues to work proactively to expand our welcome to all, embracing diversity in its multitude of forms, including race, gender, ability, ideology, orientation and socioeconomic status.
- They also have The Office of Intercultural Affairs provides and supports programming that enhances the experience of underrepresented students, develops cultural competency and creates spaces for inclusive engagement.
- They also have REACH's which their mission is to create relationships with Philadelphia high school students to encourage academic excellence and promote professional and personal growth. Members expose Philadelphia youth to the realities of being a minority on a college campus and teach the necessary skills needed to enroll in higher education.

### **-St. Joseph's University**

- They have The Office of Inclusion and Diversity promotes an institutional climate in which all members of the community understand their value and feel welcomed and

respected. The office serves as a social justice education, advocacy and action hub for the university.

**-University of Massachusetts - Amherst**

*Provides a list of 3rd party Scholarships for Students of Color*

<https://www.umass.edu/cmass/sites/default/files/pdfs/scholarships%20for%20SS%201.pdf>