



## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

# Additional Financial Aid Resources

Here are some suggestions of resources outside of the Foundation's scholarship programs that you can take advantage of to help finance your post-secondary education.

## Planning for College

Your first step in financing your post-secondary education is to complete the [FAFSA](#): the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form can be confusing, but you can use [NerdWallet's FAFSA Guide](#) if you need help navigating this process.

Learn more about preparing for college, types of financial aid, how to apply for aid, and how to manage the repayment of loans from [Federal Student Aid](#), an office of the U.S. Department of Education.

The [New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning](#) is a network of organizations with years of experience in helping families plan and pay for higher education.

The [New Hampshire Department of Education](#) has information available regarding questions relating to financial aid assistance or with the financial aid process.

The [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) is a government agency created to protect consumers by providing the information needed to make smart financial decisions, including in regards to education.

Not sure what you want to study? Complete the assessment at [Find Your Calling](#) to find fantastic careers and the education you need to achieve your goals.

Need to study up for your SATs so you can get into a great school? [Kahn Academy](#) is a free online personalized learning resource for all ages that offers practice exercises and instructional videos.

[UP NEXT](#) is a free texting tool that offers personalized support with college search, application, federal student aid, and loan repayment through automatic text reminders.

The [American Association of Community Colleges](#) has a community college finder tool that may be helpful to students interested in a 2 year degree program.

[I'm First!](#) is an online community celebrating and supporting first-generation college students.

## Searching for Scholarships

Your college is the first place you should connect with when seeking financial aid. In addition to financial aid packages, many schools also offer talent scholarships that typically require a separate application. Head to your high school's guidance office and the local library to ask about local scholarship availability. You can also look for leads on local scholarships at rotary clubs, women's organizations, and your town's chamber of commerce.

Some employers offer tuition assistance for their employees, and sometimes even their employees' dependents. Ask your employer as well as the employers of your immediate family members what educational resources they have.

## National Scholarships

[Fastweb](#) and [Finaid](#) are scholarship search engines that can connect you to more than 1.5 million scholarships. Another great scholarship search tool is [ScholarSnapp](#).

Each year the [Jeannette Rankin Fund](#) awards scholarships to low-income women, ages 35 and older, who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents pursuing an undergraduate education at an accredited college or university in the United States.

[Phi Theta Kappa](#) is the world's largest and most prestigious honor society for two-year college students. More than \$37 million in scholarships is available exclusively to members each year.

The [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation](#) is a private, independent foundation dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need.

The [Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#) is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors in the U.S. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Scholarship America's [Dream Award](#) is a renewable scholarship fund for financially needy students in their sophomore year and beyond who have overcome barriers in order to pursue their college education.

## New Hampshire's Local Scholarships

- The [Community College System of New Hampshire](#): for students studying at New Hampshire's community colleges
- The [Franklin Savings Bank Scholarship Fund](#): for high school graduating seniors who attend the following high schools: Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Merrimack Valley, Newfound Regional and Winnisquam Regional
- The [Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund](#): for permanent residents of New England states with financial need that display academic achievement
- The [Alexander Eastman Foundation](#): for students in a health care field
- [Concord Hospital Trust](#): for nursing or allied healthcare students
- The [New Hampshire State Society of Washington, DC](#): for interns in Washington, DC

- The [New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters](#): for students pursuing a career in over-the-air broadcasting
- The [New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers](#): for engineering students
- The [Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors](#): for residents of Greater Manchester and Nashua
- The [New Hampshire Food Industries Education Foundation](#): for dependent children of full-time employees of firms that are members of the New Hampshire Grocers Association or part-time employees at a New Hampshire location of a NHGA member
- The [New Hampshire Troopers Association](#): for members and their dependent children
- The [New Hampshire Police Association](#): for members and their dependent children
- The [New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police](#): for children of New Hampshire police officers and students interested in a law enforcement career
- The [New Hampshire Long Term Care Foundation](#): for long-term care employees
- The [New Hampshire Farm Bureau](#): for students in agriculturally related fields
- The [New Hampshire Pharmacists Association](#): for student pharmacists
- [New Hampshire Good Roads](#): for University of New Hampshire engineering students interested in a career in a highway related industry
- [The New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association](#): for veterinary students
- The [Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation](#): for residents of the Lakes Region.
- The [Mortgage Bankers and Brokers Association of New Hampshire, Inc.](#): for MBBA-NH member Company employees, their children, and their grandchildren
- The [New Hampshire School Library Media Association](#): for to students working toward a school library degree or certification
- The [New Hampshire Physical Therapy Association](#): for physical therapy students
- The [New Hampshire Music Educators Association](#): for music education students
- The [NH Coalition to End Homelessness Hope Starts Here Scholarship Fund](#): for students currently living in NH who have experienced homelessness
- The [New Hampshire Department of Education](#) offers a scholarship program for students aged 16-25 who lost a parent while serving in the armed forces
- The [American Legion Department of New Hampshire](#) administers a number of scholarship programs for New Hampshire students
- [PLAN NH](#)'s scholarship and fellowship program recognizes outstanding New Hampshire students studying architecture, landscaping, studio art, engineering, interior design, construction, environmental science, and community planning

## Tuition Assistance

- New England students are eligible for a tuition discount through the [New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break](#) program if they enroll in an approved major that is not offered by the public colleges and universities in their home-state
- University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire have partnered with the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families to provide a [tuition waver program for foster children students](#).

- [Army ROTC](#), [Air Force ROTC](#), and [Navy ROTC](#) programs offer merit-based scholarships that can pay up to the full cost of tuition for students that complete military service after graduating. The [Coast Guard](#) also has a scholarship program for students that serve in the Coast Guard after graduating.
- [AmeriCorps](#) is a civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors engaging adults in public service work. Participants receive funds that can be used for tuition expenses or college loan forgiveness upon completion of the program.
- Teachers that complete a [Teach for America](#) program may qualify for national and regional scholarship and grants.
- [City Year](#) alumni are eligible to apply for an exclusive pool of over \$3 million in scholarships.

## Earn While You Learn

NH has many apprenticeship opportunities that compensate students as they learn a skill or trade. Check out the New Hampshire Department of Education's list of [state sponsored apprenticeship programs](#) or visit [ApprenticeshipNH](#)'s website to find a program near you.

## Job Training

The [Google IT Support Professional Certificate](#) is a six-course program designed to prepare students for an entry-level role in IT support in eight to 12 months. For a limited time, Google is providing full financial assistance for qualified US residents who need support.

## Repaying Student Loans

- To estimate your student loan payments after graduation, use a loan calculator like the one provided by [Mapping Your Future](#).
- Unsure of how much student debt you have? The [National Student Loan Data System](#) is the U.S. Department of Education's (ED's) central database for student aid.
- The [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#) forgives the remaining balance on some federal loans for employees of government or not-for-profit organizations.
- The [New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program](#) provides funds to health care professionals working in areas of the State designated as being medically underserved and who are willing to commit and contract with the State for a minimum of three years (or two if part-time).
- If you are having trouble managing your loan payments each month, you may want to consider [consolidating your federal loans](#). If you also have private loans, you need to follow a separate process to [consolidate your private loans](#).

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is the largest provider of publicly available scholarship in New Hampshire, awarding more than \$5 million to 1,500 students each year. We are committed to finding and funding the most promising students with the greatest financial need.