

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TIPS

(also available on the [College Planning page of our office's web page](#), under [General Information](#))

We realize that Federal Student Aid may not always be sufficient to help cover your educational expenses (Please read *An Important Message from the Director* on our office's homepage: <http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/>). Students attempting to earn scholarships and grants in order to assist them with their higher education expenses may find the following information helpful.

Most scholarships and grants come from the following sources:

1. **PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:** Students may locate scholarship and grant information from a variety of independent sources. Our office has compiled some useful websites and search engines, which can help to facilitate the search process for external grants and scholarships. You may access these resources using the following link: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen_info/grant_scholarships.cfm. Please read the Frequently Asked Questions and answers on that page, especially our **Disclosure Statement** then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the following resources:
 - Project 2010
 - 200 Free Scholarships for Minorities
 - Black College Dollars (search engine from Sallie Mae)
 - Scholarship Search Tips (from Sallie Mae)
 - Graduate Opportunities
 - Black Excel
2. **STATE HIGHER EDUCATION AGENCIES:** Students who are non-residents of Virginia can also conduct research with their respective state of permanent residence in order to see if state assistance for study is available while attending school here in Virginia. Interested students may check the following link on our website for more information: http://www.hamptonu.edu/studentservices/financialaid/gen_info/college_planning.cfm. (select *State Higher Education Agencies*).
3. **DEPARTMENTAL AID:** Departmental aid may be available to assist you. Therefore, we strongly encourage all students to double check with their respective department to see if there is any additional financial assistance available. *Please note that the chairperson or dean is most qualified to determine your eligibility status for departmental awards; providing that funding is available.
 - <http://www.hamptonu.edu/academics/> (select your major department)
4. **INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS:** All students who have demonstrated financial need based on the FAFSA, are in academic good standing with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 are subject to consideration for institutional awards handled by our office. *Please keep in mind that the aid offered by our office does not require an additional application from interested students. For institutional awards, providing there is available funding, our office will select and contact potential candidates concerning the award and specific requirements. Typically, these awards are made during the late Summer term into the ensuing Fall semester. *Because there is a finite number institutional awards, our office makes no guarantees that they will be available from year to year. If there is funding availability and student is still eligible for award, student may be eligible for award renewal.
5. **HU MERIT:** Continuing undergraduate students may be eligible for the HU Merit Award providing they meet the following requirements:
 - have attended Hampton University full-time for at least the Fall and Spring of the prior academic year
 - have achieved at least a cumulative 3.3 grade point average
 - FAFSA was completed, submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and received by our office on or prior to the March 1st Priority Consideration deadline

(Disclosure Statement) Federal Student Aid Guidelines require schools to include various types of aid, as part of the student's estimated financial assistance when packaging his/her financial aid award. All categories of students are required to report all instances of expected aid to the Financial Aid Office. **Failure to do so could result in the reduction, retraction or even cancellation of some or all of the student's financial aid award, possibly leaving the student with a balance owed to the University.** (please refer to the *Scholarship FAQ* webpage on our website for a list of financial aid types which must be reported to our office)