

Financial Aid Resources

[<http://www.college-scholarships.com>]

Visitors to this site will find links to ten FREE online scholarship searches, college admissions and financial aid office email addresses and toll free numbers, links to college websites and online applications (by state), a free college admissions and scholarships email newsletter, and a list of the web's best college and scholarships websites. <![endif]>

Black Excel: The College Help Network [<Http://www.BlackExcel.org>]

A college admission and scholarship service for African-Americans. Includes an updated 350+ Scholarship List, a personalized College Help Package, a quarterly newsletter and a reference guide to 143 Historically Black Colleges.

CASHE (College Aid Sources for Higher Education) [<search.cashe.com>]

From the SallieMae people, CASHE is a comprehensive source of financial aid resources for college scholarships. It's easy to use and delivers quick results.

College Zone [www.collegezone.com]

The web site for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. With separate zones for students, parents, and guidance professionals (counselors, financial aid administrators, and lenders), College Zone is the complete college planning resource. Accessible anytime of the year, anywhere there is Internet access, students and parents can plan, find and apply for, and finance college.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

[www.ma.uip.edu/Pueblo/financial_forum/chci.html]

The CHCI has developed one of the most complete and concise collections of Hispanic-specific financial aid information currently available. By calling **toll free, 1-800-EXCEL DC**, students have access to more than 200,000 resources. CHCI assembles a comprehensive college financial aid strategy, based on the student's particular field of interest. There is no charge for this service and bilingual assistance is available.

EFC Estimation Form [www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/estimate.html]

Estimates the family contribution using either federal methodology or typical institutional methodology.

FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov]

Use this online form to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

You must complete and submit this application to apply for Federal Student Aid.

FastTrack [www.ed.gov/]

Provides detailed information about financial assistance that is available from the U.S. Department of Education. The Department's Student Financial Assistance Programs will provide approximately \$38 billion in Pell Grants, student loans, and other aid to over 8.2 million students.

FastWeb [www.fastweb.com/]

FastWeb is a loan- and scholarship-locator site that allows you to set up a personalized profile and then searches the Web for matching sources of financial aid. Has a searchable

database of more than 180,000 private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans.

Saves a student's profile and emails new sources of private merit aid to their "mail box" on line.

Financial Aid Information Page [www.finaid.org/]

Top quality home page from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

of links to many financial aid related sites, ranging from institutions to government to scholarships to scam alerts. The EFC estimator and the access to Fast Web are also highlights of this site. Most of the Financial Aid pages listed here are linked from this page.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund [www.hsf.net]

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (NHSF) is the largest Hispanic scholarship organization in

the U.S. The NHSF annually raises funds and awards scholarships to outstanding Hispanic-American undergraduate and graduate students selected through national application and regional review procedures. Since its inception in 1975, the NHSF has awarded more than 40,000 scholarships totaling nearly \$48 million.

Peterson's Resources: Financing Education [www.petersons.com/resources/finance.html]

Features articles on financial aid, scholarship myths, tips and trends in financial aid, glossary of financial aid terms, help in paying for college, and college financial aid information. Also provides a new scholarship search of over 850,000 college scholarships, awards, grants, and prizes.

Sallie Mae [www.salliemae.com/]

Sallie Mae's college planning calculators are now available in two forms. You can use them live, on the Internet, or you can download the CollegeCalc software and use the calculators and key information from the site off-line. The CollegeCalc software will run under Windows 3.1, 3.11, or 95. This site also offers seven different types of college planning calculators: forecasting college cost; savings calculators; expected family contribution calculator; estimating borrowing needs; accrued interest calculator; monthly budget calculator/worksheet; repayment estimator.

SRN Express (Scholarship Resource Network) [www.srnexpress.com]

Scholarship Resource Network Express is a search engine and database of private scholarships designed to assist students to identify sources for undergraduate through

postgraduate study. This database also includes student loan forgiveness for those who have graduated from college and need alternatives for repayment. SRN contains more than 8,000 programs with a distribution level of over 150,000 awards worth a total of more than \$35 million.