

SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

Boren ~ For up to one year of study outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
www.iie.org/nsep

Goldwater ~ For up to two years of support for the study of math, computer science, or engineering.
www.act.org/goldwater

Udall ~ For students with career plans related to environmental policy or Native American students interested in health care and tribal policy. www.udall.gov

FOR GRADUATE STUDY

Boren ~ For up to two years of study of languages, cultures and regions critical to U.S. security. May include domestic and/or international components.
www.iie.org/nsep

Cooke ~ Largest single award for graduate study of up to six years in any field. Requires demonstrated financial need.
www.jackentcookefoundation.org

Fulbright ~ For one year of research or study in a foreign country working on a proposed project or teaching English.
www.us.fulbrightonline.org

Gates ~ For up to three years of study at Cambridge University in any field.
www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk

Hertz ~ Supports five years of study at a participating university in the applied sciences leading to a Ph.D.
www.hertzfoundation.org

Javits ~ For up to four years of study leading to an M.F.A. or a Ph.D. in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.
www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits

Madison ~ For two years of study leading to an M.A. and a secondary school teaching career in American history and government. www.jamesmadison.com

Marshall ~ For two years of study at any university in the United Kingdom in any field. www.marshallscholarship.org

Mitchell ~ For one year of study at any eligible institution in Ireland or Northern Ireland in any field.
www.us-irelandalliance.org/scholarships

National Defense Science and Engineering ~ For three years of study toward a Ph.D. in mathematics, science, or engineering. www.asee.org/ndseg

National Science Foundation ~ For three years of study of science, math, engineering or behavioral and social sciences research leading to a Ph.D. www.nsf.gov

Rhodes ~ For two or three years of study at Oxford University in any field.
www.rhodesscholar.org

Truman ~ For up to three years of study leading to a career in government or other public service. www.truman.gov

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



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WHAT ARE NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS?

These prestigious scholarships honor the nation's most exceptional students. They provide substantial financial support for tuition, fees, travel, and a generous stipend for continued study.

While some national scholarships target the sciences or the humanities, most are open to any major. Although there are a few generous scholarships available to undergraduate students, the majority involve post-baccalaureate study. National scholarships at both levels often include study overseas.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

All of these national scholarships are highly competitive and generally require a minimum grade point average of 3.75 or higher. In addition to academic excellence, each scholarship looks for students who have outstanding records of service, leadership, and research.

Assess and reflect upon your credentials and goals to determine which scholarships best fit your situation. If it looks like you could reasonably compete, summon up the courage to apply. Why should you be the person who rejects your application?

EARLY PREPARATION

Early preparation is key to your success! Involvement in service activities, internships, research, and study abroad, as well as careful course selection, are critical components of your preparation.

If you are considering applying for any nationally competitive scholarship, your preparation can begin as soon as you come to campus your freshman year.

The following strategies can help you become a strong candidate for national scholarships:

- Get to know faculty members, academic advisors, and others who may write letters of recommendation or offer guidance
- Become involved in extra-curricular activities and seek leadership roles
- Obtain experience in your field via community service, internships, or work
- Seek opportunities to do undergraduate research in your field
- Pursue academic excellence and engage your professors in challenging classes
- Expand your knowledge of the world by exposing yourself to a wide variety of perspectives on people, places, and events.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

The process of applying for these scholarships can seem overwhelming. In addition, some scholarships require that you are nominated by your institution. As a result, students often need support and guidance throughout the entire scholarship process. SDSU's National Scholarships Coordinator can assist by providing:

- Further information on scholarships
- Help in the preparation of your application, including feedback on essays
- Support in securing strong letters of recommendation
- Assistance in interview preparation through mock interviews

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