

# Educational Funding Options

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- 1. National Merit Scholarships** – U.S. academic scholarships funded through the private, non-profit organization, The National Merit Scholarship Corporation. About 50,000 scholarships are awarded nationwide every year. The purpose of the scholarship is “to identify and honor academically talented U.S. high school students, to stimulate increased support for their education and to provide efficient and effective scholarship program management for organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships.” ([www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org))
- 2. Institutional Academic Scholarships** – Academic scholarships given out to all who meet the requirements. These scholarships are regulated by each CES institution.
- 3. Institutional Talent Awards** – Awards and Scholarships given out by each institution’s departments. The award amount, requirements, and recipients are all governed by the department. Typically, students need to be working toward a degree in that department. Often, additional portfolios, auditions, or essays are necessary.
- 4. Institutional Private Awards** – Awards given to students at CES schools from a private sponsor.
- 5. On-campus Student Employment** – Students working for a CES institution or CES department. Students need to be taking a minimum number of credits to be eligible to work on campus. The minimum number of credits is regulated by each institution. Students are only eligible to work up to 20 hours during fall and winter semesters and are typically placed in 3 or 4 hour shifts.
- 6. Off-campus Student Employment** – Working at a company that is not associated with any of the CES institutions.
- 7. Institutional Short-term Loans** – Each CES institution grants students loans to allow the student to have more time to pay their tuition. Short-term loans are typically due about halfway through the semester or term they were borrowed for.
- 8. Federal Pell Grants** – Money given from the government to students who qualify. This money does not need to be paid back. For more information, please visit the institution’s Financial Aid Office, [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov), or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.
- 9. Federal ACG Grants** – Government-funded grant awarded to undergraduate students in their first or second year of school as a degree-seeking student. Students need to have a GPA of at least a 3.0/4.0 to qualify. This grant provides up to \$750 for freshmen and up to \$1300 for sophomores. For more information, please visit the institution’s Financial Aid office or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.

**10. Federal Smart Grants** – Government-funded grant providing up to \$4,000 for each of the third and fourth years of undergraduate study, in addition to Pell Grants. The applicant needs to have a least a 3.0/4.0 and be enrolled in one of the eligible majors. For more information, please visit the institution’s Financial Aid Office, or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.

**11. Federal Stafford Subsidized Loans** – Government loans granted to students. This money will need to be paid back, but only when the student has not been taking classes for six months. The government pays the accruing interest while the student is still in school. For more information, please visit the institution’s Financial Aid Office, or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.

**12. Federal Stafford Unsubsidized Loans** – Government loans granted to students. This money will need to be paid back, but only when the student has not been taking classes for six months. The government does not pay the accruing interest while the student is still in school. For more information, please visit the institution’s Financial Aid office or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID.

**13. Federal PLUS Loans** – Also titled the *Sallie Mae Federal Parent PLUS Loan*, this is a government-funded, low-interest loan to help pay for college expenses of undergraduate, dependent children. (<http://salliemae.com/>)

**14. Military Scholarships** – Over \$300 Million in scholarship money awarded to those who are service members, veterans, and family members. (<http://education.military.com>)

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**I. Utah New Century Scholarships** – A Utah scholarship that is “awarded to high school graduates who have accelerated their education process and have completed the requirements for an associate degree prior to September 1 of the same year they would normally graduate with their high school class.” (<http://www.rules.utah.gov>) For more information, visit [www.utahnewcentury.org/](http://www.utahnewcentury.org/)

**II. Idaho Promise Scholarship** –

**Category A:** Approximately 25 \$3,000 scholarships given to Idaho residents who are academic scholars and professional-technical students in an Idaho college or university. The scholarship may be renewable for up to three or four years. Academic applicants must have at least a 3.5 GPA and a 28 on the ACT; Professional-technical applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA and take the COMPASS test.

**Category B:** A scholarship given to Idaho seniors attending an Idaho college or university. Recipients must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a 20 on the ACT. They must also be enrolled in at least 12 credits for the first enrolled semester and be under the age of 22. This scholarship provides approximately \$250 per semester for up to four semesters as long as at least a 2.5 GPA is maintained.

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**I. Utah UCOPE Work Study Program** – A state-funded, need-based, and work-study program that allows for students to gain meaningful work experiences in the area of their major while also earning money. The UCOPE program is processed and monitored through each institution's Financial Aid Office. <http://www.utah.gov/governor/index.html>

**II. Idaho Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship** – A scholarship up to \$3,000 for full-time students attending a qualified Idaho institution and working toward an AA or bachelors degree in Education with either a bilingual or ESL endorsement. This scholarship is providing the funding to ultimately place qualified Bilingual, ESL, and Native American teachers in Idaho School District classrooms.

**17. Community Scholarships** – Various scholarships given to students by organizations in the surrounding community.

**18. Western Regional Scholarships** – Scholarships given by several organizations located in the western region of the United States. These include Coca-Cola and other multicultural organizations.

**19. National Scholarships** – Scholarships given from various organizations to provide U.S. citizens with educational opportunities.

**20. Scholarships: Parents' Employment** – Money received through the employment of the student's parents to fund their child's education.

**21. Parent's Contribution** – Money from the student's parents to fund their education.

**22. Student Summer Employment** – Students working during the summer to earn money for their education and to allow valuable studying time during the school year.

**23. Student's Lifetime Savings** – Money accrued through the student's lifetime of earning and saving for their own education.

**24. Other Family Contributions/Loans** – Money received through other family members or other methods to fund the student's education.