General Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Xavier University of Louisiana has traditionally offered the opportunity of a college education to academically qualified students regardless of the financial resources of the student or the student's family. Although Xavier feels that the student and family have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of a college education, the University is prepared to provide financial assistance. In fact, over 80 percent of Xavier students receive some type of financial assistance.

If you are a serious student, eager to make your maximum contributions in life, help is available at Xavier. The best possible financial aid package, one you can live with while completing your education, will be worked out among you, your parents and a financial aid counselor.

A Xavier education is well worth the financial investment.

Sources of Financial Aid Funds for Xavier financial assistance come primarily from four sources: 1) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2) STATE GOVERNMENT, 3) UNIVERSITY RESOURCES and 4) PRIVATE PROGRAMS

The federal government supplies the majority of financial aid. Federal Grant programs include: Pell Grants and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG). Loan programs include Perkins Loans, Direct Loans, Unsubsidized Loans and Parents Loans (PLUS). The Federal College Work/Study Program provides a job for students to earn aid.

The State of Louisiana offers the Tuition Opportunity Program (TOPS) for qualified graduates of Louisiana high schools. See your Louisiana high school counselor for information.

How to Apply for Financial Aid All students must apply for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine their eligibility for aid (including all loans). The financial aid application forms may be obtained from your high school counselor's office or the Office of Financial Aid at Xavier. Forms must be completed by the students and their parents and mailed to the need analysis service. Forms can also be obtained and completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. List Xavier's code (002032) on the form in order for us to receive the result of your analysis.

You must apply for admission to be considered for financial aid. If you think you will need aid, you must apply for it.

The Financial Aid Office at Xavier will assist you as you go through the financial aid application process.

When to Apply for Aid You should file for financial aid as soon as possible after January 1st. As a result of filing, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within eight weeks. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully. Give yourself the best chance by applying early. Students and parents may apply for financial aid via the World Wide Web at the address: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships Each applicant to Xavier is automatically considered for a merit-based Xavier University Scholarship at the time of application for admission. The competitive scholarship offers are based primarily on the high school academic record and ACT or SAT scores.
There are also music, art and other departmental scholarships available to qualified students. The Athletics Department offers scholarships in basketball, tennis, and cross country.

Applicants are encouraged to seek out and apply for scholarships that are available through private sources such as clubs, churches, sororities, fraternities, and other organizations and agencies in their communities.

**SOURCES** By popular demand, we have compiled the following list of scholarships. Students interested in the scholarships should contact the indicated sources directly.

1) **Gates Millennium Scholarships**---Go to: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)  The Gates Millennium Scholarship is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need. The scholarship will cover room, board, and tuition for at least 1,000 high school students a year. Application deadline is January 13, 2016. Please go to website for additional details and deadlines.

2) **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship**---Go to: [www.JackieRobinson.org](http://www.JackieRobinson.org) - The award: up to $24,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable. Academic merit, leadership, community service are the criteria, all fields of study can apply. Application deadline is February 15, 2016. Details at website.

3) **The College Fund/UNCF Scholarships**---Go to: [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org) – Click on “For Students” then on “Scholarships”. The UNCF is one of our major scholarship gateways. The awards are of varying amounts, and there are a great many under different names and requirements (Grandmet, Duracell, for example). The application deadlines vary. Details at website.

4) **Intel Science Talent Search**---Go to: [www.intel.com](http://www.intel.com) – Type “Intel Science Talent Search” into the search box. The award is from $7,500 to $150,000. There are approx. 40 awards in this prestigious competition. You must present a scientific research project. Details at website.

5) **Scholarships.com**---Go to [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) – This is one of the largest free and independent college scholarship and financial aid search engines on the internet. They also provide tips for choosing the right college. Please go to their website for details.

6) **Ron Brown Scholarships**---Go to: [www.RonBrown.org](http://www.RonBrown.org) - The award amounts to $10,000 per year. Leadership, community service, all fields. This is one of most prestigious scholarships and it’s very, very competitive. Application deadline is Jan. 9th. Please visit their website for more deadline and requirement details.

7) **NSBE Scholarships**-- Go to: [www.nsbe.org](http://www.nsbe.org) - Move the arrow over to “Students” and then click on “Scholarships”. This is primarily for engineering students, and others majoring in related disciplines. Awards range from $500 to $10,500. Deadlines vary and you must be a member of NSBE to qualify. Details at website.

8) **ARMY ROTC Scholarships**-- Go to: [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com) scroll down and click on “Scholarships”. Students must enroll in the Army ROTC program. Award amounts to full-tuition. Details at website.

9) **American Institute Of Certified Public Accountants Scholarships (AICPA)**. Go to: [www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org). Type the word “Scholarships” into the search box – This scholarship is for undergraduates studying accounting at a U.S. college. Deadlines vary. Go to website for GPA requirements and details.

10) **AXA Achievement Scholarships **--- Go to: [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) - The AXA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of AXA Equitable. The AXA Foundation sponsors the AXA Achievement Scholarship Program and awards 52 scholarships each year. The scholarships range from $10,000 to $25,000. Please go to website for more details.
11) Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarships—Go to: www.coca-colascholars.org/ - This is a major competition with over 250 awards going to "scholars," with academic, leadership, and talent qualities. Please visit their website for more details.

12) Sam Walton Community Scholarships—Go to www.foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/associate-scholarships/ - Selection of applicants is based on a combination of financial need, academic record, ACT/SAT test scores, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and work experience. Please go to website for more details.

13) Fastweb.com — Go to www.fastweb.com - This website allows students to create a profile and receive personalized scholarship and financial aid information based on your individual profile. Please visit their website for more details.

14) Xerox Technology Minority Scholarship--Go to: www.xerox.com and type in "Scholarships" in the search box. This is a good scholarship for strong minority students studying in areas like chemistry, engineering, physics, and "tech" areas. The award amount is up to $10,000 for undergraduates and more for graduate students. Go to website for details.

15) Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarships--Go to: www.aka1908.com - click on "Educational Advancement Foundation" - The Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation Inc. awards both merit and financial need scholarships. Note that there are over 700 AKA Chapters, and we encourage you to contact sorors at local locations as well. Go to website for more details.

16) NCAA Scholarships—(National Collegiate Athletic Association) Go to: www.ncaa.org - This is the major NCAA sports association student-athletes are associated with. Awards are given in all sports categories. Awards are also available for sports related study (like sports journalism). Deadlines vary, as do the number of awards each year. Please visit their website for more details.

17) Horatio Alger Scholarship Program—Go to: www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm - The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, adversity, financial need, and a good academic record. Students must have involvement in co-curricular or community activities. GPA requirements and award amounts vary depending on the scholarship. Go to website for details.

18) 100 Black Men of America, Inc.-- Go to: www.100blackmen.org/home.aspx - Move the arrow over to "Programs" and then click on "Education" - Students should have demonstrated high levels of academic achievement, good performance on college entrance exams and demonstrated leadership through extracurricular activities and community service. More information is available at their website.

19) NAACP Scholarships—Go to: www.naacp.org and click on “Scholarships” - In an effort to promote equal opportunity in education, the NAACP annually offers various scholarships to high school seniors. NAACP membership and participation are highly desirable. Deadlines and criteria vary depending on the different available scholarships so please visit the website for more details.

20) National Urban League Scholarship Program— Go to: www.nul.org and type in "Scholarships" in the search box or call (212)558-5300 for information. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to high school seniors who graduate in May or June.

21) The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) U.S. Scholarship—Go to: http://www.rmhc.org/ scroll down and click on "RMHC U.S. Scholarships"- These scholarships are offered to graduating U.S. high school seniors based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and community involvement. Please visit the website for more information.
22) Society of Women Engineers Scholarships— Go to: www.swe.org - Click on "Scholarships" - These scholarships are targeted for women who are majoring in engineering or computer science. Award amounts are from $1000 to $20,000. The deadlines vary depending on the type of scholarship, so please visit the website for more details.

23) Jack and Jill of America Foundation— Go to: www.jackandjillfoundation.org - Click on “Scholarships” - These scholarships are offered to high school seniors who will become and maintain full-time status at an accredited, post-secondary institution beginning in the fall of the year. The award amount is up to $2,500 and is applied toward tuition and room and board. Please visit the website for more details.

24) Buick Achievers Scholarship Program— Go to: buickachievers.com - This scholarship is for high school seniors and current undergraduates who are majoring in or plan on majoring in engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry. The award amount is up to $25,000 per year. Please visit the website for more details.

25) Jack Kent Cook Foundation Scholarship— Go to: www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/ - This scholarship is available to high school seniors with financial need who will be attending four-year colleges and universities. The scholarship amount is up to $40,000 per year and up to 40 scholarships are awarded each year. The application period is open from early September to early November. Please visit the website for more details.


Comments There are numerous other scholarships offered by churches, fraternities & sororities and other organizations in your local community. Your high school counselor could have information on these sources. Students should apply early and exercise diligence in seeking scholarships.

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