

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH



UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM

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FINANCIAL AID FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Many foreign students are not eligible to obtain student financial aid through the Department of Education. However, there are instances in which a foreign student can be eligible for financial aid from the U.S. government. To see if you are eligible, visit: [StudentAid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens).

FINDING PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Searching for Scholarships: Online

➤ **iGrad Scholarship Search: Free Through myCharger**

To access iGrad visit: <https://newhaven.igrad.com>. Along with many other financial wellness tools, iGrad gives you the option to enter search parameters that apply to you so your scholarship search can be more efficient. Create an account today!

➤ **Google Search (Or another Search Engine)**

Type into the google search bar specific qualities about yourself along with the word scholarship and see what you might find!

➤ **International Student**

International student is a website that allows international students to be able to search for scholarships. In order to use this tool to search for scholarships, you must create an account. Visit: <https://www.internationalstudent.com/>

➤ **MPOWERING Finance**

MPOWERING finances offers international scholarship information that may be helpful in reducing out-of-pocket costs. Start today by signing up and looking for scholarships. Visit: <https://www.mpowerfinancing.com/>

➤ **Eifa**

Eifa has a built-in scholarship search tool; there you can access a variety of international scholarships. To access this, you must create an account, to do so visit: <https://www.iefaf.org/scholarships>

➤ **Edu PASS**

Edu Pass offers various scholarships and shows other organizations and many websites containing international student scholarships. To access visit: <https://www.edupass.org/paying-for-college/scholarships/databases/>

Searching for Scholarships: Financial Aid Office

The University of New Haven's Financial Aid Office offers resources you can use during your scholarship search. Look through the scholarship binder to find any that apply to you. For more information:

- **Access the Financial Wellness page on [myCharger](#):**
 - Scholarship search tips
 - iGrad
 - Virtual Scholarship Binder
- **Be on the lookout for our Scholarship Spotlight Instagram posts**
 - [Instagram @unehavenfinwell](#)

Refining Your Search

How to find scholarships that apply to you:

➤ **Meet the requirements**

Read the qualifications carefully. Do not waste time applying for something you do not qualify for. Pay attention to the scholarships tailored to you. If you're unsure if you meet the qualifications, you can reach out to the organization.

➤ **Do not be afraid to ask**

Do not be afraid to ask anyone if they offer a scholarship. The worst that can happen is that they say “no.” A company may even consider offering a scholarship in the future!

➤ **What qualities make you special?**

It may be helpful to think of qualities that are specific to you. These qualities may be a part of the scholarship requirements (details like geography, demographics, athletic skills, artistic skills, leadership skills, etc.). They could also be useful to write about in essays.

Do not forget your affiliations. Are you or have you been a member of a club (professional group/sorority/fraternity), business (gym/bank), or specific group (girl/boy scouts)? What about your family members (Chamber of Commerce/Elks)?

➤ **Be on the lookout for scholarship scams**

- Filling out scholarships should cost you time, NOT MONEY! Although some legitimate scholarships charge fees, be wary of what these charges are. Do not pay to fill out scholarship applications.
- Be cautious of guarantees- No service can guarantee you will receive money.
- Do not give out overly personal information
- Get it in writing – if you win a scholarship, you should receive a letter on professional letterhead from the organization.
- Do your research – if you feel unsure, look it up to see if this is a valid organization or funding agency
- Contest Winner- Be cautious when receiving emails about being a finalist in a contest you never entered or randomly being selected by an international foundation to receive an award. Most organizations will only contact you after you have made an inquiry.
- High Success Rates- The rate is usually based on the percentage of students for whom the organization finds college scholarships.

Tips on Applying for Scholarships

Steps to completing your scholarship applications:

1. Organize your applications by deadline dates and requirements
2. Read the application to make sure you qualify
3. Solicit recommendations
4. Review your application to make sure you have included all your scholarship requirements
5. Write a scholarship-winning essay
 - Write a generalized essay

- Follow the rules
 - Have someone read your essay
6. Need Help? You can book an appointment with a Peer Educator through Navigate via the web or download navigate on your mobile device

Get Organized

Ways to stay organized when applying for scholarships:

- Use our scholarship organizer
- Create a separate folder or envelope for each scholarship (Order them by the Due Date!)
- Make a checklist of required documents for each scholarship: Essays, Recommendation Letters, Transcripts, etc.
- Add all scholarship deadlines to a calendar! Make sure you do not miss the due date!
- Gather all required documents and put them in the appropriate envelope/folder in the correct order as required by the scholarship agency
- Have a parent, teacher, or counselor check over your application to make sure it is ready to go out!
- Mail out your scholarship application

SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZER

Using an online scholarship search engine or one of the “out-of-the-box” scholarship ideas, list 10 potential scholarships that you could apply for:

Scholarship Name	Website/Contact Information	Deadline	Completed
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Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to meet with a peer educator regarding scholarship information, please make an appointment through Navigate via web or download Navigate on your mobile device.

The Financial Literacy Committee's mission is to provide students at the University of New Haven with valuable skills, knowledge, and resources to help them make informed and effective financial decisions for a lifetime of financial well-being. We offer engaging and relatable programs, events, and activities based on our students' money management skills and financial education needs. If you would like to know more, please click the [Link](#) and if you have any questions, please contact us.

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