

MAS MBC Funding Opportunities

PLEASE NOTE: Many of the scholarships and fellowships listed have application deadlines that fall at the same time as the MAS MBC Program application. Please pay close attention to all deadlines and requirements. We encourage students to apply early and broadly!

Click on the blue link for scholarship details.

[Hertz-Gates Fellowship](#)

Award Amount: \$34,000 + \$5,000 childcare stipend

Application: August-October

Eligible applicants for Hertz Fellowships must be students of the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America, and who are willing to morally commit to make their skills available to the United States in time of national emergency

[Women Divers Hall of Fame – Marine Conservation Scholarship](#)

Award Amount: \$2,000

Application: September-October

The Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and raising awareness of the contributions of outstanding women divers. WDHOF provides educational, mentorship, financial, and career opportunities to the diving community throughout the world. Each year, WDHOF awards scholarships and training grants that provide financial and educational support to individuals of all ages, particularly those who are preparing for professional careers that involve diving.

[National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#)

Award Amount: \$34,000

Application: October

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce of the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing full-time research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or in STEM education. The GRFP provides three years of support for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements in STEM or STEM education. NSF especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, persons with disabilities, veterans, and undergraduate seniors to apply.

[Native Agriculture & Food Systems Scholarship Program](#)

Award Amount: \$1,000

Application: October

The purpose of the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship Program is to encourage more Native American college students to enter these fields so that they can better assist their communities with these efforts. First Nations will award five \$1,000 scholarships to Native American college students majoring in agriculture and agriculture related fields, including but not limited to agribusiness management, agriscience technologies, agronomy, animal husbandry, aquaponics, environmental studies, fisheries and wildlife, food production and safety, food-related policy and legislation, food science and technology, horticulture, irrigation science, nutrition education, and sustainable agriculture or food systems.

[The American Association of University Women \(AAU\) Career Development Grants](#)

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$12,000

Application: November

For women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or reenter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period.

[The Explorers Club](#)

Award Amount: \$2,500

Application: November

The Explorers Club is proud of its history but also looks toward the future by recognizing the importance of new ideas and avenues of exploration. The Club is deeply committed to supporting the fieldwork of serious researchers and, as part of its public service commitment, supports exploration and field research for those who are just beginning their research careers.

[Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#)

Award Amount: \$25,000 + 50% tuition and fees

Application: November

Every year, the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans supports thirty New Americans, immigrants or the children of immigrants, who are pursuing graduate school in the United States. Each Fellowship supports one to two years of graduate study in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program in the United States.

[Witnessing Change Video Competition](#)

Award Amount: \$250-\$1000

Application: November

The 2018 Witnessing Change Video Competition is asking environmentally and community-oriented filmmakers to make short videos on climate impacts that are happening in the United States. The competition is the storytelling arm of the Climate Cost Project, which is working to increase awareness of the consequences of climate change that are already unfolding in American communities. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 dollar cash prize and have their video promoted by the Climate Cost Project and two runner-ups will each receive \$250.

[NOAA Nancy Foster Scholarship Program](#)

Award Amount: Up to \$42,000

Application: December 17

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding scholarship and encourages independent graduate-level research – particularly by female and minority students – in NOAA mission-related sciences of oceanography, marine biology, and maritime archaeology, including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas. Scholarship selections are based on academic excellence, letters of recommendations, research and career goals, and financial need.

[Beneath the Sea](#)

Award Amount: Varies, \$1000-1500

Application: December 30

Beneath the Sea scholarships are offered to young people in the 13-30 years of age range, provide financial assistance and encouragement to those who are interested in learning about and pursuing a marine-related career path. Six scholarships are offered each year.

Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship**Award Amount: \$2,000****Application: Early 2019**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) established this memorial scholarship in honor of its late long-time San Francisco branch member by the same name. NAACP makes 20 to 40 annual awards of \$2,000 via this educational assistance fund. To satisfy primary threshold eligibility requirements, applicants must be: 1) U.S. citizens; 2) younger than 25 years of age; 3) NAACP members in good standing; 4) demonstrate financial need based upon federal poverty guidelines; 5) currently or accepted for future enrollment in an accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institution.

Cobell Scholarship**Award Amount: Varies****Application: January-June**

Scholarships in various amounts are awarded to U.S. Federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native community members (students) who are vocational certificate-seeking or associate, bachelor, graduate and professional degree-seeking students in full-time, accredited, non-profit institutions in the US and who are able to demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA.

Garden Club of America – Coastal Wetlands Studies Scholarship**Award Amount: \$5,000****Application: January 15**

The award is a one-year scholarship for graduate studies in coastal wetlands and carries a stipend of \$5,000 to support field-based research. For the purposes of this scholarship, coastal wetlands are defined as those tidal or non-tidal wetlands found within U.S. coastal states, including the Great Lakes. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at a university within the United States, and must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Direct emails to gcawetlands@vims.edu

Mark J. Glancey and John G. Gray LGBT Scholarship**Award Amount: \$1,000****Application: January**

Annual scholarship open to LGBTQ students of any age attending undergrad or grad school the following year regardless of grades, academic program, or financial need. Applicants must submit a 550-word essay explaining career, academic and/or vocational goals.

Robert & Patricia Switzer Foundation**Award Amount: \$15,000****Application: January**

An award for emerging environmental leaders in the U.S. and around the world. Individuals enrolled in one-year Master's degree programs may apply prior to enrollment, but must be formally accepted into their program by May to be eligible for a Fellowship interview

MANA de San Diego Sylvia Chavez Memorial Scholarship**Award Amount: \$500-\$2,000****Application: February**

Scholarship for Latinas with permanent residence in San Diego County who are enrolled or about to enroll in a two-year, four-year, or graduate program. Must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Conchologists of America**Award Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500****Application: February**

The sponsor awards grants of between \$1,000-\$2,500 to support field or laboratory research on recent or fossil mollusks, and other molluscan related projects. Awards are made only to citizens or permanent residents of the Americas or to students attending graduate schools in the United States.

HENAAC Scholarship**Award Amount: \$500-\$10,000****Application: February**

HENAAC scholarship recipients continue to pave the way for future generations of Hispanics and lead by example to empower our communities and enhance our nation's professional technical workforce. In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants must demonstrate merit through academic achievements, leadership and campus/community activities; have a minimum 3.0 GPA; be pursuing a STEM-related degree and be of Hispanic origin and/or must significantly demonstrate leadership or service within the Hispanic community.

DAR American Indian Scholarship & Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship**Award Amount: \$4,000****Application: February 15**

The American Indians Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution awards this scholarship to Native Americans and is intended to help Native Americans students of any age, any tribe and in any state striving to get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. However, undergraduate students are given preference. All awards are judged based on financial need and academic achievement. Graduate students are eligible, however undergraduate students are given preference.

Bodie McDowell Scholarship**Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000****Application: March 1**

This scholarship is for outstanding graduate students pursuing professional careers in outdoor writing, radio and television; wildlife or outdoor photography, art, lecturing or video and filmmaking.

American Indian Education Fund**Award Amount: \$1,000-2,000****Application: March 1/ April 4**

The American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) program offers competitive graduate scholarships to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian students pursuing a Masters of Doctoral Degree.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund**Award Amount: \$500-\$5,000****Application: April**

The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college undergraduate or graduate degree. Awards are based on merit; amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the Scholars selected.

Emily M. Hewitt Memorial Scholarship & Stephen K Stocking Memorial Scholarship**Award Amount: \$2,500****Application: April 15**

To provide a monetary award for a promising California graduate student who has shown an educational and career commitment to the study of the environment, shows a commitment to communicate and interpret a love of nature, and an understanding of need to practice conservation.

[Association on American Indian Affairs](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: May

Undergraduate and Graduate scholarships are available to help Native American students attain a college education that will benefit not only them, but their families and communities. Scholarships are available before each semester and deadlines for applications are posted here in the Fall and Spring.

[Eugene Maughan Graduate Student – Western Division American Fisheries Society](#)

Award Amount: \$5,000

Application: May

Scholarship supports master's students in the general areas of fisheries science with one to three awards to individual students.

[American Academy of Underwater Sciences](#)

Award Amount: \$3,000

Application: June 30, annually

The American Academy of Underwater Sciences awards two \$3000 research scholarships to graduate students, engaged in, or planning to begin, a research project in which diving is or will be used as a principal research tool or study scientific diving.

[Robert L. Wiegel Scholarship for Coastal Studies](#)

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$4,000

Application: July

This scholarship honors a graduate student pursuing a Master's or Doctoral Degree at a California university or college whose work best exemplifies the passion for coastal science/engineering that has typified the career work of Robert L. Wiegel. A CSBPA subcommittee reviews the scholarship applications and grants the award to the student who produces the most outstanding research effort related to coastal problems in the marine environment.

[American Indian College Fund](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college students seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees at tribal colleges, nonprofit, and accredited schools.

[American Indian Graduate Center](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) offers more than 20 scholarships and fellowships that fund undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Students must be seeking a full-time degree at a nationally or regionally accredited higher education institution in the United States. All applicants must be able to demonstrate tribal affiliation through the submission of a Tribal Eligibility Certificate. Each opportunity has specific affiliation requirements, please review the specific criteria that you are applying for to ensure eligibility.

[Garden Club of America](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

The Garden Club of America offers 28 merit-based scholarships and fellowships in 12 areas related to conservation, ecology, horticulture, and pollinator research. In 2018, more than \$308,400 was awarded to 65 scholars.

[Intertribal Timber Council](#)

Award Amounts: Up to \$2,500

Application: Varies

Variety of scholarship programs and opportunities, with a special focus on Native American students interested in forestry, science, natural resources and management.

[Marine Technology Society](#)

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$8,000

Application: Varies

The Marine Technology Society, which “promotes awareness, understanding, advancement and application of marine technology” offers thousands of dollars in scholarships every year to students studying marine science, engineering, or technology.

[McNair Graduate Student Funding Opportunities](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

McNair participants are either first-generation college students with financial need, or members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and have demonstrated strong academic potential. The goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to increase graduate degree awards for students from underrepresented segments of society.

[NASA Harriett G Jenkins Fellowship Project](#)

Award Amount: \$18,000

Application: Varies

The JPPF aims to increase the U.S. talent pool of underrepresented groups, including women, ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities who receive Master's and Doctoral degrees participating in the STEM workforce.

[Papel Family Trust Scholarship](#)

Award Amount: \$2,500

Application: Varies

For students who identify as LGBTQ, or whose parent(s) identify as LGBTQ and have been accepted to graduate programs at an accredited institution

[Resources for the Future](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

As part of RFF’s commitment to research excellence, RFF promotes research and policy analysis on environmental and natural resource issues by supporting work at colleges, universities, and other institutions around the world.

[Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship](#)

Award Amount: \$1,500-3,000

Application: Varies

The Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship was established by Peggy Traub and Phyllis Dicker to encourage and support women-identified lesbians in their pursuit of higher education. This program provides one-year scholarships to those graduating high school or already enrolled in college in any year of study, including graduate school. Scholarships are paid directly to the recipient’s school and are applied toward tuition.

[Warren-Sanders-McNaughton Oceanographic Scholarship](#)

Award Amount: \$1,500

Application: Varies

This scholarship is awarded to women graduate students pursuing a degree in oceanography or related fields. There is no formal application; applicants should write a letter including two letters of recommendation, two references, transcripts, a statement of objectives and interest, and a description of the planned program at the educational institution the student will be attending.

International Student Funding Opportunities

[Fulbright Foreign Student Program](#)

The Fulbright Program for Foreign Students enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study and conduct research in the United States. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program operates in more than 160 countries worldwide. Approximately 4,000 foreign students receive Fulbright scholarships each year.

Program eligibility and selection procedures vary widely by country. Please [visit their website](#) to find information about the Fulbright Program in your home country, including eligibility requirements and application guidelines.

African Countries

[Edufrica Scholarship for African Students](#)

Edufrica Media, one of Africa's leading education media outlets and owners of scholarshubafrika.com is offering \$500 scholarships to African students overseas. The Edufrica Scholarship is an annual scholarship open to students in undergraduate, master's, MBA and PhD programmes within and outside Africa. See here for more details: [\(pdf\)](#) or [website](#).

Argentina

[Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas \(CONICET\)](#)

CONICET is an Argentine government agency which funds scientific research through grants, employing researchers and technicians, and providing scholarships for young researchers from Argentina and other countries.

India

[Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowship](#)

The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians to pursue a master's degree program at select U.S. colleges and universities. These fellowships are for highly motivated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, have at least three years professional work experience, and are committed to return and contribute to their communities. The fellowships are for one to two years.

May 15, 2019 - Application due date for 2020-2021 awards

Mexico

[Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia \(CONACYT\)](#)

CONACYT is Mexico's entity in charge of the promotion of scientific and technological activities, setting government policies for these matters, and granting scholarships for post graduate studies.

Scholarship Databases

[Bureau of Indian Education](#)

List of scholarship and funding opportunities for American Indian students

[Pathways to Science](#)

The mission of the Institute for Broadening Participation is to increase diversity in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workforce. We design and implement strategies to increase access to STEM education, funding, and careers, with special emphasis on reaching and supporting individuals from underserved communities and underrepresented groups, including underrepresented minorities, women, persons with disabilities, first generation college students, and students from underserved communities.

[Pivot](#)

Select “Main Search” and then type in a discipline (Marine biology, conservation, ocean science, etc) in the “All Fields” box. To refine your search further, choose additional qualifications in the requirements, citizenship, activity location, funding type, and sponsor boxes. If you get no results, eliminate some of the qualifications.

[Grants.gov](#)

Grants.gov lists all current discretionary funding opportunities from 26 agencies of the United States government, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and many others -- in other words, all the most important public funders of research in the United States. Grants.gov is free and does not require a subscription.

[National Science Foundation](#)

An independent federal agency, the U.S. National Science Foundation funds approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted at America's colleges and universities. This is the place to search for NSF funding programs. The NSF Web site is free and does not require a subscription. [See A Guide to NSF Success](#)

[US Department of Agriculture Web Portal](#)

A guide to grants, fellowships, and scholarships in international forestry and natural resources

[American Indian College Fund, Scholarship Portals](#)

Award Amounts: Varies

Application: Deadline Varies

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college students. This portal includes links and information for over 50 scholarship programs and funding opportunities designed to support Native American and underrepresented students.

[American Indian Graduate Center](#)

Award Amounts: \$1,000-\$30,000

Application: Deadline Varies

Building on a 50-year legacy, AIGC will continue to be the premier national resource in funding and empowering the next generation of Native leaders across all sectors, by meeting the unmet need of every Native American student.

[American Indian Science and Engineering Society](#)

Award Amounts: Varies

Application: Deadline Varies

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) helps students move forward in their educational journeys by providing a wide range of programs and scholarship opportunities. AISES scholarships help students acquire skills and training that will help them meet the unique STEM needs of our communities. We highly encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for! To apply, you must be an [AISES member](#).

[Education Coordinating Council – Scholarships for Black and Other Minority Students](#)

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving African American and other minority students is either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because the public has not been sufficiently made aware of their existence. The following is a list of these scholarships and their associated websites.

[Marine Science Scholarships – Scholarship.com](#)

Post-Graduate Opportunities

[Our World Underwater, Rolex Scholarship Society](#)

Award Amount: \$25,000

Application: October-December

Each Rolex Scholarship provides a hands-on introduction to underwater and other aquatic-related endeavors for a young person considering a career in an underwater-related discipline. One scholar is selected from each of the three regions and each scholar spends approximately one year working side by side with current leaders in underwater fields. Each scholar travels primarily within his or her region, but may have opportunities throughout the underwater world. The range of experiences may include active participation in field studies, underwater research, scientific expeditions, laboratory assignments, equipment testing and design, photographic instruction, and other specialized assignments.

**Must be between 21-26 years old*

** Applicants may be currently enrolled in a graduate program, but cannot have received a graduate degree*

[Zale Parry Scholarship, Academy of Underwater Arts & Sciences](#)

Award Amount: \$6,000

Application: Due September 15

To support students pursuing a career in ocean exploration, diving equipment technology, hyperbaric research or marine conservation.

**Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate school program in aquatic biology, ecology and other marine science related fields. Graduates do not qualify*

[Diving Medicine Scholarship, Academy of Underwater Arts & Sciences](#)

Award Amount: \$10,000

Application: Due September 15

The AUAS/DAN Diving Medicine Research Scholarship was established by the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences to encourage research on topics that expand the body of knowledge of human physiology in the marine environment.

[NOAA – Coastal Management Graduate Fellowships](#)

Award Amount: Varies

Application: Varies

This page provides information about fellowship opportunities for graduate students and recent recipients of master's, professional or doctoral degrees interested in coastal, marine, and environmental management or research.

[Switzer Leadership Grant Program](#)

Award Amount: \$25,000

Application: February

The Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation created the Leadership Grant Program to help advance the leadership capacity and professional careers of Switzer Fellows, and to give non-profit organizations, educational institutions and public agencies greater access to individuals with superior technical, scientific or policy expertise. Grants are awarded to organizations actively addressing environmental improvement through projects designed collaboratively with Switzer Fellows.

Many more post-graduate opportunities are sent to MAS MBC students throughout the year and available on our alumni networks!

Additional helpful hints on the search process: <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>