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I.SCHOLARSHIPS FOCUSED ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE FOR A DIVERSE AMERICA – JUNIORS

Welcome to the 2020-2021 LEDA Scholars Application!

LEDA is searching the nation for the next Cohort of 100 exceptional students to become LEDA Scholars. We're excited that you have chosen to apply and are here to support you through the application process.

The Application Process:

The application process consists of **three rounds**. The deadline for this round is **December 14th at 11:59 PM PST**.

After each round, an applicant's submitted material will be evaluated by LEDA staff and a decision will be made as to whether or not the applicant will advance to the next round. Applicants must successfully complete each round (Part I, Part II, and an interview) to be admitted to the LEDA Scholars Program. LEDA's review process is holistic, which means that all parts of an application will be considered before making a decision.

Who Should Apply?

1. Junior attending public high school in the U.S. graduating in 2022
2. U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status
3. Annual household income under \$90,000
4. Minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5

Successful Applicants Demonstrate:

1. A desire to be challenged academically
2. A strong commitment to their studies
3. A desire to be a leader in their families, schools, and communities
4. LEDA's core values of Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, and Community

LEDA Application Sections:

Biographical Information
High School Information
LEDA Survey
Academic Information Request
Teacher Recommendation Request
Activities
Writing Sample Upload
Photo Upload
Family Information
Academic Release
Essay Questions
Supplemental Information

Saving your Application:

1. Select the save and return later link (located at the top right and bottom right of the page).
2. Enter your email address and create a password. **Make sure to enter your email address correctly.** You will only be able to access your account with the exact email address and password you create. If you do not enter your email address correctly you will not be able to log back into your account.
3. You will receive an email with a link to resume your application. **Do not create a new application if you do not receive an email.** Contact recruitment@ledascholars.org and we will help you gain access to your account.
4. Follow the link provided in your email and enter the email and password you provided when saving your application.

Application Timeline:

September 9th: 2020-21 LEDA Application is open

December 14th: Final deadline at 11:59 PM PST

December-April: Applications are reviewed by the recruitment and admissions team

Early March: All Part I applicants are notified

End of March/Early April: All Part II applicants are notified and finalists are invited to participate in a virtual interview

Mid April: All remaining applicants are notified and 100 LEDA Scholars are admitted to the program

Application Help

For questions about the LEDA Scholars program, application, or application process please use this form to submit a help request: [Click here to submit a help request](#)

Social Media

Follow LEDA on Social Media!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LEDAScholarsProgram>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/leda_scholars

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/leda_recruitment/

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LEDAScholars>

For more information and to access the LEDA application, go [here](#).

CASE WESTERN UNIVERSITY HOSTS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PROGRAM

We are hosting a [Fall Diversity & Inclusion Virtual Program](#) on Saturday, Nov. 7 for high school seniors which includes a special event for their parents and guardians.

During this event, students will join current Case Western Reserve University students, staff and administrators to celebrate and learn more about diversity and inclusion at CWRU. Hosted virtually, we will offer a full day of sessions with opportunities for students to connect with future classmates, hear from campus leaders, learn about resources to support their CWRU experience and more. The day will conclude with a student dance showcase celebration!

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the [Panel for Families event](#) on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. EST. During this event parents and guardians will hear from CWRU admission counselors and other staff representatives to have their questions answered with a panel devoted to parents and guardians.

[Learn more about the Fall Diversity & Inclusion Virtual Program →](#)

Please share this invite with students and their parents or guardians who you think would be interested in attending.

FINZ & FINZ

Fighting Injustice Scholarship



Finz & Finz, P.C. is dedicated to fighting for justice on behalf of the clients that it so proudly represents. The next generation of lawyers stands at the threshold of a new world that will be built with innovative ideas and fresh perspectives. Accordingly, we want to hear from you – current and prospective law students – to spotlight the fight against injustice and uplift those who face unfair disadvantages.

To encourage students to share their ideas for fighting injustice – and to help secure the education and tools needed to bring about a better future – we are launching a scholarship fund, awarding \$1,750 in scholarships to three winners. The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- **First place – \$1000**
- **Second place – \$500**
- **Third place – \$250**

For more information, go [here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BLACK ALUMNI AFFINITY GROUP EVENTS

UGA Black Alumni Affinity Group Events

The UGA Black Alumni Affinity Group in partnership with the Office of Admissions is excited to invite you to two virtual panel events, namely, UGA Black Alumni Student Panels and Family Panels.

These virtual programs are designed to create a space for meaningful dialogue and hear about the experiences of Alumni and Parents at the University of Georgia. Both sessions are slated to last one hour.

For Students, the Black Alumni Student Panels will be held on the following dates and times:

- Monday, November 9 – 6:00 PM
- Thursday, December 3 – 6:00 PM

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

For Parents/Families, the Black Alumni Council Family Panels will be held on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, November 11 – 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 1 – 6:00 PM

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Scholarships & Grants for Women

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, total enrollment for women in higher education institutions increased by 21 percent during the last decade. There were 2.9 million freshmen who joined post-secondary education for the first time in 2019 and currently women constitute 56% of all enrolled college students. There are a number of great scholarships and grants available that women can apply for. Here are links to 11 great organizations that are offering scholarships or grants specifically to women applicants.

[P.E.O. Star Scholarship](#)

[AAUW Local Scholarships](#)

[The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting](#)

[Federal Student Aid TEACH Program](#)

[Educational Administration Scholarships](#)

[Future Health Professionals Scholarships \(HOSA\)](#)

[Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund](#)

[Nurse Corps Scholarship Program](#)

[Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship Program](#)

[Education Support Awards from the Patsy Mink Foundation](#)

[Graduate Women International Grants](#)

OBERLIN COLLEGE ADDS ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

Virtual Multicultural Visit Program (vMVP)

Due to popular demand, we have added a third virtual Multicultural Visit Program on November 13 and 14. Applications are due **Sunday, November 8**. [Learn more about the program](#) and how your students can experience the vibrancy and diversity of a top liberal arts college and conservatory of music that is supportive, intellectually challenging, engaging, and socially active.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

VERTO EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

At Verto Education, we're proud to be developing semesters that are more valuable, relevant, and impactful than ever before. Through the process of connecting to the world, sharpening their minds, and discovering themselves, Verto students emerge as the confident and worldly leaders we all need to navigate future challenges.

In this month's newsletter, we'll be showcasing our new partners, our brand new honors program, and our growing resource bank for students and higher education professionals. As a crucial part of our Verto community, thank you for your support. As we move toward Spring 2021, we invite you to innovate with us.

[Learn More](#)

Welcome, New Partners!

As The National Public Honors College, St. Mary's College of Maryland offers an undergraduate liberal arts education and small-college experience like those found at exceptional private colleges. St. Mary's offers an outstanding faculty, talented students, and world-class academics for Verto's worldly students!

Northern Michigan University is a dynamic four-year, public, comprehensive university. With award-winning leadership programs, cutting-edge technology initiatives and nationally recognized academic programs, Verto students can now continue their college careers at NMU!

Roger Williams University, a tight-knit community of citizen scholars, leaders, world travelers, athletes, environmentalists, artists, music fans, thinkers and doers, offers 40+ majors and is a vital part of the Rhode Island community. With 55 study abroad programs, it's a great fit for Verto's global citizens.

While Verto is no stranger to offering life-changing semesters for the best value, we're now more committed than ever to providing academically rigorous global semesters to our student body. Enter two initiatives to help students start college differently:

Change the World International Honors Program: Two semesters, a year of international immersion, full-time credits for honors-level academics, and one transformative capstone project. Tuition is offered on a sliding scale and is based on household income.

Verto Opportunity Grant: For qualifying families, students can receive up to \$10,000 in grant funding to attend a Verto semester in Latin America or Hawaii.

At Verto, students don't have to go it alone. We believe that high-quality education can be affordable and accessible for all students. That's why we're sharing our guide on all-things College Financial Aid to break the process down plainly and simply, step by step.

Keep Reading

Before you go ... Don't miss our Virtual Events!

Join us to learn more about Verto Education and the power of global education!

Verto's Open House Nov. 10

Go to [Verto Education](#) to explore the opportunities.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CRITICAL UPDATES

Test-Optional Admission for Fall 2021 & Fall 2022

Cincinnati is proud to take a test-optional approach to admission for the fall 2021 and fall 2022 terms. Students will select their "Test Plan Choice" on the Common Application. [Review UC's Test-Optional policy. >>](#)

November 6 Deadline to Change a Test Plan Choice

After submitting the Common App, students will be able to change their Test Plan Choice until November 6. [Learn how to change a Test Plan Choice. >>](#)

Application Fee Waiver: November 2-15

We have been able to remove the application fee for undergraduate students applying to any open term (including fall 2021) between now and November 15. If your students are applying through the Common Application, they will indicate in the first section of our member page that they'd like to take advantage of this opportunity.

DAAP Optional Portfolio Submission

Certain programs in the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP) now offer an optional portfolio review as part of the admissions process. [Read more about the DAAP optional portfolio guidelines. >>](#)

Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

The SRAR is a tool allowing applicants to self-report their courses, grades, senior schedule, test scores (if applicable), and other academic information. After submitting the Common Application, students can access their UC SRAR link on their Applicant Status page. [Review FAQs about the SRAR. >>](#)

Cincinnati Showcase

Juniors and seniors can learn about academics, student life, and admissions for all three UC campuses during this virtual "open house." Students can attend up to five, 15-minute breakout sessions of their choice. [Students can register for the Cincinnati Showcase, November 19, 4:00-6:30 PM EST. >>](#)

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS REDUCED TUITION FOR OUT OF STATE STUDENTS

[East Tennessee State University](#) is excited to announce a huge reduction in out-of-state tuition! ETSU is now competitive with the cost of college options in your home state.

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- Residents of [Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia](#) can attend ETSU for just **\$10,500 per year**.
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To celebrate the launch of the new tuition rate, throughout November ETSU is waiving the admission application fee for out-of-state students. [Your students can apply to ETSU for FREE!](#) **Your students can use this code to bypass the normal fee in the [online application](#): ETSUfree** This code will work until **Monday, November 30, at 5 p.m. Eastern Time**.

We invite your students to learn more about ETSU:

- Sign up for Nov. 7 [Virtual Open House](#)
- [Schedule a video call](#) with an admissions counselor
- Attend a virtual [ETSU Experience Event](#)
- Take a [Virtual Tour of Campus](#)
- Text Us at 423-455-5020

We also have some other important announcements:

- ETSU will be test-optional for 2021 admission**
- We will superscore ACT/SAT scores** for both admission and many scholarships

We are excited to offer your students a tuition that is competitive with the universities in your home state. The application for admission is free through the month of November! We look forward to [receiving your students' applications soon!](#)

Contact your students' [ETSU admissions counselor](#) for help if you have any questions:

Email: admissions@etsu.edu

Call: 423-439-4213

Text: 423-455-5020

Go Bucs!

Your ETSU Undergraduate Admissions Team

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA OUT-OF-STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Out-of-State Merit Scholarships for Fall 2021

TIER ONE OF BEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS	\$28,000	\$24,000	\$15,000
TIER TWO OF BEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$8,000
TIER THREE OF BEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

When a student submits the scholarship application, it is disseminated to all awarding departments across campus including the National Alumni Association and the academic college that house the student's major (e.g., Arts and science, Business, etc.) for competitive scholarship consideration. Students are not responsible for submitting numerous applications to different departments.

By completing the scholarship application, students may apply for the National Alumni Association's [Competitive Alumni Scholarships](#) which require no previous affiliation with UA. The Alumni Association also offers the [Alumni Heritage Scholarship](#) and the [Alumni Scholar Award](#) to children and grandchildren of UA degree holders who are members of the National Alumni Association.

Once a scholarship application has been submitted, changes cannot be made to the application. All changes must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships using the [Contact Form](#).

Students that submit a scholarship application by our January 15 priority deadline can expect to receive notification of any competitive scholarships awarded, which includes the UA Competitive Academic Scholarship, by the first week of March.

If the January 15 priority deadline has passed, we still encourage students to complete the competitive scholarship application as we will continue to review applications on a fund available basis. The last day to submit a competitive scholarship application is March 1. Students that submit a scholarship application after the January 15 priority deadline can expect to receive notification of any competitive scholarships awarded by May 1.

STEP 2: Qualify For An Automatic Merit Scholarship

First-time freshmen admitted **before May 1**, have a qualifying composite score on the ACT or total score on the SAT by the end of February, and have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA through December of the senior year will be eligible for the following automatic merit-based scholarships:

Scholarship	Test Score	GPA	Yearly Value
Presidential	32-36 ACT or 1420-1600 SAT	3.50+	\$28,000
UA Scholar	30-31 ACT or 1360-1410 SAT	3.50+	\$24,000
Foundation In Excellence	29 ACT or 1330-1350 SAT	3.50+	\$15,000
Foundation In Excellence	30-36 ACT or 1360-1600 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$15,000
Collegiate	28 ACT or 1300-1320 SAT	3.50+	\$10,000

Scholarship	Test Score	GPA	Yearly Value
Capstone	27 ACT or 1260-1290 SAT	3.50+	\$8,000
Capstone	28-29 ACT or 1300-1350 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$8,000
Crimson Legends	25-26 ACT or 1200-1250 SAT	3.50+	\$6,000
Crimson Legends	27 ACT or 1260-1290 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$6,000

Presidential Elite Scholar

A student with a 4.0 GPA and a 36 ACT or 1600 SAT will be selected as a Presidential Elite Scholar and will receive:

- Value of tuition for up to four years for degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate or law studies
- One year of on-campus housing at regular room rate
- \$1,000 per year stipend for four years
- \$2,000 one-time allowance for use in summer research or international study (after completing one year of study at UA)
- \$2,000 book scholarship (\$500 per year for four years)

Please note, if a student should meet the criteria for more than one merit scholarship, they will only be awarded the higher scholarship package.

A Note about Test Scores

The optional writing section on the SAT is not required for admissions or scholarship purposes.

The writing section of the ACT is not required for admissions or scholarship purposes.

**For scholarships awarded only by Undergraduate Admissions – If tuition is being paid by an outside source, the scholarship dollars may be used for other educational expenses (room, board, books, etc.).*

***Merit scholarships are typically awarded for a regular academic year which includes fall and spring semesters only (ie. 8 semesters over the course of four years). Merit scholarship awards will not exceed a semester's tuition.*

STEP 3: Complete Your FAFSA (Optional)

The Financial Aid staff is dedicated to making the financial aid process as straightforward as possible whether you are applying for grants, loans, work study, or student employment.

Please visit The University of Alabama [Office of Financial Aid website](#) for more detail, and submit your FAFSA by December 1 to ensure priority consideration for all types of financial aid.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

- [Diversity Merit Scholarship](#)
- [National Merit Scholarships](#)
- [Academic Elite Scholarships](#)
- [External Scholarships](#)

THE 1 FOR 2 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Opportunity for your students – The 1 for 2 Education Foundation

In 2020 the Tier for 2 Education Foundation awarded \$25,000 each to 10 different students. They are again offering the opportunity for your students to apply for consideration. Here are the details:

The **1 for 2 Education Foundation** is seeking highly motivated applicants of accredited U.S. four-year colleges and universities.

For the 2020 academic year the Foundation selected a diverse group of ten scholars who attended both public and private high schools from seven states. Grants of up to \$25,000 per academic year were made to attend both public and private colleges and universities across the U.S.

For the 2021 academic year the Foundation intends to award at least two and up to ten merit-based scholarships. The size of the individual grants is determined on the basis of tuition remaining after considering all other forms of tuition assistance obtained by the scholar.

Requirements to Apply:

- An up to date official transcript from current school
- Signed 1 for 2 Education Foundation Pledge form
- All required application questions must be answered, and fields completed
- Applicant must be living in the United States but is not required to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- The college or university must be in the United States
- GPA must be at least 3.7 unweighted, 4.0 weighted

Application Deadline: After 500 complete applications are received or February 15, 2021, whichever occurs first.

The Foundation considers the applicant's high school academic record, leadership and community service activities, and letters of recommendation. Applicants are also assessed on the alignment of their values with the Foundation's values as it relates to their intention to fulfill their Pledge to the Foundation.

While receiving a scholarship from the Foundation, scholars are required to attend the Foundation's annual Gathering. During this event, scholars will have a chance to meet other scholars, graduates, and directors. They will also participate in personal development and learning sessions aimed at preparing them for academic, career, and life goals. The 2021 Gathering is planned for July 29 – August 2, 2021, in Michigan. All reasonable costs to attend the Gathering are covered by the Foundation.

Applicants are required to make the following pledge:

In consideration of the 1 for 2 Education Foundation ("the Foundation") making this scholarship grant I pledge to support the mission of the Foundation to build a community of scholars who are dedicated to being life-long learners by:

- a) Participating in the annual Foundation Gathering while receiving my scholarship,
- b) Supporting my fellow Foundation Scholars' academic and career goals during my lifetime, and
- c) Paying for a comparable scholarship grant for two persons, who are not related to me by blood, adoption, or marriage, during my lifetime?

Application link: Apply Now – 1 for 2 Education Foundation – <https://www.1for2edu.com/scholarship/>

EKU APPLY AND WIN

Seniors that submit their admissions application this week through November 8 will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 dining credit to be applied to their account beginning Fall 2021.

The admissions application is now **FREE!** Students must enroll to receive this credit.

Please share with your seniors so they don't miss out on this opportunity!

APPLY TODAY!

MORE INFORMATION FROM EKU:

Hi everyone, I hope you're doing well. I just wanted to touch base with you to ask you to share some information with your students and families. I have included a link to a video that families can view to get some general information about ECU, which would take the place of what I would normally tell them in person at college fairs or school visits. I hope this will help answer some general questions for them, but will also give them the opportunity to place my face with my name, and feel a little more connected. I would greatly appreciate it if you would share this link with your families, especially Juniors and Seniors.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgiEagkgc4PTLiPZBOQrPa1yuwICQkWB/view?usp=sharing>

I also want to ask you if you would like to schedule an individual virtual visit with your school (if we haven't already scheduled something)? I'm happy to work with your students in whatever way they feel comfortable with. Of course they can always schedule an individual appointment with me at any time. They can do so by clicking on the link below & then selecting the hyperlink to schedule an appointment.

<https://admissions.ecu.edu/people/chamberlain>

Also, please let your students know that we have a variety of virtual admissions services, including live-chats that are geared towards students, as well as some that are geared towards parents/families. We are also conducting daily campus visits in person. We have had a lot of interest and great attendance at our campus tours. But rest assured, we are following strict COVID-19 safety protocols so that we keep everyone on campus safe. Here is a link for checking out the virtual services, as well as scheduling a campus visit.

<https://admissions.ecu.edu/visit>

<https://admissions.ecu.edu/virtual-admissions-services>

And last but not least, what I'm most excited to share with students and families....our new Colonel Commitment Scholarship that is for Kentucky residents who have a 3.0 or higher cumulative HS GPA, and who qualify for the Pell Grant. This Scholarship will guarantee to cover full tuition for these students. This is so exciting!!! But we have also revamped our Merit Scholarships to now contain awards for students that are based solely on GPA and don't need to have ACT or SAT scores to qualify.

<https://advantage.ecu.edu/scholarships>

SCHOOL OF MUSEUM AND FINE ARTS AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Do you work with promising scholar-artists? Are you looking for great options for artists who want a thriving art community AND access to a robust university experience?

Encourage your students to consider the School of Museum of Fine Arts ([SMFA](#)) at Tufts.

- The SMFA is a world-class art school, embedded in a major research university. It's **the best of both worlds** - students find all of the studios, specialized facilities, professional networks, and the community of committed artists of an art school. *And* all of the curricular offerings, support for travel and research, student organizations, and diversity of interests and opportunities of a tier one research university.
- As **one of three undergraduate schools** within Tufts University, the SMFA allows students to study across schools (either to fulfill degree requirements, minor, or earn a second degree), collaborate with peers and faculty throughout the University, and build a unique curriculum across disciplines to meet their needs. Students can explore animation, digital media, printmaking, painting, drawing, graphic arts, ceramics, film, metals, performance, photography, illustration, and much, much more.
- There are **no rigid studio requirements**; instead, students are supported by faculty and staff advisors to create a curriculum customized to their interests and goals. Students at the SMFA can dive as deeply as they like into a single medium or explore a range of disciplines in service of ambitious projects and individualized goals. This rigorous but flexible course of study fosters technical skills and critical thinking in preparation for a range of creative industry careers.
- Our partnership with the **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** gives students access to the second largest art collection in North America, opportunities for work-study positions within the Museum, internships that include working in conservation and restoration, chances to connect with contemporary curators for studio visits, and multiple [exhibition opportunities](#) that are only open to current SMFA students and alumni.

Intrigued? Explore our [SMFA viewbook](#).

There are two ways to apply to the undergraduate program at the SMFA at Tufts:

- [Bachelor of Fine Arts](#) - an immersive 4-year studio art program supported by the rich academic resources of the entire university. The BFA program is a good match for students who are focused on building a strong set of skills in the studio, without the confines of a traditional major (or single medium) - it is a truly customized art school experience. BFA students can pursue a minor at the School of Arts & Sciences.
- [5-Year Combined Degree Program](#) - an integrated experience in which students split their time over five years between the studio and the pursuit of a second degree (BA or BS) in an area of their choice at the School of Arts & Sciences.

All first-year applicants apply through either the Common Application, Coalition Application, or QuestBridge application, and submit an [art portfolio](#) consisting of 15-20 images of recent work and/or up to 10 minutes of time-based work. While not required, the SMFA encourages prospective students to participate in a portfolio review before applying.

Tufts University proudly **meets 100% of the demonstrated financial need** of all admitted students, regardless of citizenship.

Still have questions? Contact SMFAadmissions@tufts.edu.

GOING MERRY

1. Foot Locker has partnered with us, to host their \$20,000 scholarships for student-athletes on Going Merry. (Deadline January 3!)

This is one of the top 5 scholarship programs in the country, with twenty students winning \$20,000 each to go towards tuition at any accredited four-year college. Successful applicants must demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, school, and their communities. We've been told that the scholarship program hasn't received many applications yet, so we encourage your students [to apply here](#)! The deadline is very soon, on January 3.

2. Seniors can secure college application fee waivers through Going Merry!

By [indicating interest in Franklin & Marshall's financial aid through Going Merry](#), we can secure students an application waiver--making the previously \$60 application now totally free.

We're working on similar setups with our other partner schools, which are:

- [Arizona State University](#)
- [Centre College](#)
- [Denison University](#)
- [Franklin & Marshall College](#)
- [MSU Texas](#)
- [Northwestern University](#)
- [Ohio Wesleyan University](#)
- [Rice University](#)
- [Southern Methodist University](#)
- [Stanford University](#)
- [University of Tampa](#)
- [University of Virginia](#)

So if your students are interested in (or applying to) any of these colleges, ask your students to indicate their interest via Going Merry using the links above. Then they will be the first to know if/when we secure a fee waiver!

Students can also indicate their interest by signing up for Going Merry and then navigating to [the College Financial Aid section here](#).

3. We're offering students 1:1 financial aid help!

We are offering one-on-one phone calls to students and their parents over the winter break, before the January deadlines. These calls will be focused on financial aid on offer at any of our partner schools (listed above).

They will be hosted by me or my colleague Jacob (a Stanford alum and financial aid expert featured on Forbes, ABC, and the Financial Times) and will run through the financial aid on offer at any of the above colleges.

If your students or their families have questions, they may [sign up for a 1:1 session here](#).

OBERLIN COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

New Academic Programs

Oberlin is pleased to announce that we have launched new, popular areas of study in [business](#), [journalism](#), [music](#), and [arts administration](#) that combine with any of our 50+ majors. The addition of these areas of study allow Oberlin to address the changing needs of 21st century students, providing meaningful ways to connect a liberal arts education to an after-Oberlin path.

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Making Oberlin Affordable

At Oberlin College, our financial aid policies reflect a historic commitment to inclusion and academic excellence. By meeting **100 percent of demonstrated financial need**, we make an Oberlin education accessible to students from all financial backgrounds. Encourage your students to use our [MyinTuition calculator](#) to estimate their college costs in just five minutes.

In case you missed the announcement last month, we are offering a renewable **\$10,000 Oberlin Commitment Scholarship** to all new students who apply and enroll in the College of Arts & Sciences and/or the Conservatory of Music in fall 2021. We also review all admitted students for additional merit scholarships, and no separate application materials are required.

Application Deadlines

It's never been easier to apply to Oberlin College! Reflecting our commitment to access and equity, we have eliminated barriers to applying. Our application includes:

- No application fee
- No supplemental essay
- ACT/SAT scores are optional

Your students may apply online using either the [Common App](#) or the [Coalition Application](#).

Deadlines:

Early Decision I: November 15

Early Decision II: January 2

Regular Decision: January 15

For students considering our Conservatory of Music, there are [separate application instructions](#) for Conservatory and Double Degree applicants.

Learn More About Oberlin

- [Class of 2024 Profile](#)
- [Oberlin College Viewbook](#)
- [Resources for school counselors](#)
- Our final Tuesday Talk, Understanding the Admissions Process, will be offered on November 10 at 7:00pm EST. Students may register [here](#).
- Recordings of prior [Tuesday Talks](#) that support students in their college search and application process are also available.

[Read About Life at Oberlin on the Oberlin Blogs.](#)

III. COLLEGE VISITS, FLY-INS, & OPEN HOUSES

GREETINGS FROM THE HILL – WKU

To say 2020 has been different is an understatement. We made plans back in March to share all that the Gordon Ford College of Business at Western Kentucky University has to offer your students but were unable to meet due to the COVID pandemic. Now that the dust has somewhat settled, we are reaching out to let you know that we are still here and are eager to work with you and your students.

Our Ambassadors are available to give tours, both in person and virtually, providing an in-depth experience of the College of Business. Please direct interested students to register [here](#). Our GFCB Ambassadors are also available to answer questions students may have. Questions such as what a typical day looks like, where are their favorite places to eat and study, and what student organizations can they get involved in. They may email an Ambassador at askagfcbambassador@wku.edu and someone will respond quickly.

The Gordon Ford College of Business is hosting an open house for high school junior and seniors on Saturday, November 14th, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Attached is a flyer with additional details. RSVP to Nicola.sparks@wku.edu by **November 11th**. Seating is limited as social distancing and Covid safety precautions will be observed.

THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

CIM Virtual Open House

November 15-18

Join us virtually for the following sessions and more to discover what it's like to be a student at CIM!

- Hear from CIM's administration during the **Welcome Session** about how the Institute is "Keeping the Music Playing" amidst the pandemic.
- Experience the CIM classroom atmosphere through recorded **Theory and Eurhythmics Classes**.
- Connect with CIM students during **Tours and Student Chats**.
- Be inspired by world-class faculty, including members of The Cleveland Orchestra, in open **Coachings and Studio Classes**.
- Learn more about the CIM experience from **Panel Discussions** with current students, faculty, parents and alumni.

Register today using the button below! Registrants will receive a full schedule of events and activities as well as information on how to access each virtual session.

REGISTER

IV. STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

THE COOLIDGE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICA

October 28, 2020

Greetings,

We are so pleased to have received an application to the Coolidge Scholarship from a student at your school in the past.

We write to let you know that the 2021 Coolidge Scholarship application is now live. We hope that you will consider sharing this opportunity with interested high school juniors.

As a quick refresher, the Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply).

Coolidge Scholars are selected based primarily on academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service. Today's competitive academic culture regrettably sometimes drives students to hype their accomplishments and pursue ambitious efforts merely to attain credentials. The Coolidge Scholarship pushes back on this trend. Successful candidates are indeed accomplished, but exhibit humility with respect to their achievements and pursue things of genuine interest to them regardless of the perceived prestige associated with the activity. A complete description of the scholarship's criteria is available [here](#).

The competition for the Coolidge Scholarship is indeed significant -- but even students who do not win have reported to us they are glad they went through the application process because it helps prepare them for college applications later on. Furthermore, the Coolidge Foundation invites 100 of the top applicants to participate in its Coolidge Senators Program, which includes an all-expenses-paid Summit Weekend in Washington, D.C and a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Applicants who make it to the finalist level, but do not ultimately win the full scholarship, also receive a modest one-time finalist scholarship.

Alert: the application requires that applicants read President Coolidge's Autobiography and complete a few other reading assignments. While the book is not overly long, we encourage applicants to begin the application early so that they have plenty of time. Candidates who begin the application at the last minute are unlikely to be successful. The submission deadline is 5:00 PM EST, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

We hope you will share this opportunity with outstanding high school juniors

at your school. The scholarship application, along with additional information, can be accessed on our scholarship site: www.coolidgescholars.org. Please note If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, the Coolidge Scholars Program can be reached by email at coolidgescholars@coolidgefoundation.org or by phone at (202) 827-4291.

With kind regards,
Matthew Denhart
President

Rob Hammer
Program Director



NORWICH UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION AND MORE



Design Competition
Norwich University Architecture + Design Competition!

Deadline: Sunday, December 13, 2020

First Prize: \$8,000 Norwich Scholarship!

Competing students and teams will submit an innovative and unique design for an outdoor classroom no later than December 13, 2020. All entries will receive feedback from the faculty of the Norwich University School of Architecture + Art, who will also be available to provide advice and guidance to registered competitors during the competition.

[More Info](#)



Virtual Open House

November 14th, 10:00am

At the virtual open house, students will be able to:

- Meet with faculty
- Talk to current students
- Meet current athletes and our nationally recognized coaches
- Learn about the application, scholarships and financial aid
- Take a virtual tour of campus
- Explore ROTC and the Corps of Cadets

[Register](#)



Service Academy Night

November 4th, 2020, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Are you or your students interested in learning more about Senior Military Colleges, Federal Service Academies, or ROTC? If so, please join us for the 30th Annual New England Service Academy Night, hosted by Norwich University! There will be a brief overview of the Academy appointment process, ROTC scholarship applications, and Senior and Junior Military Colleges.

[RSVP](#)

SMITH COLLEGE TO OFFER PRECOLLEGE PROGRAMS IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SMITH PRECOLLEGE ONLINE

Want to join us this month for Precollege Community?

Every month includes a health and wellness workshop, creative workshop, relevant skills-based session and a virtual tea time.

We know you are busy, so attend what interests you! Full participation is not necessary for every workshop, and we'll be excited to see you whenever you can make it.

PRECOLLEGE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Creative craft

November 12, 6:30-7:30pm EST
Grounding Meditation

Breathe out your day. Take it down with us during this 30 min. candlelight meditation & 30 min. group time.

November 5, 6:30-8pm EST
No-Buy Natural-Dye

Join Tina in the kitchen for this natural tie-dyeing workshop utilizing foraged goods & unlikely pigments.

Wellness Workshop

November 17, 6:30-8pm EST
Virtual Tea Time

Bring your favorite mug and join via Zoom for this Smith tradition. We'll be sitting down with a current Smith student for this Q&A hang.

Tea Time

Main Session

November 19, 3:30-5pm EST
Art x Intersectionality

Take a virtual visit to the Smith College Art Museum for this topical session on intersectionality and art. Using curated pieces as a launchpad for discussion, SOMA educator Gina Hall and current Smith students will guide you through a hands-on workshop on art, inclusion and intersectionality. Bring a pen and paper for this one!

[Join the 6-month cohort](#)

[Join for 1 month](#)

Precollege Online Offering! [Register Now:](#)



WEEKEND CRASH COURSE

**Writing Your
College
Application
Essay**

with Peter Rappin, Academic Director for the
College Admission Workshop and Creative
Writing Program

November 14, 2020
1 PM to 5 PM, EST
Zoom

This three part
workshop helps you
find the right balance
to ensure that you
represent your best
self on paper.

COST: \$250

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOVARD SCHOLARS (JUNIORS)

The [2021 USC Bovard Scholars application](#) is now open!

We are excited to welcome our fifth cohort of Bovard Scholars to the USC campus this summer. As I write to you, our fourth cohort is in the midst of the college application process, working with our program's college admissions counselors to refine essays and applications. And our third cohort is enjoying their first year as college freshmen at top-tier universities across the country — think Harvard, Columbia, the University of Chicago, the University of California, Berkeley, and right here at USC.

We invite all high-achieving high school juniors with financial need to [apply](#).

Do you or someone you know fit these requirements?

- Junior in high school (11th grader) at time of application
- Currently hold a 4.0 GPA or above
- Enrolled in Algebra II, Trigonometry or above
- Demonstrate financial need

If so, you are eligible to [apply](#).

If selected, each Bovard Scholar will have one full year of support through the admissions cycle and spend three weeks on the USC campus, where they will receive:

- Personalized career exploration
- Expert admission and financial aid support
- Comprehensive test preparation
- Leadership development

This year, the summer intensive runs from July 11, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

We offer the program at no cost to students or families. USC will pay for transportation to and from campus for students coming from outside of Southern California.

[Applications are due](#) January 15, 2021, at 5:00pm PST.

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SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS AT CARNEGIE MELLON

For over 100 years, Carnegie Mellon has offered students unique and hands-on educational programs from the fine arts to technology and everything in between. Through the Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Program, rising juniors and seniors in high school have the opportunity to experience this world-class education.

Mirroring the undergraduate experience, our Pre-College program gives students the opportunity to explore their interests while receiving instruction from acclaimed Carnegie Mellon faculty and staff. Students will also participate in a robust outside of the classroom experience.

Our summer Pre-College program options for summer 2021 are listed below. Due to the ongoing considerations related to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are preparing plans should we be required to alter the delivery of our programs:

Please note that our Summer Academy for Math and Science (SAMS) program curriculum and delivery method has been changed. SAMS updates are now listed on the program page linked below.

- [Summer Session](#), students take two full-length Carnegie Mellon courses in a variety of disciplines, ranging from Computer Science, History to Music Technology.
- [Summer Academy for Math and Science](#), provides students from underrepresented communities the opportunity to achieve skills to pursue and complete majors in STEM fields.
- [Computer Science Scholars](#), provides students who are from traditionally underrepresented communities in the field of computer science an opportunity to receive exposure to computing and additional computer science pre-requisites.
- [AI4All @ Carnegie Mellon](#), provides opportunities for students from underrepresented communities to study artificial intelligence with full-time faculty, staff and researchers who are leaders in the field.
- [National High School Game Academy](#), for students who want to learn about modern video game development through a unique blend of left- and right-brain college-level work.
- [Computational Biology](#), a three-week program for students looking to learn more about the intersection of the two disciplines.
- Unique programs in the Fine Arts - [Architecture](#), [Art](#), [Design](#), [Drama](#) or [Music](#) – in which the students experience developing their skills in a conservatory or studio setting.
- [Writing & Culture](#), guided by the mentorship and instruction of our highly distinguished, permanent faculty members, students will improve their ability to analyze complex, ever-changing problems through astute investigations of culture and society.

V.CONTESTS

FINZ & FINZ

Fighting Injustice Scholarship



Finz & Finz, P.C. is dedicated to fighting for justice on behalf of the clients that it so proudly represents. The next generation of lawyers stands at the threshold of a new world that will be built with innovative ideas and fresh perspectives. Accordingly, we want to hear from you – current and prospective law students – to spotlight the fight against injustice and uplift those who face unfair disadvantages.

To encourage students to share their ideas for fighting injustice – and to help secure the education and tools needed to bring about a better future – we are launching a scholarship fund, awarding \$1,750 in scholarships to three winners. The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- **First place – \$1000**
- **Second place – \$500**
- **Third place – \$250**

For more information, go [here](#).

BBB HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VIDEO AND POSTER CONTEST!

Calling all high school students!
Are you looking for some extra cash?

Take part in the BBB High School Student Video and Poster Contest!

Teachers/Staff please share this information with your students, or you could even add it to your curriculum (like some teachers have done in the past).

There are 3 categories – Video, Graphic Design, and Visual Art. The theme is TRUST. The 1st place winner from each category also wins his/her school some extra cash.

Entries are due November 20, 2020 by 4:30 pm.

For more information, visit <https://www.bbb.org/article/news-releases/23195-bbb-highschool-student-video-and-poster-scholarship-contest> or contact Reanna Smith-Hamblin at rsmith-hamblin@louisville.bbb.org.

THE PETEFEST POSTER COMPETITION

A Contest Open to KY Students in Grades 5 through 12

Objective: The PeteFest Poster will be used to advertise and announce the 2021 [PeteFest Music Festival](#) in Louisville, KY. This festival is an annual event produced by The Pete Foundation with the objective to raise awareness for the importance of mental health as it affects adolescent children in our community, and to “stomp” the stigma surrounding mental illness. Due to COVID and concerns for the safety of our guests, PeteFest 2021 will be a series of 1-day concerts. [Click here](#) for more details on our plan for COVID compliance.

PeteFest is by all measures a joyful, exciting, family-friendly music festival with a lineup of local artists, food trucks, camping, and activities, and is located on a nature preserve in Jefferson County. The 1-day event carries a strong theme of awareness for suicide prevention and mental wellness, with positive messaging and educational opportunities.

Prizes: The first-place winner will receive \$150; the second-place winner will receive \$100 and the third-place winner will receive \$50.

Deadline to enter: December 31, 2020

For more information and application go [here](#).

VI. PARENT INFORMATION

How to Choose the Right College? See link below...

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1btjnJ_thhAf2LvFBe4CT-smBjJFizmX5/view?usp=sharing

LANDMARK COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS WHO LEARN DIFFERENTLY

We still have a couple of Open Houses scheduled this year, and I encourage you to attend. The next is on November 11th - it will include demo classes, presentations, and a Q & A panel with current students. You can [register](#) online.

And, last, a reminder . . . Landmark College will be hosting a webcast about neurodiversity in the workplace on Thursday, December 3, at 2 p.m. ET. You'll receive more information soon by email, but save the date and hear from Landmark's Center for Neurodiversity, Office of Career Connections, and corporate partners from JPMorgan Chase and EY about workplace issues affecting neurodiverse individuals.

For more information, go to the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SmU-E3q5zN0huW84h2nWA_KZ4HGhZtxD/view?usp=sharing

COLLEGE COUNSELING MONTHLY NOVEMBER 2020

College Applications: How Many is Too Many?

by Holly Lazzaro, Founder of GoToCollegeFairs

Let's face it: getting admitted to college is hard. Admissions are competitive, and even if you're a top student with tons of extracurriculars, getting into your first or even second choice school is not even close to guaranteed. Therefore, most college advisors will recommend mitigating the risk by applying to several different schools. But while "several" might have once meant 3 or 4, you now hear stories of students submitting 10, 15, even 20 applications. Is that crazy, or is that the new normal?

[Read More...](#)