

Resources for Under-Represented (URM-BIPOC), First Generation, and/or Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Students (FGLI)

It is the mission of the Pine View College Resource Office to actively support all students in their college search and application process. In addition to providing counseling services and sharing what we know, there are many outside resources available to help our Under-Represented (BIPOC), First Generation and/or Under-Resourced students and families in planning for the future.

Feel free to explore these resources independently or, if you wish, to discuss them with your grade-level counselor or College Resource Adviser Mr. Bergman. We will be happy to share more information and assist you in accessing them. Please reach out with any questions.

Local Non-Profit Mentoring and Scholarship Opportunities

Education Foundation College and Career Counseling – Launch Your Plan <https://launchyourplan.com>

*The **Launch Your Plan** initiative offers free college and career counseling and resources for underserved students in Sarasota County.*

Education Foundation Student Mentoring Program <https://edfoundationsrq.org/mentoring/> *The Student*

Mentoring Program helps students achieve career goals and postsecondary education. Caring mentors become members of a student support network and augment the work of the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. Students who request mentors come from various backgrounds and family structures, but they all are looking for a trusted advisor willing to help.

Leaven Scholars <https://www.leavenscholars.org/> *Equalize Opportunity. Maximize Potential. Leaven Scholars helps extraordinary high school students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds access, navigate, and ultimately succeed in top tier U.S. colleges and universities. Please see Mr. Bergman for details.*

Unidos Now <https://unidosnow.org/> *Educate. Elevate. Integrate. The mission of UnidosNow is to empower Latinx students to achieve their American Dream. To elevate the quality of life of the growing Hispanic/Latinx community through education, integration, and civic engagement. Mentorships and free college and career counseling services are offered.*

Free Online College Mentoring Services

College Greenlight (Cappex) <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/> *A free resource for traditionally underrepresented students. CG helps students discover, research, and build relationships with the colleges and universities that they apply to. The site offers a searchable database filled with thousands of scholarships, grants, and merit opportunities. Students receive a customized list of awards best suited to their academic, social, and community accomplishments.*

CollegePoint <https://www.collegepoint.info/> *Free mentoring from recent college grads helping high-achieving low-income students apply to top colleges nationwide. Advisors support students in making a college list, revising college essays, navigating the financial aid process, finding and applying to scholarships, and making a college decision.*

National Scholarship/Mentorship Programs

Gates Millennium Scholarship Program <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/> The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues its long-standing commitment to helping outstanding minority students from low-income backgrounds realize their maximum potential.

This prestigious scholarship program is based on evidence that by eliminating the financial barriers to college, a last-dollar scholarship can enable high-potential, low-income minority students to excel in their course work, graduate college, and continue to be leaders throughout their lives.

The Gates Scholarship will provide further support to Scholars, by engaging with them and their institutions in a variety of ways, to ensure they have access to the resources and services they need, from their first to last day of classes, through graduation and the transition to their chosen careers.

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/> As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, this program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards <https://hffawards.hispanicheritage.org/2019/forms/welcome.php> The Youth Awards honor Latinx high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Education, Health care & Science, Media & Entertainment, and Technology & Engineering.

*Gold, Silver and Bronze recipients are selected in **each** category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue. Students are then positioned as role models in their community at local ceremonies with an audience of business leaders, elected officials, local organizations and our sponsors.*

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program <https://www.jackierobinson.org/our-programs/scholarship-program> The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) Scholarship program addresses the financial needs of college students and provides extensive, hands-on mentoring and support services.

Once chosen from a national, selective application process, Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars receive a generous four-year grant to attend the undergraduate school of their choice and enroll in JRF's celebrated "42 Strategies for Success Curriculum". This four-year program guides JRF Scholars to effectively navigate their college environments, explore career options, develop leadership skills, and embrace a commitment to service. The JRF scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited, four-year college or university.

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program <https://www.jkcf.org/> The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students with financial need. The Foundation has awarded over \$200 million in scholarships to over 2,700 students from 8th grade through graduate school.

*In addition to the College Scholarship Program the Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for **high-performing 7th grade students with financial need**. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities.*

Leadership for a Diverse America (LEDA) <https://ledascholars.org/> A preeminent national nonprofit organization dedicated to diversifying the national leadership pipeline by helping high-achieving students from under-resourced backgrounds gain admission to our nation's most selective colleges and supporting their success at these institutions. Each year, LEDA recruits a new cohort of LEDA Scholars – 100 qualified **high school Juniors** who show leadership potential but lack the exposure and support they need to attend highly selective colleges. LEDA Scholars receive leadership training, writing instruction, standardized test preparation and a year of highly personalized guidance as they navigate the application and admissions process at the most competitive colleges.

QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars> An introduction and summer pipeline to the Questbridge College Match Program (see below). The Prep Scholars Program requires a comprehensive application with recommendations due in late April of **Junior year**.

Questbridge Scholars National College Match Program <https://www.questbridge.org/> The QuestBridge Scholarship program connects the nation's brightest students from low-income backgrounds with leading institutions of higher education and further opportunities. QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best universities and the ranks of national leadership itself.

Ron Brown Scholar Program <https://www.ronbrown.org/section/about-us/about-the-ron-brown-scholar-program> Named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, this scholarship focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African-Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program provides Scholars with the financial resources to attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Upon acceptance, Scholars are each awarded \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year for 4 years toward educational expenses), that may be used at the college or university of their choice. Acceptance into the Program means Scholars are also provided with the nurturing and mentorship to succeed and flourish in college and beyond.

SCSC Noonan Scholars Program <https://www.scsnoonan.org/> Early application (**Junior Year**) The mission of SCS Noonan Scholars is to help high-achieving low-income underrepresented students get into and graduate from top colleges equipped to achieve their full career potential. To realize this vision, SCS Noonan Scholars employs a holistic, comprehensive program to ensure our Scholars have the key opportunities they need from their junior year in high school through college graduation, and into their first job.

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund <https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarships/>

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) is the nation's largest organization representing the Black College Community. TMCF member-schools include the publicly supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs). Through scholarships, capacity-building and research initiatives, innovative programs, and strategic partnerships, the TCMF is a vital resource in the K-12 and higher education space.

UNCF College Scholarship Fund <https://uncf.org/scholarships> UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. Each year, UNCF awards more than \$100 million in scholarships to students attending more than 1,100 schools across the country, including our prestigious network of [37 HBCUs](#).

National Scholarship Databases/Individual Scholarships

Affordablecolleges.com Minority Resources page

<https://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/>

American Indian Scholarship Fund <https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/>

Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) Scholarship Fund <https://apiascholars.org/scholarship/>

Bureau of Indian Education Grant Program

<https://www.bie.edu/sites/default/files/documents/BIE%20Higher%20Education%20Grant%20Program-Scholarship%20Information%20Packet.pdf>

Cappex Scholarship Database <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships> (Searchable database)

Career One Stop Scholarship Database (U.S. Department of Labor)

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

College Board Big Future Scholarship Search <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

College Greenlight <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/scholarships/-s/>

FastWeb <https://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-african-american-students>

FastWeb <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/scholarships-for-asian-pacific-american-students>

Fastweb <https://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-hispanic-students>

FinAid Resources for Native Americans <https://finaid.org/otheraid/natamind/>

FinAid Scholarship Resources <https://finaid.org/scholarships/> (Searchable database)

Institutionally-based Diversity Scholarships Initiatives In addition to funding sources provided by the government, corporations, and private foundations, many colleges and universities throughout the United States fund scholarships, grants, and other monetary awards to increase student diversity. High dollar scholarships exist for high-achieving, BIPOC students who've excelled in high school and demonstrated strong leadership and community service. Some of these scholarships may cover the entire cost of college at most, or a significant part at least. Research your colleges and please see Mr. Bergman for more information regarding these opportunities.

Learn How to Become <https://www.learnhowtobecome.org/career-resource-center/college-financial-aid-for-minority-students/> *Minority students have long encountered hurdles to attending college. And while enrollment rates are on the rise, minority students still often face an uphill battle covering tuition and associated fees. Scholarships and other financial assistance are vitally important in helping minority students achieve their college and career dreams. This guide aims to make finding and securing this aid a little easier, from its detailed scholarship list to invaluable advice from a financial aid expert.*

Sallie Mae Scholarships <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/types-of-scholarships/minority-scholarships/> *The Sallie Mae Scholarship database of scholarships for minority students. Set up your customized profile for free and you can get alerts when new opportunities become available.*

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/african-american-scholarships/>

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/asian-pacific-islander-scholarships/>

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/hispanic-scholarships/>

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/american-indian-native-american-scholarships/>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/minority/african-american-scholarships>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/minority/asian-scholarships>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/merit-based/first-generation-scholarships>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/minority/hispanic-scholarships>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/minority/native-american-scholarships>

Resources for First Generation Students

First Generation Fact Sheet and Links <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/first-generation-college-students/>

Center for Student Opportunity www.imfirst.org/?legacy=csocollegecenter.org *Free College Mentoring and online counseling for First Generation students. I'm First! was created by nonprofit Center for Student Opportunity to provide students who lack a family history of higher education with inspiration, information, and support on the road to and through college. It is now an initiative of Strive for College-a national nonprofit that also runs a national online mentoring program for college-bound students.*

College Fly-In Programs

College Greenlight <http://blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/college-fly-in-and-diversity-programs/> -2019

Get Me to College <https://getmetocollege.org/what-colleges-look-for/2019-fall-diversity-visit-programs> (Covid-19 updates)

Financial Aid Resources

Federal Student Aid Guide to Financial Aid <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

FinAid Go-to Guide for College Financial Aid <https://finaid.org/>

PVS Website Topics www.pvscollegecounseling.com

- **ACT and SAT Test Waivers** → Standardized Testing <http://pvscollegecounseling.com/college-planning/standardized-testing/> or *ACT and College Board websites*
- **Bright Futures** → Paying for College → Types of Financial Aid → Bright Futures <http://pvscollegecounseling.com/bright-futures/> or *Bright Futures website*
- **FAFSA and CSS Profile** → Paying for College → FAFSA and CSS Profile/Financial Aid <http://pvscollegecounseling.com/fafsa-and-css-profile/> or *FAFSA and CSS Profile websites*

- **Paying for College** → Paying for College <http://pvscollegecounseling.com/application-process/guide-to-financial-aid/>
- **Test Preparation** → Standardized Testing <http://pvscollegecounseling.com/college-planning/standardized-testing/> - Please see Mr. Bergman or Mrs. Halcomb for Test Preparation scholarship opportunities