

## General Scholarships

**Burger King Scholars.** Burger King awards over 1,500 scholarships of \$1000 each. Each high school in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico can nominate one (1) student for an award. Eligible nominees must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, must work an average of 15 hours a week for at least 40 weeks of the year, and must demonstrate financial need. Employment at a Burger King restaurant is not required. Additional information is available at [www.bkscholars.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.bkscholars.scholarshipamerica.org). Nomination forms must be postmarked by December 15.

**Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program.** The Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program is federally funded program. High schools are entitled to nominate one (1) student for each 100 students enrolled. Each nominee must be a legal resident of the state in which he/she is applying. Approximately 160 scholarships of \$1500 each are awarded in North Carolina each year. The award can be renewed for a maximum of 4 years. For consideration, seniors must have scored a minimum of 1100 on the SAT (or equivalent ACT score) and have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5. Additional information is available from [scholars@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:scholars@dpi.state.nc.us) or at 919-807-3369. Nominations must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on February 10.

**Coca-Cola Scholars Program.** Each year the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 250 merit-based scholarships nationwide for use at any accredited U.S. college or university. Fifty (50) national awards of \$20,000 each will be awarded while the remaining 200 regional awards will be \$4,000 each. All awards are payable in equal installments over a four-year period. Financial need is not a consideration in the selection process. Applicants are evaluated on demonstrated leadership, commitment to community, and academic achievement. Students must apply online at <http://www.coca-colascholars.org> no later than midnight on October 31.

**Dell Scholars Program.** The Dell Scholars Program, a private foundation dedicated to enabling youth to achieve their potential, offers an unprecedented opportunity for underserved and lower income students with midrange GPA's to realize their dream of a college education. Criteria for application: 1) Graduating from an accredited high school, 2) earning a minimum of an unweighted GPA of 2.4 on a 4.0 scale, 3) Federal Pell Grant eligible, 4) participating in an AVID, Gear Up, or Upward Bound program for a minimum of two years, and 5) planning to enter a bachelors degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall following high school graduation. Eligible candidates must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Candidates will be evaluated based on their individual determination to succeed and their demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles and challenges, not on academic record alone. Additional information is available from <http://www.DellScholars.org>. Applications will be available beginning November 1, 2005 and must be completed by January 15, 2006.

**Golden LEAF Scholars Program.** The Golden LEAF Foundation awards up to 500 scholarships of \$3,000 each to graduating seniors who will attend any of the 16 constituent campuses of The University of North Carolina. The scholarship program is administered by the NC State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA). Award recipients can apply to have the award renewed. Eligible candidates must have a strong academic record, must demonstrate financial need, and must reside in one of the 74 counties identified as the top tobacco-dependent counties (which includes Onslow, Carteret, and Jones). Detailed program information and an application will be posted at [www.CFNC.org/goldenleaf](http://www.CFNC.org/goldenleaf) by early February. Questions can be

address to Robbie Schultz at 919-248-4686 or [robbie@ncseaa.edu](mailto:robbie@ncseaa.edu). Applications must be submitted March 15.

**North Carolina Nurse Scholar Program.** The program has several categories but there are two awards that apply principally to first year college students: a freshman applying to an accredited baccalaureate degree in nursing and a first-year nursing student entering an associate degree (ADN) or hospital-based degree program. All applicants must be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes and must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4-point scale. Awards are \$5000 per year for baccalaureate students and \$3000 per year to ADN or hospital-based students. Additional information is available at [www.ncseaa.edu/pdf/NSP.pdf](http://www.ncseaa.edu/pdf/NSP.pdf). Completed applications for the baccalaureate award must be postmarked by February 15; completed applications for the ADN or hospital-based award, by May 3.

**North Carolina Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan.** Awards of \$2500 per year are available to individuals preparing to teach in NC public/charter schools. Applicants must be legal residents of North Carolina, must have a score of at least 900 on the SAT, and must have an unweighted high school GPA of 3.00 on a 4-point scale. Applicants must enroll full-time in a public or private college or university in North Carolina with an approved education program or community college for studies leading to a transfer to a college or university with an approved teacher education program. Applications are available online after November 1 at [www.ncpublicschools.org/scholarships](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/scholarships). Questions can be addressed to [scholars@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:scholars@dpi.state.nc.us) or by telephone at (919) 807-3369. Applications must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on January 12.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)/HACER Scholarship Program.** RMHC offers scholarships to students from communities that have limited access to educational and career opportunities. Eligible applicants must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage and must reside within the geographic boundaries of a participating program. Most local chapters of RMHC award students a minimum of \$1000 but amounts can vary. Additional information and applications are available at [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). The postmark deadline is February 15.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)/African American Future Achievers Scholarship Program.** RMHC offers scholarships to students from communities that have limited access to educational and career opportunities. Eligible applicants must have at least one parent of African-American origin and must reside within the geographic boundaries of a participating program. Most local chapters of RMHC award students a minimum of \$1000 but amounts can vary. Additional information and applications are available at [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). The postmark deadline is February 1.

**SAE Engineering Scholarship Program.** The Society of Automotive Engineers offers a number of scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and the related sciences. Applicants must be high school seniors who intend to enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (<http://www.abet.org>). Some of the awards are corporate-sponsored undesignated scholarships; others are sponsored by participating universities. Undesignated awards range in value from \$1000 to \$10,000; university-sponsored awards range in value from \$500 to full tuition. Additional information and applications are available at [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm) or by telephone at (724) 776-4970. The postmark deadline is December 1.