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2. Salisbury University

Academic Works simplifies the scholarship application process. Students can log in at salisbury.academ- icworks.com.

To access the General Application, click “Sign In” and use your SU username and password to login to the site. After completing the General Application, the system will automatically match you to scholarships you are eligible for based on the information you provided.

You may be required to provide additional information. Check back frequently for scholarships which may become available, and pay close attention to deadlines for submission. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive an award email at your SU email address unless otherwise noted. Further financial aid information is available at the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@salisbury.edu.

Stephen Michael Emery & Paul Porter Scholarship

Social Work—Senior Status

This non-renewable $500 scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time Senior student majoring in Social Work. An in-person or Zoom meeting is required. Supplemental questions include descriptions of campus and community activities and a personal statement. Preference is given to students from the Maryland Eastern Shore. The deadline to apply is April 15. More information is available on SU’s “Academic Works” website.

Sarah Foxwell Memorial Scholarship

Social Work—Undergraduate

This $800 scholarship, in memory of Sara Foxwell, is for students majoring in Social Work. Requirements include demonstrated financial need majoring in Social Work. Additional criteria include a minimum 3.0 GPA, and completion of a two-paragraph essay of 500 words or less. The essay must answer the following questions: 1. What is care? and 2. How do you care for others? Application deadline is April 15.

Ann & John Gilheany Scholarship

Social Work—Senior Status

This $1,000 scholarship provides funding to a first-generation Senior student majoring in Social Work. Additional criteria include a minimum 3.0 GPA, and completion of a two-paragraph essay of 500 words or less. The essay must answer the following questions: 1. What is care? and 2. How do you care for others? Application deadline is April 15.

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1. FAFSA

Funds are available from the federal government through grants, low-interest loans and work study. To qualify for awards in the state of Maryland, a Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) must be completed by March 1. The form can be completed online at https://fafsa.ed.gov/options.htm.

Awarded scholarships are accepted through your home University’s financial aid department to transfer the monies into your account.

The Title IV code for Salisbury University is 002091
and a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Residents of Wicomico County are given first priority followed by residents of Maryland. The scholarship is renewable provided the recipient continues to meet eligibility requirements. The application deadline is March 15.

Marshall W. Moore Scholarship

Undergraduate Junior/Senior

Preference for this $1,000 per academic year award is given to non-traditional students entering the junior or senior year. Eligible students must submit, via “Academic Works,” a letter of recommendation from an SU faculty member. Also required is a biographical essay of 250–300 words. This essay should include a description of the applicant’s activities while at Salisbury and details of the student’s future plans.

The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue the scholarship from the junior to senior year. The application deadline is April 14.

Justin McJilton Memorial Scholarship

Any Major — Undergraduate

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of SU student Justin McJilton who passed away in 2009 at the age of 23. The amount can vary, but is currently expected to be $600. Application is open to students in any major at Salisbury University with preference given to a Perdue School of Business student. The scholarship is to provide support for current students whose lives have been touched by cancer. It is open to full-time students with a minimum 2.50 GPA. A 250-word essay is required describing how the student’s life has been touched by cancer. For more information about Justin McJilton, please see the “Academic Works” website. Application deadline is April 1.

Good Neighbor Scholarship

Undergraduate Students

This scholarship covers approximately 60% of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees. It is renewable up to a maximum of four semesters for transfer students. The Good Neighbor scholarship is available to students with a home address in Delaware, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Graduate Students

This scholarship covers approximately 75% of the difference between the graduate program’s resident and non-resident tuition rate per semester credit hour. The Good Neighbor discount is valid for students residing in Delaware, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

The Good Neighbor discount does not apply to online courses.

Rick Dudley Scholarship

Graduate Students

with Disabilities

The Rick Dudley Scholarship is intended to assist individuals with "severe and substantial" disabilities in pursuing a graduate degree as a Salisbury University student. Qualifying disabilities include a permanent inability resulting in use of wheelchair, cane, crutches, or walker to ambulate; persons with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy; persons who are legally blind with glasses, persons considered profoundly deaf; persons with speech impediments; and persons who need personal assistance with activities of daily living.

Awards vary from $1,500 to $5,000 per academic year depending on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled. A Medical Opinion Form for Eligibility is required.

Applicants must be fully admitted to the MSW program and not on a provisional admission basis. The complete application and description of this award are available on the SU website.

Good Neighbor NOTES for Hagerstown

There is a University System of Maryland special rate for Hagerstown which applies to the following counties:

Loudoun ................................. VA
Franklin & Fulton ....................... PA
Berkeley, Jefferson, & Morgan .. WV

This rate already equals the Good Neighbor discount so anyone living in those counties won’t need to apply. Those in the remaining counties in those states will need to complete the Good Neighbor form.
William B. and Betty B. Krieger Scholarship

Undergraduate Students
This $4,000 award provides assistance to full-time students with financial need (from FAFSA) with preference given to graduates of Colonel Richardson High School. Students can be incoming freshmen or current students and must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree to remain eligible for scholarship renewal. The application deadline is March 15.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarship

New Transfer Students
This scholarship is for new transfer students. PTK scholarship awards are $1,000 per year and renewable providing the student maintains full-time status and continues to meet eligibility requirements while at Salisbury.

More information can be found on the SU website at salisbury.edu/admissions/transfer-students/ptk-scholarship.aspx

Fire and Rescue Service Survivors Scholarship

Surviving Legal Dependents
SU and the Salisbury Fire Department have a $1,000 scholarship opportunity for surviving legal dependents of the 343 members of the NYC Fire Department killed in the line of duty on Sept. 11, 2001. Also eligible are surviving dependents of a Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia fire/rescue member killed in the line of duty or, any dependent of an active, retired, or life member of the Salisbury Fire Department. Awards will be offered on an annual basis, depending on availability of funds, and are renewable. Refer to the “Academic Works” website for details. Deadline is March 15.

Institute for Retired Persons (IRP) Scholarship

Undergraduate Seniors
IRP provides up to three SU $1,000 scholarships. Requirements include full-time senior status, a GPA of at least 2.80; financial need (from FAFSA) and a short essay. IRP is for adults 50 and over. Scholarship recipients are invited to attend a recognition meeting on the first Tuesday of the fall semester. Check the “Academic Works” website for further details. Deadline is March 10.

3. State of Maryland (USM) Scholarships

Scholarship/grant money is available through the state of Maryland. Funds are both merit and need-based. To apply, complete the FAFSA by March 1.


ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

International Scholarship (AA-I)

Academic — Undergraduate
The University System of Maryland, through the Alumni Association — International (AA-I) Incorporated established this scholarship to recognize exemplary students matriculating through a USM institution. Salisbury students who demonstrate academic achievement, strong commitment to community service, and leadership qualify for this $2,500 scholarship. To apply, transfer students must have at least a 3.5 GPA from the most recent institution, and current SU students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA.

Applicants must be Maryland residents and enrolled as full-time undergraduate students. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship, but applicants may reapply multiple years.

Complete application information is available on SU’s “Academic Works” website. Deadline for all application materials, including two academic letters of reference, is April 1.

2 + 2 Transfer Scholarship

Community College Transfers
This scholarship is designed to assist and encourage transfer students from Maryland community colleges to attend a 4-year institution within the state. Students must be enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution. For further information, go to http://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_2_plus_2.aspx

Regents Scholars Program

Community College Transfers
The Regents Scholars Program is the most prestigious scholarship awarded in the University System of Maryland (USM). Both full and partial scholarships are available. Full scholarships cover the entire estimated costs of tuition, room and board, books, and academic materials. Partial scholarships range from $3,000—$5,000 per year for educational expenses.

Students from Maryland community colleges should submit a Regents Scholarship application to the transfer coordinator at the community college. Regents Scholarship awards are
renewed each year provided the scholar continues to meet requirements. The scholarships are limited to four semesters for students entering from Maryland community colleges.

Some Regents Scholarships are restricted to particular disciplines or to students attending specific institutions. Some have no qualifying factor other than merit.

Transfer students should apply by May 15 or the next business day if May 15 falls on a weekend or holiday. A FAFSA is required. For more information, visit [http://www.usmd.edu/institutions/FinAid/RegentsScholars/](http://www.usmd.edu/institutions/FinAid/RegentsScholars/)

### Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program

#### Graduate Students

Social Work

Contact the financial aid office of the school you will attend for deadlines. Applicants for this scholarship are ranked based on financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA. The awards range from $1,000 to $5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable. Complete details are available at [https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_gradprof.aspx](https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_gradprof.aspx)

#### Near Completer Grant

Undergraduate

A Near Completer is an individual who attended school and has completed college credits but does not have a college degree and is no longer attending school. The student must have earned at least 90 credit hours attending a four-year institution and earned a minimum 2.0 GPA. Near completers will be eligible for up to one third of the in-state undergraduate tuition. Information is available at [mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/NEAR-COMPLETERS-GRA...](mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/NEAR-COMPLETERS-GRA...)

### How to Apply for State Delegate/Senatorial Scholarships

Maryland residents should apply for delegate/senatorial scholarships based on their residential addresses, not on their school addresses.

Find the names of your two delegates and one senator at [mgaleg.maryland.gov](mgaleg.maryland.gov). On the maroon banner, find MEMBERS, then FIND MY REP, then LOOKUP

#### State Delegate Scholarship

**Undergraduate & Graduate**

The State of Maryland Delegate Scholarship is offered by the local State Delegates to Maryland residents. The minimum award is $200. The student may hold the Delegate Scholarship with all State awards, but the total amount of all such awards may not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the student’s college’s financial aid office or $28,000, whichever is less.

Current or prospective students should contact their local delegates for instructions on how to apply.

For details, go to [mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_delegate.aspx](mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_delegate.aspx)

#### Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben Scholarship

Social Work, Service Area B

**Workforce Shortage Grant**

This program is for enrolled students who plan on working in specific career/occupational programs upon graduation, including Social Work. Recipients must be employed as a social worker in the public or nonprofit sectors under 501(c) (3) or (4) of the IRS code in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or under-served residents or areas of the State. Award amounts are based on the type of institution and the student’s enrollment status. You must sign a promissory note agreeing to begin fulfillment of your service obligation within one year of completing the degree for which you received the award.

For a complete description, go to [mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_WSSAG.aspx](mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_WSSAG.aspx).

The application for this program can be found at [https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us](https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us). The deadline is July 1.

#### Senatorial Scholarship

**Undergraduate & Graduate**

The State of Maryland Senatorial Scholarship may be available through your state delegation for your district. This scholarship is NOT available through your federal delegation. The minimum award is $400 and the maximum is $11,800. The total amount of all state awards may not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the student’s college’s financial aid office or $28,000, whichever is less.

If your state senator makes his/her own awards, you must call or write to your legislator for further instructions.

For details, go to [mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_senatorial.aspx](mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_senatorial.aspx)
4. AmeriCorps 
ShoreCorps
HOPECorps
AmeriCorps A Star!

AmeriCorps
National Community Service

AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), is a network of local, state, and national service programs. It connects more than 70,000 Americans annually in service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

ShoreCorps
State AmeriCorps Program

ShoreCorps is a state AmeriCorps program, funded in part by the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism. ShoreCorps members serve on Maryland’s Eastern Shore to meet critical needs in communities.

Full-time and half-time applicants attend the tuition-free, mandatory AmeriCorps class at Salisbury University.

A full-time, one-year commitment is 1700 hours of service (40 hrs./week) and a half-time, one-year commitment is 900 service hours (20 hrs./week). Benefits are:

- a bi-weekly living allowance during 48 weeks of active service
- a post-education award to help pay for federal student loans and/or future educational expenses

HOPECorps
Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education Corps

HOPECorps is a scatter-site AmeriCorps program administered by Salisbury University. It serves the eight Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester) It is available to students at the Salisbury campus and the ESHEC satellite. HOPECorps’ mission is to strengthen the capacity of community organizations working to tackle the heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that rural areas such as Maryland’s Eastern Shore are experiencing higher rates of growth in opioid use than urban centers.

AmeriCorps Members (ACMs) provide support for community and government agencies and assist with naloxone instruction and distribution. Member training includes pre-service orientation, six tuition free undergraduate credits for completing the SU training course, federal student loan forbearance and accrued interest payments, full-time participants, if eligible, may participate in a health insurance plan and child care reimbursements. Current SU students may apply AmeriCorps experience toward the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certification program at SU. For more information, contact the AmeriCorps Office at 410–543–6137.

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AmeriCorps A Star!
Western Maryland

AmeriCorps is funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism. It’s benefits, like those of ShoreCorps, can include a living stipend for full-and half-time members, educational debt deferment, professional development training, and, if eligible, reimbursement for child care.

AmeriCorps members complete an identified number of service hours over a contracted period. Full-time (1700 hr.,) half-time (900 hr.,) and minimum-time (300 hr.) positions are available. Those successfully completing the program are also eligible for a Segal Education Award based on the position type served. These positions are contingent upon grant funding and can possibly work along with internships.

This AmeriCorps program is available at the Salisbury University USMH satellite location and administered through Frostburg State University. AmeriCorps A STAR! in Western Maryland serves Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick Counties. frostburg.edu/student-community-involvement/civic-engagement/ASTAR-Americorp/index.php
5. Professional and Honors Organizations

Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work

Phi Alpha offers the following student awards:

- Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg — Scholarship, Service, Leadership
- Student Leadership Award — Outstanding Ideals
- MSW Scholarship — Scholarship, Service, Leadership
- Student Membership Support — Membership Fee

[phialpha.org/programs.html]

Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg Scholarship

Awards of $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to present her or his work during the Student Session of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors conference held each spring. Deadline to apply is May 31.

MSW Scholarship

Awards of $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to present her or his work during the Phi Alpha Executive meeting in conjunction with the Council in Social Work each fall. Deadline to apply is May 31.

Student Leadership Award

The focus of this Award is the student’s leadership, service, impact, and commitment. The awards are: (1st) $1,000, (2nd) $750, and (3rd) $500. The first place selection will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to receive their award at the Phi Alpha Honor Society International Business Meeting held during the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Students are nominated by their Phi Alpha Chapter Advisor. Students must be active leaders of Phi Alpha to be nominated. Deadline to apply is May 31.

Student Membership Support

This program is designed for students eligible for Phi Alpha membership whose situation makes it a challenge to pay membership fees. Each chapter receives 2 memberships per academic year at no cost. Chapters are responsible for any chapter fees.

Council on Social Work Education

Final Year of BASW or MSW in an Accredited CSWE Program

CSWE awards two Carl A. Scott Book Scholarships of $500 each annually.


Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)

Women Recommended by a Local Chapter

Citizens of the U.S. or Canada are eligible for recommendation if enrolled in a certification or degree program. The applicant must have had at least twenty-four consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life and will complete her program of education within twenty-four months after the beginning of the term for which the grant is requested.

The Board of Trustees of the Program for Continuing Education (PCE) will evaluate applications with the primary consideration being the applicant’s demonstrated overall need for assistance. When a grant is approved, the check is mailed to the PCE contact listed on the chapter recommendation. The award is then presented personally to the recipient. Grant, loan and award recipients need not be members of P.E.O. Details are at [peointernational.org/pce-eligibility-requirements].

Soroptimist “Live Your Dream” Scholarship

For Women

The “Live Your Dream” scholarship offers three levels of cash awards. Ultimately, a Live Your Dream Awards finalist has the potential to receive up to $16,000 to help offset tuition costs, purchase books, get transportation, or find reliable childcare so she can worry less about how to pay her bills and focus on reaching her dreams. Eligible applicants can submit applications between August 1 - November 15. [https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html]
Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship
The Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to masters degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in or have experience with health/mental health practice and have a commitment to working in African American communities.

Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient’s university. Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or been accepted into an accredited MSW Program. Students enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Non-members interested in applying can join NASW: 1) if they have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program. The deadline is March 11.

https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Verne-LaMarr-Lyons-Memorial-Scholarship

Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship
The Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship is awarded to master’s degree candidates in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to

working with, or who have a special affinity with, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations. Candidates with a demonstrated commitment to working with public or voluntary nonprofit agencies or with local grassroots groups are also eligible.

A panel reviews applicants for the Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship and selects up to 10 scholarship winners of up to $4,000 each. Students must have applied to, or have been accepted into, an accredited MSW program. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Those enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Active NASW membership, in good standing is a mandatory requirement to receive an NASW Foundation Scholarship and selects up to 10 scholarship winners of up to $4,000 each. Students must have applied to, or have been accepted into, an accredited MSW program. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Those enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Consuelo-W-Gosnell-Memorial-Scholarship

Truman Scholars Graduate Students
The Truman Scholarship is merit-based and available to those who wish to go to graduate school in preparation for careers in government, non-profits, or other public service. This scholarship awards students with up to $30,000 for their education.

To qualify, you must currently be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, and be planning on attending graduate school. Students cannot apply directly but must be nominated by a Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative from their college or university. The representative for Salisbury University is Associate Professor of Political Science Eric Rittinger. His contact information is errittinger@salisbury.edu, phone 315–576 –137.

Roothbert Fund
Graduate & Undergraduate

These grants average $500–$7000 for 10–20 applicants and are eligible for renewal to continue pursuit of a degree. Strong preference is given to graduate students and undergraduates who have completed at least one year of study. See http://roothbertfund.org/scholarshipsprogram.php for additional information.

BEFORE YOU CONSIDER APPLYING:
The application requires three essays, three recommendations, and transcripts. Select candidates will be invited to a required in-person interview. The interviews are scheduled on short notice in March and are typically held in New York, New Haven, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. The Fund will not pay transportation charges or other costs for those invited to an interview.

Submitting an application does not guarantee an interview, and being invited for an interview does not guarantee a scholarship. Awards are announced in late April, and grants are mailed to the student’s institution in August.

Emma & Meloid Algood Scholarship
Undergraduate

This $1,000 scholarship is open to members of the National Association of Black Social Workers majoring in social work at an accredited U.S. institution. It was established to honor its name-sakes who worked tirelessly to better the lives of the poor in their community.

Potential applicants must submit letters of recommendation and a 2–3 page essay detailing the ways in which they are equally dedicated to improving the lives of those in the black community.


6. Special Populations

Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley Scholarship

Impacted by Breast Cancer

This regional scholarship fund is established by Breast Cancer Awareness-Cumberland Valley, Inc. (BCA-CV). The award is for individuals living in Western Maryland, the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and Franklin and Fulton Counties of Pennsylvania. Those who have themselves, or a parent, relative, or friend been diagnosed with breast cancer or who have lost a parent, relative, or friend to breast cancer are eligible. To obtain an application, visit www.bcacv.org. Deadline is April 10.

The Jackie Spellman Scholarship

Impacted by Leukemia or Lymphoma

Twelve Jackie Spellman Scholarships of $5,000 each are available. Recipients must have been impacted in some way by leukemia or lymphoma, either as survivors, individuals diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma, or who have an immediate family member in the same household with leukemia or lymphoma.

Eligible applicants include four-year university and graduate students who are leukemia or lymphoma patients and/or are children, siblings, or parents of leukemia or lymphoma patients. Prior scholarship winners are eligible to apply. For more information, visit https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/social-work-scholarships/the-jackie-spellman-scholarship/

Deadline is April 15.

The Melanie Foundation Scholarship

Mental Health Field

The Melanie Foundation $2,500 Scholarship is awarded to a candidate pursuing a doctoral or master’s degree in the mental health field. You must be currently enrolled or accepted into a graduate program majoring in the mental health field and demonstrate experience and interest in one or more of the ideals to which Melanie Merola O’Donnell committed herself. The scholarship will be awarded to a candidate for one year. Candidates may reapply for additional years. For more information or to apply, visit https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/social-work-scholarships/the-melanie-foundation-scholarship/.

Deadline is March 5.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Hispanic or Latino Heritage

This $500–$5,000 scholarship is for students of Hispanic or Latino heritage. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, DACA resident, or eligible non-citizen according to the FAFSA. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students. Deadline is February 15.

Complete information can be found at https://www.hsf.net/scholarship
The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA)

Italian Descent

Through a national competition, ten to twelve General Study Scholarships ranging from $4,000 to $25,000 are awarded annually to U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent.) Applicants must be enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited academic institution. There is a nonrefundable $35 processing fee which includes a one-year At-Large Membership to OSDIA. Information about this Leadership Grant Competition can be found at https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/

The Quell Foundation

Mental Health Awareness

The Quell Foundation remains committed to its mission to reduce the number of suicides, overdoses and, incarcerations of people with mental health illness.

The Quell Foundation distributes three types of scholarships to students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree from institutions across the U.S. Applications are available mid-December to mid-April each year and fall under the following categories:

- **Survivor Scholarship**
- **Fighter Scholarship**
- **Bridge the Gap Scholarship**

Survivor Scholarship

Loss of Family Member

This scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.

Fighter Scholarship

Mental Health

This scholarship is available to undergraduate or graduate students who are currently in treatment for a diagnosed mental health condition.

Bridge the Gap Scholarship

Mental Health Field

This scholarship is distributed to third or fourth-year undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in psychology, social work or other fields of study related to the provision of mental health services.

To download the forms for these three scholarships, go to https://quell.live.themoderati.com/scholarships/

The Point Foundation

LGBTQ Students

The Point Foundation provides financial support, mentoring, and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity. The application is open to LGBT students nationwide. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate program and “out” as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Selected finalists must be available to fly to Los Angeles in order to remain eligible. Travel expenses will be covered by Point.

https://pointfoundation.org/point-apply/application-faqs/

The Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship

Members of NAACP

The NAACP offers 20–40 scholarships up to $2,000 to U.S. citizens who are current members of the NAACP. These awards are available to full-time undergraduate and full or part-time graduate students at accredited colleges and universities in the U.S. Applications are accepted from March to May. For additional information, visit https://www.poisefoundation.org/the-agnes-jones-jackson-scholarship

A Place for Mom

Gerontology

Each year A Place for Mom offers five $1,000 scholarships to students who are interested in gerontology and aging. These scholarships are available to students enrolled at an accredited school in a variety of fields including social work. The applicant must be planning a career that involves working with seniors. Details can be found at www.aplaceformom.com/scholarship.

(NAIF) The National Italian American Foundation

Italian American Students

The National Italian American Foundation awards scholarships to 60-70 outstanding students. Scholarships range from $2,500 – $12,000. Applicants must be a member of NIAF or have a parent, grandparent or guardian with an active NIAF membership. For requirements and application information, visit https://www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships-overview/.
### 7. Military and Veterans

#### Military Scholarships

Every branch of the military makes provision for military personnel and their families to attend college or university if the criteria are met. This includes, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard, Coast Guard, AMVETS, the American Legion, and many more. Check online for each branch to find information on educational funding.

#### Veterans Benefits

**At Salisbury University**

VA benefits are administered by the Registrar’s office so to begin using your VA Education Benefits, supporting documents are needed for the University to certify your enrollment with the VA. To access your benefits, you must first complete an Application for Education Benefits online through the VA’s website. If you have not received your Certificate of Eligibility, please provide the Veteran’s Office with a copy of your completed Application. Once you receive your Certificate of Eligibility, to receive enrollment certification at SU, complete the Veterans Benefit Certification Request each semester.

To find out how to apply for the GI Bill® and related benefits, go to [https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/](https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/). For additional information, please visit [http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarships/](http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarships/).

**Fry Scholarship**

**Servicemembers Children and Spouses**

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is available for children and spouses of servicemembers who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Information is at [https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp). To qualify the applicant must be:

- the son or daughter of a member of the Armed Forces who died, or is 100% disabled, as a result of military service
- a veteran who suffers, as a result of military service, a disability of 25% or greater and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans educational benefits
- a POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son or daughter
- the son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a victim of September 11, 2001 who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93
- a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100% disabled in the line of duty

#### Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts (VAIC)

**Maryland Residents**

This program is designed to provide financial assistance to armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are enrolled in an eligible Maryland institution of higher learning.

Applicants must complete the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship application and a FAFSA. For additional information, please visit [http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarships/](http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarships/).

**Maryland Army National Guard**

Salisbury University has an MOU with the MD Army National Guard which provides a tuition waiver for up to 50% of six credits for a guard member enrolled full time. The applicant must have a “State Tuition Waiver Letter” signed by his/her commanding officer before turning it into the Registrar’s Office. The form to apply can be found at [https://military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/ tuition-assistance.aspx](https://military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/ tuition-assistance.aspx).

#### Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

**Government Match**

VEAP is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a $2-for-$1 basis by the government. Depending on the number of your monthly contributions, you may be entitled for up to 36-months of benefits.

To learn more about VEAP, including eligibility restrictions, visit [benefits.va.gov/benefits/](https://www.va.gov/benefits/).

**Survivors and Dependents Assistance (DEA)**

**Veteran’s Dependents**

This GI Bill program® offers educational opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a military service-related condition. It is also available to dependents of veterans who died while on active duty or died as a result of a military service-related condition. For information, go to [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp).
Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Program (TA)

Five Branches of Military

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) will pay for some or all of the tuition costs of college courses that you take while on active duty. TA is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Active-duty members may choose to use the MGIB “top-up” in addition to their service-provided TA. The use of “top-up” allows for payment up to 100% of tuition expenses. TA benefits are separate from GI Bill® benefits and do not count against them. To learn more, visit benefits.va.gov/benefits/

Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB-AD) and Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Active Duty (AD) Reserves and National Guard (SR)

MGIB benefits are available for service members and veterans to help with education costs. There are two versions of the MGIB. The AD version is for active duty members who enroll and pay $100 per month for 12 months and are entitled to receive a monthly benefit after completing a minimum service obligation. The SR version is for reservists with a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve who are actively drilling. To learn more, visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/montgomery_bill.asp®

Post – 9/11 GI Bill®
Active Duty and Veterans

If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after 9–10–2001, and are still on active duty; or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program. Purple Heart recipients, regardless of length of service, are qualified for Post–9/11® benefits at the 100% level.

The bill currently pays tuition and includes an annual book-and-supplies stipend of $1,000. The percentage of benefits received depends on the time spent on active duty.

To learn how the GI Bill® provides financial support for education to veterans, visit https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp®

REAP Conversion to Post – 9/11 GI Bill®
Formerly (REAP) Reserve Educational Assistance Program


Yellow Ribbon Program Education Assistance Program

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (also known as the Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post–9/11® Veterans Education Assistance Act. This program allows American institutions of higher education to enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund the tuition expenses of service members and veterans that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Salisbury University participates in this program. To learn more, visit https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/#-does-my-school-participate-in-®

Transferability Option Post – 9/11 GI Bill®
Transfer to Spouse and/or Dependents

The transferability option under the Post–9/11 GI Bill® allows Service-members to transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The request to transfer GI Bill benefits to dependents must be completed while serving as an active member of the Armed Forces. If the Department of Defense (DoD) approves the transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at the Veterans Administration.

Eligible servicemembers may transfer benefits to a spouse and/or one or more children. Family members must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits at the time of transfer to receive the benefits.

The option to transfer is open to any member of the armed forces active duty or selected reserve, officer or enlisted who is eligible for the Post–9/11 GI Bill® and meets the criteria established by the Department of Defense.

Further information is available at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp®
8. Loan Repayment Assistance

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Loan Assistance
Repayment program (LARP)

Social Work — Maryland

This program is for Maryland residents who provide public service to low-income or under-served residents through Maryland State or local government or nonprofit agencies. There are a number of eligible employment fields including either a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Social Work.

Applicants must meet all requirements — have eligible employment in Maryland, be a Maryland institution graduate, be employed full-time in a shortage area, and have student loans that are not in default. Check the website for current salary limits, which also apply.

Loan repayment awards range from $1,500 to $10,000. Award funds are distributed annually over a three (3) year period as long as the recipient remains eligible and continues to submit the required annual employment, lender, and tax documentation by the deadline.

The application process begins in July through the Maryland College Aid Processing System. All documents must be submitted to the office of Student Financial Assistance by close of business on the last business day prior to Sept. 30.

A description of this program and complete details can be found at: https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_larp.aspx

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

includes Social Work

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which offers loan repayment to licensed social workers in exchange for a two-year commitment in a shortage area. The Loan Repayment Program offers up to $50,000 based on the need of the community in which a provider works.

A description can be found at https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html
For complete information, contact the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, 2070 Chain Bridge Rd., Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182.

Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

Benefit for Debt Incurred Before Joining the Military

LRP is a benefit offered to members of the U.S. Armed Forces to help service members reduce student debt incurred while taking college classes before joining the military. You must enroll in the LRP when you enlist in the Armed Forces. The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force each have versions of the LRP. The Army and Navy will repay up to $65,000 of your qualifying student loans, and the Air Force will repay loans up to $10,000. Eligibility restrictions apply. To learn more, visit https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html

Maryland SmartWork Initiative — State Employee Student Loan Repayment Plan

Includes Social Work Field or Reimbursement for a Child

Maryland SmartWork Initiative helps the state government to recruit and retain employees in critical areas. This Loan Repayment Plan offers eligible state employees up to $20,000, over ten years of service, for student loan repayments. Recipients may be reimbursed for their own loans, or for those of an eligible child. The child’s student loan debt is payable as long as the child is 25 years of age or younger, and the loan is in the name of the employee.

This program took effect Jan. 1, 2019, which is considered the “Start Date for the Plan.” Employees do not receive credit for time on the state payroll prior to that date. Student loan repayments are paid to those eligible if they remain employed by the state over ten years from the first day of eligibility. Reimbursements are direct deposited as part of wages and are taxable as such. In the event an employee leaves state service or becomes ineligible to continue participation in the Student Loan Repayment Plan, the state will not recapture prior repayments made to the employee.

A completed application and “Obligated Service Agreement” should be submitted by an employee who wishes to apply to participate in this plan. To obtain more information, visit the Maryland Department of Budget and Management’s website at https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/SmartWork.aspx, or contact William Frank, Plan Administrator by telephone at 410-767-4549, or by email at SmartWork.SLRP@maryland.gov.
9. USM at Hagerstown
Scholarships (USMH)

Applications for USMH scholarships are available to eligible bachelor’s or graduate degree students through each of the participating universities. Awards are paid to the registrar of the USMH institution the awardee attends.

Requirements generally include a completed and timely application, a GPA of 3.0 or better, and at least junior status of 64 completed credits. The USMH application website is: https://webportalapp.com/appform/login/usmhagerstown.

Magnolia Foundation Waltersdorf-Henson Scholarship Fund

The Magnolia Foundation Scholarship Fund for the benefit of students at USMH was established through the Community Foundation of Washington County to meet the Waltersdorf-Henson Endowment Challenge.

All materials must be submitted to the USMH reception office by April 1.

The following, which are available to Salisbury University students at USMH, fall under the umbrella of this fund:

- City of Hagerstown Scholarship — Hagerstown Residents
- Board of County Commissioners Scholarship — Washington County Residents
- Citi Scholarship — Citi Employee Dependent or Business-Related Major
- The Florence H. Graff Scholarship — Education, Social work or Medical-related field
- Magnolia Discretionary Awards

City of Hagerstown

Applicant must be a Hagerstown, Maryland resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA and have completed 64 credits. Preference is given to those involved in community projects, volunteerism, or leadership.

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

Applicant must be a Washington County resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA showing financial need and enrolled in a USMH program. Preference is given to those actively involved in community projects, volunteerism, or leadership. Two scholarships may be awarded.

Citi Scholarship

Applicant may be enrolled in any field if he or she is a Citi employee dependent. If not, the student must be in a business-related major. A 3.0 GPA is required. Two scholarships may be awarded.

Florence H. Graff

Applicant must be a Washington County resident and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Priority is given to majors in social work, medical-related fields, or education majors. Two scholarships may be awarded.

Magnolia Discretionary

Applicant must be a student at USMH for the Fall semester. Preference is given to those demonstrating strong scholastic achievement and community service.

Washington County

AAUW Scholarship
Hagerstown Branch
Women

A student applying for the Hagerstown Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) scholarship must be a female resident of Washington County, Maryland with a demonstrated need for financial assistance. Accepted transfer students are eligible. The applicant must have a 3.0 or better GPA in the previous year of college.

hagerstown-md.aauw.net/scholarships/

Community Foundation of Washington County, MD

The following fall under the umbrella of Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc.:

- Craig MacLean/HGI Scholarship
- Patterson Graf Educational Fund
- Women’s Club Foundation Scholarship Fund

cfwcmd.org/scholarships/
our-scholarships/

Craig MacLean/
HGI Scholarship

This Horizon Goodwill Industries scholarship is in honor of long-time Executive Director Craig MacLean to provide financial support to employees of Goodwill pursuing a college degree.

Patterson Graf Educational Fund

This fund supports females in furthering their educational goals.

Women’s Club Foundation Scholarship Fund

This scholarship provides financial support to deserving, nontraditional female students pursuing post-secondary education.
10. Finding More Scholarships

From the Federal Student Aid Website

U.S. Dept. of Education

Scholarships are Free Money

Scholarships are gifts. They don’t need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations. Many scholarships are geared toward particular groups of people. Some are available because of where you or your parent works, or because you come from a certain background. A scholarship might cover the entire cost of your tuition, or it might be a one-time award of a few hundred dollars. Either way, it’s worth applying for, because it’ll help reduce the cost of your education.

You Don’t Have to Pay for Information

Avoid student aid scams and protect your identity while searching for scholarships, filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, managing your loans, and giving information to schools and lenders. Free help is available. Several websites offer help filling out the FAFSA® form for a fee. These sites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). You are urged not to pay these sites for assistance that you can get for free elsewhere. If you are asked for your credit card information while filling out the FAFSA form online, you are not at the official government site. The official form is available from fafsa.gov, and you can get free help from the financial aid office at the college(s) you’re thinking about attending. Free help is also available at the FAFSA form’s online help and the Federal Student Aid Information Center. More tips to avoid scams can be found at studentaid.gov/resources/scams#fafsa.

Commercial financial aid services (online are listed as “ads” with .com suffixes) can cost over $1,000 and charge for information that’s available for free elsewhere. Be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; you don’t have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid. If you’re unsure whether to pay a company to help you find financial aid, stop and think: What is being offered? Is the service going to be worth the money? Does it seem too good to be true?

You may have heard or seen the following claims:

- “Buy now or miss this opportunity.” Don’t give in to pressure tactics. Remember, the “opportunity” is a chance to pay for information you could find yourself for free.
- “We guarantee you’ll get aid.” A company could claim it fulfilled its promise if you were offered loans. Is that worth a $1,000 fee?
- “I’ve got aid for you; give me your credit card or bank account number.” Never give out a credit card or bank account number unless you know the organization is legitimate. You could be at risk of identity theft.

You can learn about scholarships for FREE in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking at a library or online. You can also go to the U.S. Department of Labor’s FREE scholarship search tool, federal agencies, your state grant agency, foundations, religious or community organizations, civic groups, your employer, or your parents’ employers.

USE an Internet Search Engine

There is an abundance of scholarship information on the Internet. Often one website will bring up other sites and ideas for scholarships. Scroll down past advertising. Use free sites to find scholarships and grants. Sites with the suffix .com are often just trying to make money. Sites ending in .edu, .org, .net, or .gov are more likely to yield the best free information.

Following are source suggestions from “The College Grants Database” at https://www.collegegrant.net/social-work/:

1. Federal and state government programs serve those with the most financial need.
2. Professional organizations related to Social Work award grants and scholarships annually.
3. Private organizations also fund specific types of social work majors.
4. Universities provide grants, scholarships, fellowships, graduate assistantships, and work-study programs.
5. Nontraditional students have grant and scholarship options for their special circumstances.
6. Grants and scholarships are available to military personnel and their families from all military branches.
7. Community service organizations like the Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Policemen and Firemen service clubs often award scholarships to students in their own communities.

Research pays off if a student is willing to invest the time to search.

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