



Financial Aid
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External
Scholarship
Resources

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Overview

“External” funding refers to scholarships, grants, fellowships, and loans available to students from sources other than the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

For internal funding sources, please visit the HGSE Financial Aid [website](#) and the Harvard University Committee on General Scholarships [website](#).

The following list contains a sample of external funding sources that may interest students pursuing their Ed.M. at HGSE. **Students should visit the scholarship sponsor's website for the most up-to-date information on deadlines and application requirements.**

This list is in no way exhaustive, but it shows a sample of awards that are available for graduate students to apply for. Deadlines for applications are provided when available, but students should visit the scholarship website for the most accurate information on application deadlines.

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General Scholarships

AARL Foundation, Inc. (The Natl. Assoc. for Amateur Radio)

Different scholarship opportunities for amateur radio operators pursuing higher education. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: December

Foundation for Community Association Research: Byron Hanke Fellowship

The Byron Hanke Fellowship is awarded to a graduate student (masters, doctoral, or legal) conducting research related to the development, management and governance of common interest communities and their community associations. You can find more information on their [website](#).

Deadline: May

Harvard College Library - Houghton Library: Philip Hofer Prize for Book and Art Collecting

Scholarship offered to undergraduates and graduates who showcase a book or art collection. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Deadline: February

Harvard Korea Institute: Summer Travel Grants

Travel grants that support summer research and work on masters and doctoral theses in Korea. Korean language proficiency is required. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: February

Hawai'i Community Foundation

Offers a variety of scholarships to residents of Hawai'i who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies full-time. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: January

James Madison Foundation: Graduate Fellowship

Fellowships offered to graduate students who are teachers or planning to be teachers of American history, government, or civics. You can find more information on their [website](#).

Deadline: March

LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNESC) Scholarships

LULAC National Scholarship Fund

Scholarship awarded to US citizens, permanent residents, or DACA recipients to help defray the cost of tuition based on academic achievement. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,000. Graduate students must have applied or be enrolled in a part-time program. More information on the scholarships they offer can be found [here](#).

Deadline: February

Macy's Emergency Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance for students who are facing emergency financial need that may prevent the completion of their degree. Recipients cannot be receiving any other LNESC award at the time of application. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: Rolling deadline

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships

Offers different scholarships to students pursuing an education degree.

Deadline: January

Elementary and Secondary Teacher Education Scholarships

Scholarships offered to students 25 years and older who are studying to be teachers. Awarded based on academic excellence. You can find more information on their [website](#).

Rhode Island Foundation: Antonio Cirino Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship offered to Rhode Island resident who is pursuing arts education at the graduate level. Find more information [here](#).

Deadline: April

Roothbert Fund, Inc.

Provides small grants to those who can satisfy high scholastic requirements and are considering teaching as a vocation, whose daily actions appear to be prompted by spiritual motives. Must be currently in the U.S. when applying. Find more information [here](#).

The Sallie Mae Bridging the Dream Scholarship for Graduate Students

Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident currently enrolled at least half-time at an accredited graduate level program. Interested applicants will be required to upload a short video about their passion for advancing social justice. Amount: \$10,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Student-Specific Scholarships

Student-specific scholarships are scholarships available to students who satisfy certain criteria. Most student-specific scholarships are for under-represented populations, but some are for students who satisfy certain membership requirements (e.g., religious affiliations) or identifying characteristics (e.g., ethnicity).

A great starting point in searching for external scholarships is narrowly focusing on individual social and professional networks, such as civic organizations, religious affiliations, employer-based programs, undergraduate alumni organizations, etc.

The following categories represent a portion of student-specific scholarships available, which can hopefully help in your search for external funding.

African American and Black Students

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) awards scholarships in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses to deserving students pursuing higher education. A full list of the scholarships they offer can be found [here](#).

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to African American or Black students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in a variety of fields. More information can be found [here](#).

United Health Foundation Louis Stokes Scholarship

Scholarships awarded to African-American or Black students pursuing higher education degrees. More information on this scholarship can be found [here](#).

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: Mary Murphy Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to women pursuing graduate studies, particularly in fields where African American women are underrepresented. You can find more information about this award [here](#).

Deadline: April

Frederick Douglas: James Madison Fellowship

Offered to a person of color who is a teacher or planning on being a teacher of American politics, government, or civics. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: March

Point Foundation: BIPOC Scholarship for LGBTQ+ Students

Scholarship awarded to BIPOC students who identify as LGBTQ and are pursuing a four-year undergraduate degree or master's degree. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November

Blind or Visually Impaired Students

American Council of the Blind

In conjunction with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), offers scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500 to legally blind students pursuing a higher education degree. Must be enrolled full-time. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: February

American Foundation for the Blind: AFB Scholarships

Offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students who are legally blind. You can find more information on the scholarships offered [here](#).

Deadline: February

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (C.C.L.V.I.): Fred Sheigert Scholarship

Awards \$3,000 scholarships to three students with low vision and high academic achievement. You can find more information on their [website](#).

Deadline: March

National Federation of the Blind

Offers scholarships to legally blind US citizens pursuing a full-time higher education degree. You can find more information on specific scholarships and their eligibility requirements [here](#).

Deadline: March

DACA Recipients

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Scholarships available to undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic heritage. Available to US citizens, permanent residents, and DACA. You can find more information on the HSF [website](#).

Deadline: March

LULAC National Scholarship Fund

Scholarship awarded to US citizens, permanent residents, or DACA recipients to help defray the cost of tuition based on academic achievement. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,000. Graduate students must have applied or be enrolled in a part-time program. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: February

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

Fellowship that supports up to two years of graduate study for immigrants and children of immigrants. Eligibility extends to DACA recipients. More information can be found [here](#). The application will be released in April.

Deadline: October

Ethnic Heritage

The American Institute of Polish Culture Inc.

Offers scholarships to U.S. citizens, preferably of Polish descent, who are pursuing higher education (either undergraduate or graduate studies). Find more information [here](#) and below.

Deadline: June

Harriet Isray Scholarship

Grants awarded to American students of Polish descent who are pursuing higher education after high school. More information can be found [here](#).

The Lennox Family Award

\$1,500 scholarship awarded to a student pursuing a degree in education. Find more information [here](#).

Armenian General Benevolent Union US Scholarship (Graduate)

Graduate students of Armenian descent who clearly demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. Average amount: \$5,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Application opens in January.

Deadline: May

Financial Assistance Scholarship

This scholarship is available to all graduating high school students and current college students of all levels (undergraduate, graduate, and PhD) of Iranian descent regardless of citizenship or country of residency. Amount: \$1,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: June

Fundacion Mexico en Harvard

Must be a Mexican citizen or Permanent Resident in Mexico and be willing to work in Mexico for 2 years. The student must be a full-time student and demonstrate financial need. Amount: \$50,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Scholarships available to undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic heritage. Available to US citizens, permanent residents, and DACA recipients. You can find more information on the HSF [website](#).

Deadline: March

Iranian-American Scholarship Fund

Iranian heritage and US citizenship OR legal permanent residency with a valid permanent resident card; minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: June

The Korean American Scholarship Foundation

Offers scholarships to students of Korean heritage, who are attending undergraduate or graduate programs in specific regions of the United States. For Harvard University, students must apply with the Northeastern Regional Chapter. Find more information [here](#).
Deadline: June

Kosciusko Foundation, Inc.: Tuition Scholarship for Graduate Studies

Scholarships offered to Americans of Polish descent who are pursuing graduate degrees. Amount: \$1,000-\$7,000. You can find more information [here](#).
Deadline: February

Swiss Benevolent Society of New York (SBS) Graduate Award

Proof of Swiss Parentage required: The applicant or one of his or her parents must be a Swiss national. Applicants must be permanently domiciled in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware for two years or more. U.S. Resident. Must be in excellent academic standing (min. GPA 3.8) and show aptitude in your chosen fields of study. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: March

First Generation Students

TELACU: The David C. Lizárraga Fellowship

Scholarships available to first generation graduate students pursuing a degree in Business or Engineering. Other majors are considered at The Education Foundation's discretion.

More information can be found [here](#).

Application is released in December.

LGBTQIA+ Students

Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus: Open Gate Grants

Grants that support a wide variety of requests to encourage scholarship, understanding, or celebration, in the fields of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Rolling

Point Foundation

The Point Foundation offers scholarships, mentoring, and community service opportunities to members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Learn more about the foundation and their mission [here](#).

BIPOC Scholarship for LGBTQ+ Students

Scholarships awarded to BIPOC students who identify as LGBTQ and are pursuing a four-year undergraduate degree or master's degree. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: November

Point Scholarship

Scholarships provided to full-time undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, financial need, and are members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Find more information [here](#).

Deadline: January

Native Americans

American Indian Graduate Center

Offers scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees. You can find more information on the scholarships offered on their [website](#) and below.

Empowering Scholars Initiative: Direct Scholarships

This need-based scholarship serves to allow students an opportunity to apply for mid-year funding to help alleviate educational costs to continue with their pursuit of higher education. Must be an enrolled member or a first or second-generation descendant of a federally or state recognized Tribe. More information can be found [here](#).

Golda Cook Scholarship 2022-2023

Offered to one male and one female student under the age of 24 who are pursuing graduate or undergraduate programs in any field of study.

Deadline: May

Named Graduate Scholarships 2022-2023

Scholarships open American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students pursuing full-time study.

Thirty7 Scholarship

Open to students pursuing a degree in education or a teaching certificate.

Deadline: June

Special Higher Education Program

Offers scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students enrolled in a full-time program.

Deadline: June

The Navajo Nation Graduate Fellowship

Provides financial assistance in the form of grant awards to eligible Navajo students wishing to attend or attending graduate school. Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: June and November

Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarships

Scholarships available to Native American U.S. citizens enrolled in a full-time degree program. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: May

Catching the Dream

Scholarships provided the Native American students who demonstrate academic achievement, defined goals, leadership potential, and the desire to help others in their community. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. You can find more information [here](#). Deadlines vary by semester

Daughters of the American Revolution: American Indians Scholarships

Scholarships awarded to Native American students pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies. Please find more information [here](#).

Deadline: January

Oneida Higher Education (OHE)

Scholarships offered to enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who are pursuing a vocational, undergraduate, or graduate degree. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: April

The Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship

Scholarships awarded to Osage students pursuing higher education at any level (associates, bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs). You can find more information on the Osage Nation [website](#).

Deadline: June

Religious Affiliation

Jewish Community Foundation College Scholarships

The Jewish Community Foundation encompasses different affiliates based in certain locations that offer scholarships to students who reside in the affiliated regions. You can visit your region's affiliated website for more information on what scholarships are offered. You can find a selection of scholarships below:

Jewish Community Federation & Endowment Fund

Scholarships offered to Jewish residents of the Bay Area pursuing a full-time higher education degree. Specific scholarship information and eligibility criteria can be found on their [website](#).

Deadline: March

Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford

Scholarships offered to Jewish residents of the Greater Hartford, Connecticut region who have been accepted to a degree program at an accredited higher education institution. You can find information on the specific scholarships offered and their eligibility criteria [here](#).

Deadline: May

The Jewish Community Foundation: Southern New Jersey Community

Awards offered to residents of Southern New Jersey counties who are pursuing a full-time higher education degree. You can find more information on eligibility criteria and the different scholarships offered [here](#).

Deadline: March

Fadel Educational Foundation

Offers scholarships to Muslim US citizens and permanent residents who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing a higher education degree. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: May

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Offers scholarships to female members of the Lutheran church who are pursuing a career other than ministry. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: April

Women

AAUW International Fellowships

Open to scholars who identify as women. Must have citizenship in a country other than the U.S. or possession of a nonimmigrant visa if residing in the U.S. Women who are currently, or expect to be during the fellowship year, a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or dual citizen with the U.S. and another country are not eligible. Fellows must return to their home country to pursue a professional career upon completion of their studies. Amount: \$18,000- 30,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Application is released in August.

Deadline: November

American Association of University Women (AAUW): Community Action Grants and Career Development

Awards scholarships and grants to women pursing higher education. Find more information on these awards on their [website](#) and below.

Deadline: November

AAUW of Massachusetts: The Annie H. Ryder Memorial Fellowship

Fellowship offered to women who teach or are preparing to teach and are pursuing a graduate degree. You can find more information [here](#).

Armenian International Women's Association

Scholarships offered to women of Armenian descent pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic excellence. You can find more information [here](#).

Deadline: March

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: Mary Murphy Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to women pursuing graduate studies, particularly in fields where African American women are underrepresented. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: April

General Federation of Women's Clubs – Massachusetts

A selection of scholarships offered to women from Massachusetts who are pursuing undergraduate and graduate study. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: March