



About

The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Starting in 2018, the scholarship will be awarded to 300 top student leaders each year. Eligible students must be members of one or more of the following ethnic minorities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American.

In addition to funding, the Gates Scholarship will provide a number of online support services that will help Scholars excel in their degree programs, graduate, and make a successful transition to their chosen careers. These technology-enabled services include mentoring; academic support; career and internship guidance, advice, and opportunities; and others.

There is a networking component, as well. Gates Scholars will be connected to a network of accomplished peers that they can tap into for support and advice.

Eligibility Requirements

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- A minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

**For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.*

Ideal Candidate

An ideal candidate will have:

- An outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class)
- Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)
- Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

Timeline

Online applications will open in July 2017. The first scholarship cohort will be selected in April 2018, with awards disbursed in the fall.

- July 2017 Application, Phase 1 opens.
- September 2017 Deadline for Application, Phase 1.
- November 2017 Semi-finalists announced.
- November 2017 Application, Phase 2 opens (semi-finalists only).
- January 2018 Deadline for Application, Phase 2.
- March 2018 Finalist announced.
- March 2018 Finalist interviews.
- April 2018 Inaugural cohort of scholars announced.
- Fall 2018 Financial awards are disbursed.

Funding

Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance* that is not already covered by other scholarships and the expected family contribution, as determined by FAFSA.

**Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and transportation, and may include other personal costs.*

Website: www.thegatesscholarship.org