

Minority & Other Scholarships

Scholarships are open to all students to apply for that fit the basic criteria of the scholarship. Basic criteria may be as simple as the county which the student is from, academic merit, community service, or even interests the student may have. When looking for scholarships, we encourage students to look in a variety of places such as:

- Community Service Organizations
- Employers
- High School Guidance Office
- Religious Organization
- Professional Organizations

There are also a variety of search engines designed to help students find scholarships such as:

Fast Web: www.fastweb.com

College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

New York State's Higher Education Services Corporation also as a variety of scholarship search engines available here:

<http://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid.html>.

CATCHING THE DREAM

Throughout the United States, Native communities suffer from a lack of qualified professionals—teachers, engineers, doctors, communication specialists, business managers, social workers, and technicians. Well-paying jobs exist in Indian communities, but few Indians are prepared to fill them. Hospitals, dental clinics, schools, engineering and agricultural projects, all remain understaffed and seriously unable to meet community needs.

A prime reason for the lack of qualified Indian professionals is the poor state of Native American education today. The high school dropout rate for Indians is 50%, more than twice the rate for the nation as a whole. Of the Indian students who finish high school, only 17% attend college, with the majority attending public, two-year community colleges. Few Native Americans attend four-year colleges, and less than one percent attend the nation's top Ivy League colleges.

Catching the Dream seeks to address this deficiency. Our high-priority areas of study are math, engineering, science, business, education, and computers. These fields of study are critical to the future of Indian people and the nation, and Native Americans are very underrepresented in these fields.

Catching the Dream is a national Native American education and scholarship center. Our strategy is to:

1. Actively seek out Native American high school students with academic potential from all regions and tribes of the United States and help prepare them for college;
2. Encourage and assist Native American high schools to establish college preparatory programs.
3. Establish information-sharing networks and national training sessions for teachers and administrators to strengthen their college preparatory programs;
4. Orient parents, grandparents, and tribal leaders so they can provide effective support for their college-bound students.

Catching the Dream works in collaboration with other groups concerned with improving Native American education, for example, with two-year tribal colleges by helping qualified graduates further their education. CTD provides supplementary scholarship funding for those students who have received financial assistance from other sources. Once we select students, they are guaranteed funding for four years and beyond, should they go on to earn graduate degrees.

Over 85% of **Catching the Dream's** scholarship recipients have earned college degrees, and 85% have returned to work in tribal communities.

Catching The Dream Scholarship

Scholarship link: <http://catchingthedream.org/>

Ronald McDonald House Scholarship

Students across the country work hard to earn top marks, dreaming of the college they'll attend and the education they'll receive. Unfortunately, many of these students won't be able to afford it.

We want these students to reach their full potential. To help them accomplish this, our network of U.S. Chapters, along with the global office of RMHC, offer scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Since 1985, more than \$56 million in scholarships have been awarded.

HOW TO APPLY:

Beginning **October 1, 2015**, students may apply online. Graduating high school seniors may only apply for ***one*** of the four scholarships. The deadline for the 2016 academic year is **January 20, 2016 at 11:59 PM Central Time Zone**, and all mailed back-up documents must be postmarked by the same date. Applicants will be notified of scholarship award status by **June 30, 2016**.

Search the FAQs about the program and the application process or apply on **October 1, 2015**.

Scholarships are for students in the United States living in areas where there are participating local RMHC Chapters. Please note that not all Chapters offer all four scholarships below.

- RMHC/Scholars: All students are eligible to apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

Apply online at: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

ALL THE FOLLOWING WERE FOUND AT

<http://faculty.genesee.edu/schol/preview.php>

Application for Foundation Scholarship

Introduction

Genesee Community College Foundation scholarships recognize academic excellence, make higher education accessible to all students, and promote economic vitality in the Genesee-Livingston-Orleans-Wyoming region:

Excellence. Many scholarships recognize and encourage academic excellence in the classroom by providing financial support to academically talented students.

Access. Scholarships, often used in conjunction with financial aid, help provide a Genesee Community College education to all qualified students living in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, and Wyoming counties, regardless of their ability to afford a college education.

Economic Vitality. Many scholarships promote study in fields critical to the economic growth of our region.

On the following pages, please carefully provide us with the requested information:

- Your personal information such as address and phone number.
- The scholarships for which you wish to apply.
- An essay detailing your academic achievement, involvement in co-curricular and community activities, your career aspirations and other qualifications for the scholarships for which you are applying.

Note: you may need to gather signatures for certain scholarships. A link to a signature form will be provided.

Schedule for filing of applications:

Applications for the following fall semester must be received by the Financial Aid Office between January 1 and March 1. Applications received between March 1 and July 1 may be accepted if funding remains available. These awards are for two semesters (fall and spring). If your enrollment is anticipated as fall only, please so indicate.

Applications for the following spring semester only must be received between October 1 and December 1.

Recipients will be notified by mail upon selection by the scholarship committee. Call (585)345-6900 with questions or for more information about Genesee Community College Foundation Scholarships.

Apply to any of the following scholarships at: <http://faculty.genesee.edu/schol/page1.php>

Benjamin Franklin Scholarship

This scholarship provides support for GCC students who are volunteer firefighters or volunteer EMTs in GLOW fire districts, ambulance districts or public charities providing first response. One year or more of service is required. The application must be signed by an officer. The volunteer's immediate family members, including grandchildren may apply. \$1,000 maximum per family per year.

Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a woman residing in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, or Wyoming County who is at least 25 years old, exhibits financial need, and shows evidence of overcoming obstacles to personal and academic success. Recipient invited to club meeting on the 1st Thursday in June.

Diane and Russell Marchese Scholarship Fund

This fund may be awarded to first or second year full-time students who have children attending the college's child care center and who demonstrate financial need. There is a preference to international students.

M.P. Lyon Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to students who have completed 30 hours of college credit at Genesee Community College, with a solid academic record (minimum GPA of 3.0) and who have demonstrated involvement in one or more community/college volunteer service activities. Preference will be given to students over the age of 25.

Recruitment Scholarship

A scholarship designed to attract freshmen out-of-area students enrolled full-time at Genesee Community College who are well-rounded in scholastic involvements. Student must maintain a 2.0 average.

Veteran's Education Scholarship

This scholarship award for returning veterans is intended to augment federal benefits to help veterans obtain vital career training at Genesee Community College

Western New York Native American Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to deserving full- or part- time Genesee Community College students who are able to provide documentation of tribal enrollment or affiliation by a signed statement from a recognized leader of the Six Nations with their scholarship application.

Zonta Scholarship for Returning Women

This scholarship serves Genesee County women over the age of 30 who face significant obstacles in obtaining a college education.

Genesee-Orleans Homemakers Inc. Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to residents of Genesee and Orleans County who intend to pursue careers in the nursing or health-related professions with intent to specialize in geriatric care.

Special Needs Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students who reside in Orleans County while enrolled at the College. Preference is given to students who are the first individuals in their families to attend college, have not received other scholarships, and have assisted others

FOUND THROUGH THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION at www.APTA.org

Mary McMillan Scholarship Award

Nominations are now being accepted for this award.

Nomination Deadline: December 1, 2015

Eligibility Requirements

Students must be nominated from physical therapist professional education programs and physical therapist assistant education programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the association.

Student nominees should be in one of the following phases of their educational program:

Physical therapist education program students must be within 12 months of completing all requirements for graduation from the entry-level program, by the start of the September 1, 2015, Honors and Awards nomination process. [Must be scheduled to graduate between September 1, 2015, and August 31, 2016.]

Physical therapist assistant education program students must be enrolled in the final year of study. For physical therapist assistant education programs that have a part-time curriculum, all nominees must be in the final year of the curriculum of that institution. Each institution must determine the minimum number of credit hours required for final year status. Based on this, all nominees must be in the final year of the curriculum to be nominated. [Must be scheduled to graduate between September 1, 2015, and August 31, 2016.]

Nominations of students from an educational institution will be limited to 1 physical therapist education student and 1 physical therapist assistant student.

The intent of the award is to recognize those students who exhibit superior scholastic ability and potential for future professional contribution. Awards are made on a competitive basis. Recipients will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: superior scholastic performance, past productivity, evidence of potential contribution to physical therapy, and service to the American Physical Therapy Association.

What Recipients Receive

An award of 5,000 will be granted to each physical therapist professional education student recipient and \$3,000 to each physical therapist assistant education student recipient .

Student recipients will receive certificates presented by APTA's Board of Directors at the NEXT Conference and Exposition and the monetary awards will be mailed prior to the conference. An official announcement will appear in an association publication.

Submission Requirements

Nominees for the award will be selected by the faculty and the student body of the program in which the nominee is enrolled.

During the online process, the following documents will be required for upload:

- completed student [application form \(.doc\)](#)
- current [enrollment verification form \(.doc\)](#)
- student essay as explained in the application form
- 2 letters in support of the nomination, one from a representative of the student body and one from a representative of the faculty, that specifically focus on a nominee's worthiness for this award, not to exceed 2 pages each

Submit a Nomination

Nominations must be [submitted electronically](#). All materials completed and submitted for each nomination must be received by the APTA Honors and Awards Program on or before December 1, 2015, to be considered for 2016 Honors and Awards Program. Please note that the nominator is responsible for reviewing and ensuring the proper completion of all steps within the online nomination submission process before final submission.

Award Recipients

[View past award recipients for this award \(.pdf\).](#)

This link found at: <http://www.apta.org/HonorsAwards/Scholarships/McMillanScholarship/>

Minority Scholarship Award

Nominations are now being accepted for these awards.

Nomination Deadline: December 1, 2015

Three scholarship awards are supported by the Minority Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are awarded annually to physical therapy students in their final year of physical therapy education and faculty members pursuing their post-professional doctoral degree.

Award Types & Eligibility

Faculty Award

This is an annual award offered to minority faculty pursuing a post-professional doctoral degree by the Physical Therapy Fund. Read the [nomination instructions \(.pdf\)](#), and [download the application form \(.doc\)](#).

PT Student Award

This is an annual award offered to minority physical therapist students by the Physical Therapy Fund. Read the [nomination instructions \(.pdf\)](#), and download the [application form \(.doc\)](#) and [reference forms \(.doc\)](#).

PTA Student Award

This is an annual award offered to minority physical therapist assistant students by the Physical Therapy Fund. Read the [nomination instructions \(.pdf\)](#), and download the [application form \(.doc\)](#) and [reference forms \(.doc\)](#).

Apply Here for the PTA Student Award:

<http://www.apta.org/HonorsandAwards/Scholarships/MinorityScholarship/>