

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

For more details about these and other scholarships, go to www.bsu.edu/nationalscholarships.

Many scholarships allow students to apply on their own, but it's not a good idea! Others require the review of a Ball State campus committee; campus deadlines are noted below for those scholarships.

Students who hope to apply for a scholarship must contact **Dr. Andrea Wolfe, Interim Director of Nationally Competitive Scholarships**, at least 6-12 weeks before the campus deadline (if applicable) or the national deadline.

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Scholarships for undergraduate study abroad:

- **[U.K. Fulbright Summer Institute Award](#)**: Fully funded 3-week summer institutes in the U.K., for classroom & experiential learning. Open only to freshmen & sophomores with little or no prior experience abroad. *Deadline*: late February
- **[Critical Language Scholarship](#)**: Fully funded 8- to 10-week summer language institutes, to study one of 14 languages considered essential to U.S. engagement with the world. *Deadline*: mid-November
- **[Gilman Scholarship](#)**: Up to \$5,000 for Pell Grant recipients studying, interning, or student teaching abroad. *Deadlines*: early October (for upcoming spring, summer, or fall study abroad) and early March (for upcoming summer, fall, or spring study abroad); *most applicants can apply at two different times*
- **[DAAD](#)**: Funded summer internships for science majors; funded German studies research grants for highly qualified undergraduates. *Deadlines*: mid-December for science internships; early May & November for research grants
- **[Boren Scholarship](#)**: Up to \$25,000 for study *outside of* Western Europe, Canada, Australia, & New Zealand. Six months or longer preferred, except for STEM majors (8-week minimum for them). Must include language study. *Campus deadline*: early January | *National deadline*: early February

Scholarships for undergraduates with specific interests or goals:

- **[Goldwater Scholarship](#)**: \$7,500 for sophomore and junior STEM majors committed to research. *Campus deadline*: mid-November | *National deadline*: late January
- **[Hollings Scholarship](#)**: \$19,000 plus paid internship for sophomores in fields relevant to the mission of NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration). *Deadline*: late January
- **[Udall Scholarship](#)**: \$7,000 for sophomores and juniors committed to careers related to the environment or Native American policy or healthcare issues (applicants for latter category must be Native American). *Campus deadline*: late January | *National deadline*: early March
- **[Voyager Scholarship](#)**: \$50,000 for sophomores committed to public service, plus additional \$30,000 for internship/ mentorship experience during college and travel after college. *Deadline*: late February

Scholarships for graduate study in the U.S. only:

- **[Knight-Hennessy Scholarship](#)**: Full tuition and generous living stipend for 3 years of graduate study, in any field, at Stanford University. *Deadline*: mid-October
- **[Madison Fellowship](#)**: \$24,000 for master's-level study for future or present teachers of American history, American government, and/or social studies in grades 7-12. *Deadline*: early March
- **[National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#)**: ~\$159,000 for graduate study for students pursuing research-focused careers in the sciences (STEM fields and behavioral and social sciences). *Deadline*: mid-October
- **[Samvid Scholarship](#)**: \$100,000 for 2 years of master's, JD, or MD study for future leaders and change-makers. *Deadline*: early April
- **[Soros Fellowship](#)**: \$90,000 for graduate study by immigrants or 1st-generation Americans. *Deadline*: late October

Scholarships for graduate study in the U.S. or abroad:

- **[Truman Scholarship](#)**: \$30,000 for students pursuing careers in any field of *public service*. Students apply during their *junior year*. *Campus deadline*: late November | *National deadline*: early February

Scholarships for graduate study, research, or practical experiences abroad:

- **[Fulbright U.S. Student Award](#)**: Fully-funded year of study, research, or creative project abroad (after a bachelor's degree) in any field, *after* graduation, to increase cross-cultural understanding in ~140 countries. English Teaching Assistantships offered in ~80 countries. **Campus deadline**: early September | **National deadline**: early October
TIP: APPLY DURING LATE SPRING OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR, TO GO ABROAD SOON AFTER GRADUATING FROM BSU.
- **[Boren Fellowship](#)**: Up to \$25,000 for general study, language study, or research *outside of* Western Europe, Canada, Australia, & New Zealand. **Deadline**: late January
- **[DAAD](#)**: Funding for master's-degree study in Germany; other scholarships and grants support grad students conducting study, research, or science-focused internship in Germany. **Deadline**: early November for most disciplines
- **[Schwarzman Scholarship](#)**: Fully-funded 1-year master's degree in global affairs (focusing on public policy, economics & business, or international studies at Schwarzman College (Tsinghua University) in China. **Deadline**: late September
- **[Yenching Scholarship](#)**: Fully-funded 1-year master's degree in Chinese studies (with concentration in one of 6 fields) at Yenching Academy (Peking University) in China. **Deadline**: late November
- **[Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#)**: Fully-funded graduate study (1-4 years) at Cambridge University, for applicants who want to improve the lives of the world's citizens. **Deadline**: mid-October
- **[Marshall Scholarship](#)**: Fully-funded graduate study (1-2 years) at any university in the U.K.
Campus deadline: early September | **National deadline**: late September
- **[Rhodes Scholarship](#)**: Fully-funded graduate study (1-3 years) at Oxford University.
Campus deadline: early September | **National deadline**: early October

What does it take to compete for a national or international scholarship?

- ◇ High academic achievement—more than just high GPA [TIP: CONSIDER [HONORS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS](#)]
- ◇ Record of campus activity and leaders [TIP: EXPLORE [BALL STATE BENNY LINK](#) FOR BSU ORGANIZATIONS]
- ◇ Record of community service [TIP: CHECK OUT [STUDENT VOLUNTARY SERVICES](#) OR JOIN [HACE](#) IN THE HONORS COLLEGE]
- ◇ Outstanding letters of recommendation [TIP: GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS]
- ◇ Excellent writing skills [TIP: THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CAN HELP, THROUGH ITS WRITING CENTER]
- ◇ Drive and vision

How do I start my search for nationally competitive scholarships?

- ◇ First, if any of the scholarships on this sheet might apply to you, go to www.bsu.edu/nationalscholarships and read more about the scholarship on the homepage. Be sure the eligibility and selection criteria are a good fit for you.
- ◇ Keep a list or spreadsheet of all scholarships that look like a potential fit for you!

What do I do next?

- ◇ Schedule an appointment to meet with Andrea Wolfe, by calling 765-285-1024, either to go through the list of scholarships you've identified or to tell her you've come up empty-handed. She might know of other scholarships that would fit with your passions and goals!
- ◇ Fill out the [Scholarship Interest Form](#).

When should I start the application process?

- ◇ The sooner the better! Contact Andrea Wolfe as soon as you know you might be interested in applying for a scholarship, even if you won't actually submit an application for several months or even a year.
- ◇ When it's time to apply, give yourself 6-12 weeks to prepare a successful application.

Frequently asked questions:

- ◇ **Q:** Can you help me find a study abroad program?
A: No. That's the job of the Study Abroad office. Go to studyabroad.bsu.edu.
- ◇ **Q:** Can you help me apply for BSU scholarships?
A: No. My assistance is limited to national scholarships.
- ◇ **Q:** Is there a QR code I could easily scan to get to your website, which will provide links to the scholarships and resources on this handout?
A: Sure is! Hope it helps!

