



College Connections

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Programs in African, Africana and African-American Studies at New York State's Independent Colleges and Universities

Students interested in African, Africana and African-American Studies have a number of colleges and programs of study available to them at the 100+ independent colleges and universities in New York. African and African-American Studies explores the historical, cultural, political, economic, and social development of people of African descent. To discover which colleges offer a bachelor's degree program, minor, or major area of concentration in African, Africana and African-American Studies a quick search of the Academic Programs database on New York's private (independent) colleges and universities' admissions and financial aid Web site, www.nycolleges.org will return this list below. The database contains more than 500 academic programs—a lot of options to pursue! Explore your academic interests at www.nycolleges.org.

Adelphi University: Minor in African American Studies

<http://academics.adelphi.edu/artsci/abcs/>

Bard College: Interdisciplinary Concentration in Africana Studies

www.bard.edu/academics/programs/programs.php?id=99951096&pid=745

Barnard College: Major and Minor in Africana Studies

www.barnard.edu/africana/

Colgate University: Major and Minor in Africana and Latin American Studies

www.colgate.edu/academics/departments/africanaandlatinamericanstudies.html

Columbia University: Major and Concentration in African Studies and African-American Studies

www.college.columbia.edu/bulletin/depts/afts.php and www.college.columbia.edu/bulletin/depts/african.php

Cornell University: Major and Minor Concentration in Africana Studies

<http://asrc.cornell.edu/undergrad.html>

Fordham University: Major, Minor, and Concentration in African and African American Studies

www.fordham.edu/academics/programs_at_fordham/african_and_african/index.asp

Hamilton College: Major, Minor, and Concentration in Africana Studies

www.hamilton.edu/academics/departments?dept=Africana%20Studies

Hobart and William Smith Colleges: Major and Minor in Africana Studies; Minor in African and African-American Studies

www.hws.edu/academics/africana/

Hofstra University: Major and Minor in African Studies

www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/HCLAS/AFRICA/index.html

Ithaca College: Minor in African Diaspora Studies

www.ithaca.edu/cscre/minors/africandiasporaminor/

New York University: Major and Minor in Africana Studies

<http://africanastudies.as.nyu.edu/page/home>

Sarah Lawrence College: Concentration in Africana Studies

www.slc.edu/undergraduate/study/africana-studies/index.html

St. John Fisher College: Minor in African American Studies

www.sjfc.edu/academics/arts-science/departments/afam/

St. Lawrence University: Major and Minor in African Studies; Minor in African American Studies

www.stlawu.edu/academics/programs/african-studies

www.stlawu.edu/academics/programs/african-american-studies

Syracuse University: Major and Minor in African American Studies

<http://aas.syr.edu/index.htm>

Union College: Interdepartmental Major with Minor in Africana Studies

www.union.edu/academic_depts/africana_studies/

University of Rochester: Major and Minor in African and African-American Studies

www.rochester.edu/College/AAS/undergraduate/major.html

www.rochester.edu/College/AAS/undergraduate/minor.html

Vassar College: Major in Africana Studies

<http://africanastudies.vassar.edu/>

Wells College: Minor in Africana; Concentration in African American Studies

www.wells.edu/academic/american_studies.htm

Sources: Web sites of the colleges and universities; Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cicu); Admissions and Financial Aid Web site www.nycolleges.org.

Notable African-Americans at New York's Independent Colleges and Universities

1905: Editor and writer Jessie Redmon Fauset becomes the first Black female Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Cornell University.

1906: Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate fraternity for African-American college students, is established at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

1921: Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, is born in Ithaca, New York, to Simon Alexander Haley, later to become a professor of agriculture at Cornell University, and Bertha George Palmer, a student at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music (later Ithaca College).

1923: Paul Robeson, famed activist, singer, actor, athlete, and scholar, graduates from Columbia University Law School.

1928: Writer Zora Neale Hurston graduates from Barnard College with a degree in anthropology. In 1995, the Library of America published a two-volume set of her work.

1930: Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. graduates from Colgate University. In 1944, he was elected New York State's first African-American representative to the U.S. Congress.

1952: Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1968, receives her M.A. in elementary education from Columbia University, Teachers College.

1960: Dr. Carol Burnett becomes the first African-American to graduate from Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She was one of only four women, and the only person of color, in the medical school's first graduating class.

1961: Ernie Davis of Elmira, New York, a running back for the Syracuse University football team, becomes the first Black athlete to win the Heisman Trophy.

1965: Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, graduates from Sarah Lawrence College.

1977: Denzel Washington earns a B.A. in drama and journalism from Fordham University.

1978: Spike Lee, celebrated film director, graduates from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

1979: Arthur O. Eve is appointed Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the first African-American to hold that post. He is responsible for initiating legislation that led to establishment of New York's Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), and other educational programs for underserved students.

1983: David Paterson, first African-American governor of New York State and a graduate of Columbia University, receives a degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

1999: Shirley Ann Jackson, the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, becomes president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

2008: Barack Obama, a 1983 graduate of Columbia University, where he majored in political science, becomes the first African-American president of the United States.

Sources: "Encyclopedia Britannica's Guide to Black History,"

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/>

"New York State History and Facts," www.newyorkhistory.org/

"African American History of Western New York State,"

www.math.buffalo.edu/~sww/0history/hwny.html

"Oxford African American Studies Center," www.oxfordaasc.com

"Distinguished Black College Graduates and Their Alma Maters,"

www.blackexcel.org/disting.htm

February Tasks for High School Seniors

1. Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) - the report generated from your FAFSA application. Make any corrections and return to the FAFSA processor. Make sure colleges receive the corrected SAR.
2. Complete scholarship applications. Many colleges' financial aid deadlines are in February. Meet the deadlines and be sure to keep copies of everything you send.
3. Keep up on your academic work and extracurricular activities. Don't slack off!

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed."

-Booker T. Washington

Scholarship Search Resources: Focus on African-Americans

Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Scholarships

<http://www.akaeaf.org/>

[undergraduate_scholarships.htm#merit](http://www.akaeaf.org/undergraduate_scholarships.htm#merit)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is a service organization founded by African-American women at Howard University in 1908. Its Educational Advancement Foundation awards one-time scholarships to full-time sophomore, junior, or senior college students at institutions accredited by The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. Members of AKA may apply for the Youth Partners Accessing Capital Scholarship; others may apply for Merit or Financial Need Scholarships.

AIA/AAF Minority Disadvantaged Scholarship Program

<http://www.aia.org/education/AIAB081881>

The American Institute of Architects/American Architectural Foundation Scholarship Program provides scholarships of \$3,000 to \$4,000 each to high school graduates, college freshmen, and community college students who are members of a minority and/or are financially challenged and intend to pursue a degree in architecture.

AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students

<http://www.aicpa.org/Career/DiversityInitiatives/Pages/smas.aspx>

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) offers renewable scholarships to outstanding minority students of accounting. Recipients receive \$3,000 per academic year to pay for expenses directly related to getting an education in accounting, and payments are sent directly to the financial aid office at the student's college or university.

American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholarships

<http://tinyurl.com/5wb7eq9>

For 15 years, the ACS has awarded renewable scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year to African-American, Latino, and Native American students pursuing college degrees in chemistry and related fields. High school seniors who have participated in the ACS's Project Seed Program for economically disadvantaged students can apply for a one-time SEED Scholarship of up to \$5,000 to assist in the transition from high school to college; to learn more, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4vwendk>.

APS (American Physical Society) Scholarship

<http://www.aps.org/programs/minorities/honors/scholarship/>

Any African-American, Latino, or Native American U.S. citizen who is a high school senior or in the first or second year of college and is majoring or planning to major in physics is eligible for this scholarship. The award is for \$2,000 per year for new minority scholars and \$3,000 per year for renewed students. Each scholar is also paired with a mentor at his/her institution and an APS mentor.

Have It Your Way Foundation/Burger King Scholars Program

http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html

The Have It Your Way Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million in scholarships to high school seniors and Burger King employees. Awards are for up to \$1,000 for college expenses; other scholarships, including the "King" National Award for \$25,000 and \$5,000 Regional Awards, are also available.

The Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholarships

<http://naacpldf.org/scholarships>

This national program awards scholarships to students who are entering college for the first time and will be attending a 4-year college or university. Applicants must submit two essays of at least 500 words each. The Lehman Scholarship program looks for students dedicated to the cause of civil rights who excel academically, show leadership potential, and have served their communities.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/application.php>

This program provides scholarships of up to \$7,500 annually for expenses at an accredited 4-year college or university to minority high school students with leadership potential and financial need. Students must submit at least one letter or recommendation, an official transcript, and SAT or ACT scores.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships>

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Young Scholars Program offers high-achieving 7th grade students chosen as Young Scholars various resources, including guidance in selecting a high school; enrichment programs; computers and other technological tools; specialized support in music, art, math, or other subjects; and college counseling. Its Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides up to \$30,000 per year to deserving 2-year and community college students who are transferring to a 4-year institution; applicants must be nominated by a Foundation Faculty Representative at their 2-year college.

Microsoft Scholarships

<http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/collegescholarship.aspx>

Microsoft offers four different types of scholarships to college undergraduates studying computer science and related subjects in a 4-year degree program: General Scholarships, Women's Scholarships, Minority Scholarships, and Scholarships for Students with Disabilities. Grants are either full or partial tuition scholarships and are one-time awards.

NAACP Scholarships

<http://www.naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2>

The NAACP offers a number of scholarships, among them the Earl G. Graves Scholarship for college students who are business majors, the HBCU Scholarship for students at historically black colleges and universities, and the Roy Wilkins Scholarship for entering college freshmen.

National Action Committee for Minorities in Engineering (NACME)

http://www.nacmebacksme.org/NBM_C.aspx?pageid=153

The NACME provides one-time \$1,500 scholarships to African-American, Latino, and Native American high school seniors who have strong academic and leadership skills and have been accepted as full-time students in engineering programs accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Students can research accredited programs at <http://www.abet.org/AccredProgramSearch/AccreditationSearch.aspx>.

Project Vision/Proyecto Vision

<http://www.proyectovision.net/english/opportunities/scholarships.html>

Proyecto Vision, a bilingual site (in English and Spanish) for young people with disabilities, has a long list of links to scholarships for students who are wheelchair-bound, have learning disabilities, are hearing-impaired, or who have medical conditions such as sickle-cell anemia. Also listed are scholarships for minorities and the financially challenged. The scholarships are listed in chronological order based on their deadlines.

Ron Brown Scholar Program

<http://www.ronbrown.org/Apply/EligibilityRequirements.aspx>

African-American high school seniors who excel academically, have leadership potential, participate in community service, and demonstrate financial need may apply for this program, which awards a \$10,000 a year renewable scholarship to cover the cost of attending a 4-year college or university. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

RMHC (Ronald McDonald House) U.S. Scholarships

<http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

High school seniors who are legal U.S. residents, are under 21 years old, have a GPA of at least 2.7, and live in a county with a participating RMHC chapter (see <http://rmhc.org/assets/RMHC-Scholarship-PDFs/2010-2011-County-list-doc.pdf> for a list of counties), and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college may apply for a RMHC scholarship. The RMHC Scholars program is open to all seniors; the African-American Future Achievers Scholarship is open to 12th graders with at least one parent of Black heritage.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

http://www.nyul.org/nyul_scholarships.html

African-American, Latino, Asian-American, and Native American students who live in New York City, are high school graduates, and have been accepted as a full-time college freshman at a 2- or 4-year institution are eligible for this scholarship, given by the New York Urban League. Awards include scholarships of \$3,500 and incentive awards of \$1,500.

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