

[Talbots Scholarship Foundation](#)

In keeping with its long-standing tradition of helping women succeed, the Talbots Charitable Foundation is proud to present the Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund and the Nancy Talbot Scholarship Award for perseverance and ingenuity, which is presented in memory of the founder of Talbots. This program empowers women to enrich themselves through learning and achieve a college education later in life. The Talbots Scholarship Fund will award \$180,000 in college scholarships for the 2011 academic year, including ten \$15,000 scholarships and one \$30,000 scholarship to an extraordinary finalist demonstrating courage, conviction and an insatiable entrepreneurial spirit. In keeping with our tradition of serving the community, the Talbots Charitable Foundation is proud to offer its scholarship program to women pursuing a college degree later in life.

[Smith Scholarship Foundation](#)

The Smith Scholarship Foundation is designed to fund college scholarships for deserving students throughout Alabama. Special consideration is given to applicants who would be the first in either their mother's or father's (or both parents') families to attend college. However, it is not a requirement that an applicant be the first in their family to attend college. The foundation was created by Mignon C. Smith in honor of her parents. Her father, J. Craig Smith, was President and CEO of Avondale Mills, which was a hallmark of the textile industry. Mr. Smith was an innovative leader who put employee scholarships in place and privately funded the education of several employees' children. Now, by having established The J. Craig and Page T. Smith Scholarship Foundation and the "First In Family" College Scholarships, his daughter is continuing the family tradition of encouraging and inspiring others to learn.

Requirements

- A copy of your transcript of high school grades (9-12) is required. A minimum "C+" average is required for this scholarship. Please have your counselor provide your GPA on a 4.00 point scale.
- ACT (required) or SAT (optional) scores should be attached or mailed. No minimum test score is required for this scholarship. If the test has not been taken yet, please provide expected test date.
- You must write your own essay on your future plans or goals of accomplishment for yourself. The essay must be written by the applicant. It may be reviewed by a teacher, but the applicant must be the author.
- You must write your own essay documenting community and civic-oriented activities or assistance to family members must be attached or mailed. The essay must be written by the applicant. It may be reviewed by a teacher, but the applicant must be the author.
- Please provide three (3) personal recommendations from teachers, counselors, a member of a volunteer organization, professional or family members. You will be prompted to provide the address, e-mail and phone number of the person providing the recommendation. They will automatically receive an e-mail from us requesting the recommendation.
- You are required to provide a copy of pages (1) and (2) of the previous year's tax return for anyone in your household that files a tax return. Please redact (remove with black marker or white-out) all social security numbers.

The Jimmy Rane Foundation

All college applicants must have a 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship is limited to applicants that reside in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

Carnegie Fellowships

Description: Each year the Endowment offers 8-10 one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated during the past academic year. They are selected from a pool of nominees from close to 300 colleges. Carnegie Junior Fellows work as research assistants to the Endowment's senior associates, conducting research for books, co-authoring journal articles and policy papers, participating in meetings with high-level officials, contributing to congressional testimony, and organizing briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists, and government officials

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens and noncitizens who are eligible to work in the U.S. for a full 12 months from August 1 through July 31 following graduation. Students on F-1 visas who are eligible to work in the US for the full year (August 1 through July 31)
- Seniors, alumni within one year of graduation who have not begun graduate studies
- Applicants should have completed significant coursework in international affairs, political science, economics, history or Russian or Chinese or Middle East studies

Fulbright (Various Scholarships and Fellowships)

Description: The Fulbright Program is designed to give students, artists, and professionals opportunities to pursue graduate study and research in over 100 nations. It is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, and teaching worldwide.

- Be a U.S. Citizen at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.
- Hold a B.A. degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant.
- Applicants who have not earned a B.A. or B.S. degree, but who have extensive professional study and/or experience in the fields in which they wish to pursue a project, may be considered.
- In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional study and/or experience meets the eligibility requirement.
- Be in good health. Guarantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate of Health from a physician.
- Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the academic year in which he or she applies. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning in September after application. Sophomore nominees can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the September after application. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year of support.
- Have a college grade-point-average of at least "B" (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of his or her class. A GPA of 3.8-4.0 is most competitive.
- Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a U.S. national. Nominations from permanent residents must include a letter of the nominee's intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Permanent Resident Card. (Formerly known as the Alien Registration Card).

Marshall Scholarship

Description: The purpose of the Marshall Scholarship is to finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in a system of higher education recognized for its excellence. The Marshall Scholarships serve as a way to commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall plan conceived by General George C. Marshall. They express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

Eligibility: Open only to United States citizens who (at the time they take up their Scholarship) hold a first degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States with a minimum GPA of 3.7. To qualify for awards tenable from October 2011, candidates must have graduated from their undergraduate college or university after April 2008

Mitchell Scholarship

The Mitchell Scholars Program is a national competitive fellowship sponsored by the US-Ireland Alliance. The Mitchell Scholars Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to public service and community. Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Applicants are judged on three criteria: scholarship, leadership, and a sustained commitment to service and community. The Mitchell Scholars Program provides tuition, housing, a living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend.

Truman Scholarship

The Truman Scholarship provides up to \$30,000 in funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. Students must be college juniors at the time of selection. The Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development. Scholars are invited to participate in a number of programs: Truman Scholar Leadership Week, The Summer Institute, and The Truman-Albright Fellows Program. Please visit the For Scholars section of the website for an overview of the programs the Foundation currently offers for Scholars.

Eligibility: A Truman scholarship nominee must --

- Be a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution;
- Be nominated by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at his or her respective institution;
- Be in the upper quarter of his or her class;
- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.