

RESEARCH GUIDE

Financial Aid

George Mason University Libraries

There are many education-related financial aid programs for students of all types. In order to find the types of aid most suited, look at some of the general sources listed below, taking a few moments to browse the introductory remarks that identify what types of aid that particular source lists. Introductory chapters are also often invaluable for identifying how to go about the application process.

Departmental Websites

<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/cdc/>

Career Services at George Mason University

<http://apollo.gmu.edu/finaid/>

Office of Financial Aid at George Mason University

General Library Resources

Fenwick Library

Ref AS 911 .A2 A6

Annual Register of Grant Support. (2003)

Graduate, Undergraduate. Over 3,000 entries. Covers grant support programs of government agencies, public and private foundations, corporations, community trusts, unions, associations and special interest organizations in support of research, project development, travel and exchange programs, publication support, etc.

Ref L 901 .C64 v.5

College Blue Book: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, and Loans. (1997)

Graduate, Undergraduate. Sources for funding a college education divided into nine broad subject areas. Concentrates on private sources of aid.

Ref LB 2338 .D57

Directory of Research Grants. (2003)

Graduate, Undergraduate. Lists 6,000 research programs. Non-repayable

research funding for projects in medicine, physical and social sciences, the arts and humanities and education.

Ref LB 2336 .F599

Foundation Grants for Individuals. (2003)
Graduate, Undergraduate. List of more than 5500 grants by school, discipline, foundation or geographic area.

Ready Ref AS 911 .A2 F66 29th

Foundation Grants Index. (2001)

Ref LB 2338 .G7

The Grants Register. (2001)
Graduate. No listing of awards that are restricted to a particular institution.
Lists awards for both US and non-US citizens.

Ref LB 2338 .S35

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans. (1997)
Comprehensive source of information on major education-related financial aid programs sponsored and administered by private organizations and companies.

Johnson Center

LB 2337.5 .V57 F56 2002
Videotape

Financial Aid 101 (Videotape)
All you need to know about finding grants, scholarships and loans for college.

LB 2337.2 .B57 1999

Free Money for College. (1999)

Ref LB 2337 .P4

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants and Prizes. (1999)
Includes a CD-ROM available at the JCL Reference desk.

Ref LB 2338 .S345

The Scholarship Advisor. (2000)
Scholarship information published by the Princeton Review.

Electronic Books

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

College Student's Guide to Merit and Other No-need Funding. (1998-2000)

Subject Based Aid

Fenwick Library

Ref AZ 188 .U5 D57

Directory of Grants in the Humanities. (2002/2003)
Graduate, Undergraduate. Lists almost 4,000 funding programs that support research and performance in all areas of the humanities.

Ref H 97 .G73

Grants for Public Policy and Public Affairs. (1999/2000)
Lists over 5,000 grants of \$10,000 or more. Grants are listed alphabetically by state, then by foundation name and recipient name within each foundation.

Electronic Books

- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **How to pay for your degree in agriculture & related fields, 2002-2004**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **How to pay for your degree in business & related fields, 2002-2004**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **How to pay for your degree in education & related fields, 2002-2004**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **How to pay for your degree in journalism & related fields, 2002-2004**

Aid for Minority Groups and Women

Johnson Center

- Ref LB 2337.2 .B52 1997 **Big Book of Opportunities for Women.** (1997)
- Ref LB 2337.2 .B55 1996 **The Black Student's Guide to Scholarships.** (1996)
- Ref LB 2338 .F5644 **Financial Aid for Asian Americans.** (1999)

Electronic Books

- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **Directory of Financial Aids for Women, 2001-2003**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **Financial Aid for African Americans, 2001-2003**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **Financial Aid for Hispanic Americans, 2001-2003**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **Financial Aid for Native Americans, 2001-2003**
- <http://www.netlibrary.com> **Free College and Training Money for Women**

Government and Organizational Internet Resources

- <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid.**
The FAFSA is often a required step in the financial aid process.
- <http://studentaid.ed.gov> **Federal Student Aid.**
This is the Dept. of Education's website for Financial Aid.
- <http://www.students.gov> **Student Gateway to the U.S. Government.**
This is a comprehensive website for students and prospective students.
- <http://www.ed.gov> **The Department of Education.**
This site contains useful information about education in general.

<http://www.nasfaa.org>

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

This site provides a useful financial aid guide.

Other Resources on Campus

For more information on how to finance college tuition, visit the **Career Development Center** at 348 Student Union Building I, and the **Office of Student financial Aid** at 201 Finlay Building. Also check with specific academic departments.

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