



# **MAPPING OF AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID PROGRAMS TO IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES IN THE U.S.**

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## Types of Scholarships

This document provides an initial overview of scholarships available for refugees and members of other at-risk migrant communities.

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**Category 1**  
**Scholarships that**  
**Focus on Refugees**  
**and Migrants**



## PAUL AND DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS

This fellowship provides a \$90,000 award over the course of 2 years. In order to qualify for the scholarship program, applicants must be planning to attend a graduate-level degree program at an accredited American university on a full-time basis. The scholarships can be awarded to US citizens whose parents were born abroad or who are not US citizens as well as to individuals who were born abroad but are naturalized citizens, adopted by US citizens, green card holders or refugee status.

**Phone:** (212) 547-6926

**Email:** PDSoros@pdoros.or

**Website:** <https://www.pdsoros.org/>



## EDSEED

EdSeed is a crowd-funding social network that connects displaced students with donors and mentors who support their higher education and journey to economic independence.

**Contact link:** <https://www.edseed.me/contact/>

**Website:** <https://www.edseed.me/>



## DREAM REFUGEE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Dream Refugee Mentorship Program is an initiative that aims to help high school students who are or were refugees gain access to professional mentoring, scholarship aid, and a network of connections in order to help them succeed in their high school and post-secondary education.

**Contact link:** [www.dreamrefugee.org/contact](http://www.dreamrefugee.org/contact)

**Website:** [www.dreamrefugee.org](http://www.dreamrefugee.org)



## ONE REFUGEE

ONE Refugee aims is to help refugees thrive in their new home through career counseling, mentorship, financial aid, and more.

**Contact:** Raymon Burton, Executive Director 8013667126

**Email:** [info@onerefugee.org](mailto:info@onerefugee.org)

**Website:** <http://onerefugee.org/>



## CHARTERUP NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

One scholarship of \$10,000 is awarded each year. This scholarship is non-renewable. That means you will not get it again next year. It can be applied to one academic year. Applicants must be born outside the USA and must already be in school (or accepted) as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited US college or university. High school seniors who want to enroll in college are also eligible. A recent transcript must show a GPA of 3.4 or greater.

**Phone:** (866) 315-8261

**Email:** [info@charterup.com](mailto:info@charterup.com)

**Website:** <https://www.charterup.com/scholarship>



## COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM (CAMP)

It is a federally-funded educational support and scholarship program that helps students from migrant and seasonal farm-working backgrounds to reach and succeed in college. The funding supports completion of the first year of studies. Services include outreach to persons who are eligible, counseling, tutoring, skills workshops, financial aid stipends, health services, and housing assistance to eligible students during their first year of college. Limited follow-up services are provided to participants after their first year.

**Some participating universities include:** Washington State University (WA), University of Idaho, and Michigan State University,

**Website:** <https://hepcampassociation.org/about/camp-project/>

**Contact link:** <https://hepcampassociation.org/contact-us/>



**Category 2**  
**Specific State or**  
**Geographical Area.**



### **ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS OF WAKE COUNTY (NORTH CAROLINA)**

Scholarships are given to first-generation US citizens, refugees, and immigrants graduating from a Wake County high school. Additionally, applicants do not need legal documents to apply. The scholarships amount up to \$16,000

**Phone:** (919) 474-8370 ext. 4028

**Email:** [julia@trianglecf.org](mailto:julia@trianglecf.org)

**Website:** <https://trianglecf.org/award/achievement-scholarship-for-refugees-and-immigrants-of-wake-county/>



### **THE REFUGEE CONNECT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (GREATER CINCINNATI, OHIO AND NORTHERN KENTUCKY)**

The Junior League of Cincinnati launched Refugee Connect in 2013 after a routine community needs assessment determined that connecting refugees to existing resources was a pressing need for women and children in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky specifically has a long history as a refugee resettlement community, beginning with the Holocaust survivors during World War II. Scholarships are given for refugees residing in the Greater Cincinnati tri-state area pursuing higher education at a public, private, technical college or university in the USA.

**Phone:** (513) 449-0368

**Email:** [info@refugeeconnect.org](mailto:info@refugeeconnect.org)

**Website:** <https://www.refugeeconnect.org/scholarships.html>



### **MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOUNDATION (ARIZONA)**

The amount of this award varies, but it is targeted for students enrolled at a Maricopa Community College, who are also refugees and their children who are trying to re-train or get an education not available to them in their home country.

**Website:** <https://mcccdf.academicworks.com/opportunities/12684>



### WHEATON REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP (MASSACHUSETTS)

This is a four-year Wheaton Refugee Scholarship that covers the total cost of attendance will be awarded each academic year. Students who have fled a war-torn region as a refugee and who do not hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status, or who have legally entered the United States as refugees may apply.

**Email:** [admission@wheatoncollege.edu](mailto:admission@wheatoncollege.edu)

**Website:** <https://wheatoncollege.edu/admission/international-students/refugee-scholarship/>



### JULIA STASCH-IIE SCHOLARSHIP FOR REFUGEES (CHICAGO)

The Julia Stasch scholarship is part of IIE's Student Emergency Initiatives. This scholarship opportunity supports students who came to the United States as refugees or have been granted asylum to complete their studies at a Chicago City College or Community College in Chicagoland. The scholarship amounts to \$10,000 which is allocated for the second year of community college to cover tuition balance, living expenses, and other costs related to one's education.

*The IIE also has a page dedicated for scholarship opportunities for all around the world, this page can be found here:* <https://iiepeer.org/opportunities>

**Email:** [sei@iie.org](mailto:sei@iie.org)

**Website:** <https://www.iie.org/Programs/Julia-Stasch-IIE-Scholarship-for-Refugees>



### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY'S EDUCATION FOR HUMANITY INITIATIVE

This is a university-wide initiative at Arizona State University (ASU) that's managed by EdPlus, which partners with local organizations to offer access to higher education and workplace readiness for refugees and displaced persons.

**Phone:** (480) 884-1525

**Website:** <https://edplus.asu.edu/what-we-do/education-humanity>



### **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY'S REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP (NEW YORK)**

This scholarship covers full tuition and fees from all federal, state, and University grant and scholarship sources. It is renewable at the same time each year provided the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and completes at least 12 credits per semester.

**Website:** <https://financialaid.syr.edu/scholarships/su/#refugee-scholarship>



### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS (NEW YORK)**

This scholarship provides full tuition, housing and living assistance for the displaced students applying for Columbia University. Displaced students include refugees and asylum-seekers. This scholarship supports a cohort of 30 students per year across all 18 Columbia schools and affiliates for as long as it takes to complete the degree.

**Contact email:** [CUSDS@columbia.edu](mailto:CUSDS@columbia.edu)

**Website:** <http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/CUSDS>



### **SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY'S REFUGEE EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

This is a multi-phase initiative, for now it focuses more on giving refugees access to education. Phase one has been a \$10-million-dollar effort to bring SNHU's online, competency-based bachelor's and associate degrees to refugees and others affected by displacement.

**Phone:** (603) 645-9799

**Email:** [alumni@snhu.edu](mailto:alumni@snhu.edu)

**Website:** <https://www.snhu.edu/about-us/newsroom/2017/07/snhu-launches-major-refugee-education-initiative>



### **UNIVERSITY OF UTAH NEW AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The A. Ray Olpin University Union offers an award of \$5,000 to six refugee students at University of Utah.

**Contact:**

University of Utah University Union  
[dmartinez@union.utah.edu](mailto:dmartinez@union.utah.edu)



### **UNIVERSITY OF UTAH: REFUGEES CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY UNION SCHOLARSHIP (UTAH)**

This scholarship is provided by the A. Ray Olpin University Union in Utah. It is available to refugee students (undergrad and graduate) currently enrolled at the University of Utah as well as incoming students anticipated to enroll for the 2020 fall semester.

**Contact:**

University of Utah University Union  
dmartinez@union.utah.edu



### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES**

This is a scholarship program for UC-Irvine students who are asylum seekers or have refugee or asylum status. This program was started by Iman Saddiqi, who is majoring in political science and global Middle East studies. This is a student-led scholarship program with about \$100,000 of funds to give and awards up to \$10,000 for undergraduates.

**Email:** [email@refugeescholarship.org](mailto:email@refugeescholarship.org)

**Website:** <https://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/OutsideScholarships.aspx?nav=17&id=2663>



### **ESPERANZA EDUCATION FUND (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND OR VIRGINIA)**

Give scholarships that range from \$5000 to \$20,000, depending on financial need for students born outside the USA or who have both parents born outside the USA and planning to enroll full-time at an accredited public college or university. The applicant must be a graduating senior at a high school in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia or a recent GED grad residing in DC, Maryland or Virginia. Esperanza also provides students with mentors to help them navigate college, internships and starting a career.

**Email:** [info@esperanzafund.org](mailto:info@esperanzafund.org)

**Website:** <http://www.esperanzafund.org/about-our-scholarship/>



## **DOUVAS SCHOLARSHIP**

This \$500 scholarship is provided by the Wyoming Dept. of Education. It is a need-based scholarship for first generation American youth who plan to attend one of the 7 community colleges of the University of Wyoming.

**Phone:** (307) 777-6198

**Email:** [bruce.hayes@wyo.gov](mailto:bruce.hayes@wyo.gov)

## **ALFRED HUGO RADKE AND GERDA ELSE RADKE SCHOLARSHIP (VIRGINIA)**

This scholarship based at Averett University in Virginia provides \$1000 to international or first-generation American students with financial need.

**Contact:**

**Phone:** (434) 791-5600

**Email:** [finaid@averett.edu](mailto:finaid@averett.edu)



## **JEFF SEIN KWAN YANG SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship offers financial assistance to students from immigrant backgrounds. Students of all ethnic backgrounds who reside in the San Gabriel Valley are eligible.

**Contact**

790 East Colorado Blvd., 9th Floor

Pasadena, CA 91101

[jeffseinkwanyangscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jeffseinkwanyangscholarship@gmail.com)



## **Category 3**

**Ethnic-Group and  
Nationality-Based**



### **MOMENI FOUNDATION (IRANIAN AMERICANS)**

Every year at least ten scholarships for amounts of \$1000.00 are available to graduating high school students and full time college students (of all levels undergraduate, graduate and PhD ) of Iranian descent regardless of citizenship or country of residency.

**Phone:** (727) 433-2133

**Email:** momenifoundation@aol.com

**Website:** <https://momenifoundation.org/blog1/applications/>



### **AMERICAN FEDERATION OF RAMALLAH PALESTINE (PALESTINIAN AND PALESTINIAN AMERICANS)**

The Educational and Charitable Fund was established in 1916 to provide scholarships to Palestinian and Palestinian American students from low-income homes to acquire higher education. Financial aid is given in the form of: Direct grants to Charitable organizations; Scholarships awarded directly to students by Scholarship Committee; and Committee-awarded grants for books, papers and research on subjects dealing with Arabic culture. Scholarship applications are due no later than May 1st of each year. Applications are only accepted once a year at the AFRP Annual Ramallah Convention.

**Phone:** (734) 425-1600

**Email:** admin@afrp.org

**Website:** <https://afrp.org/programs/scholarship/>



### **JUSOOR (SYRIAN STUDENTS)**

NGO made up of Syrian expatriates. Part of their mission is to help Syrian youth realize their potential through programs in the field of education. Their website includes a scholarship program that gives educational opportunities to Syrians all over the world not just the U.S.

**Contact:** Info@jusoorsyria.com

**Website:** <https://jusoorsyria.com/programs/jusoor-scholarship-program/>



### **EMERGENCY REFUGEE ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (SYRIAN LARGELY, NOT EXCLUSIVELY)**

The University of the People allocated funding for 500 refugees (predominantly from Syria), a one-of-a-kind opportunity to qualified students who are interested in earning an accredited American degree. Donated in-part by Foundation Hoffmann, this scholarship is available to all students around the world who identify as a refugee or asylum-seeker. Recipients of this scholarship will have up to ten Assessment Fees funded. Upon completion of the funds awarded, students may apply for another scholarship, and thus potentially cover the entire cost of a 2-year Associate or 4-year Bachelor's degree.

**website:** <https://www.uopeople.edu/tuition-free/our-scholarships/syrian-refugee-scholarship/>



### **HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND (HISPANIC)**

Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are available for Hispanic students seeking 4-year or advanced degrees. The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a university degree. Scholarships are available, on a competitive basis, to: High school seniors, Undergraduate students (all years), Community college students transferring to four year universities, and Graduate Students.

**Website:** [https://www.hsf.net/en\\_US/contact-us](https://www.hsf.net/en_US/contact-us)

