

Resources:

Where to write for information about colleges and scholarships

Because of the recent cutbacks in the federal financing of student aid programs, many except the most diligent, will be unable to attend the college of their choice. In addition, increased competition for limited funds demands that a student not wait until the last minute to seek information or available funds. Start in your sophomore year.

Perhaps the first step should be to speak with a guidance counselor at the high school. Be persistent, for the "squeaky wheel gets the grease." Don't accept a "see me tomorrow" and return three days later. Keep asking for leads. After all, this is one of the areas in which a conviction will be helpful.

Ask at your local library for publications that can help lead you to possible sources. Check with your parent or guardian — does his job have scholarships available for children of employees? Write to your state Department of Higher Education for available grants/scholarships.

Many Black businesses have foundations that offer scholarships/grants to deserving students. In addition, investigate those corporations that advertise in Black publications — do a little detective work, find their corporate address and send them a letter of inquiry.

Phillip Morris annually publishes *A Guide to Black Organizations*. In it are listed almost two hundred Black organizations that are interested in progress. All do not have financial aid available, but a 22-cent stamp will help you to find out. The address is: Phillip Morris, USA Public Affairs Department, 120 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Some other foundations and their addresses are: Bill Robinson Foundation, 313-A North 2nd St., Richmond, VA; Carnegie Corporation of NY, 598 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10018; Ford Foundation, 477 Madison Ave., New York, NY; General Education Board, 111 W. 50th St., New York, NY 10019; Harmon Foundation, 140 Nassau St., New York, NY; Houston Endowment, Inc., P.O. Box 1414, Houston, TX; John Jay Whitney Foundation, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY;

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 90 Park Ave., New York, NY; McGregor Fund, 2486 First National Bldg., Detroit, MI; National Phillis Wheatley Foundation, The Phillis Wheatley Home, 4450 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, OH; Phelps - Stokes Fund, 297 Park Ave. South, New York, NY; The Rockefeller Foundation, 111 W. 50th St., New York, NY;

Rosenwald Foundation, packard Bldg., Philadelphia, PA; Sachs Foundation, 418 First National Bank Bldg., Colorado Springs, CO; Southern Conference Education Fund, 822 Perido St., New Orleans, LA; Southern Education Foundation Inc., 913 Cypress St. NE, Atlanta, GA, and Taconic Foundation, 666 Fifth Ave., New York, NY.

The Foundation Center, located at 888 Seventh Avenue, has the most comprehensive listing of foundations under one roof. One must go there in person, however, as they do not give assistance by mail or phone. Some large libraries have their *Foundation Directory* in the reference section.

Armed with this limited information to begin your search, don't forget to ask those you know who they know. Networking is important. Good luck!



Jasper L. Ambers, Attorney of Law

by Jerry Garner

Jasper L. Ambers is a practicing attorney in Northeast Portland. Ambers is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1974 Ambers received his law degree from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member of the Association of Oregon Black Lawyers who offers scholarships to Black law students in Oregon.

From 1975 to 1978, Ambers worked as a Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney, trying criminal cases for the county.

In 1978, he left the District Attorney Office and started his private practice at 1525 N.E. Weidler. Today Ambers' office is located at 716 North Alberta.

Ambers was asked which profession he preferred the best, being a private attorney or a Deputy District Attorney. He responded, "I enjoy my private practice the most." "As an attorney in private practice, I can be more diverse." "When I was a Deputy District Attorney, I was restricted to only criminal law."

Nationally, Blacks make up less than one percent of over half a million lawyers in the United States. Ambers blames the small percentage of Black lawyers on the lack of Affirmative Action plans by law schools and the scarcity of scholarships available to prospective Black law students.

Ambers said Blacks who desire to become an attorney must dedicate themselves to hard work. Besides going to college for four years, one must spend another three years in law school.

Blacks still face obstacles once out of law school, stated Ambers. Blacks are still not getting the opportunity to work in large law firms. Ambers said the number of Blacks working in such law firms are less today than at any other period. He blames this too on the lack of Affirmative Action plans, enforcement, and a lawyer glut.

Free Publication Alerts

High School, College

Students to Important

Scholarship Information

High School and College students interested in receiving additional financial aid to attend college should write to The Scholarship Bank for a free copy of their new publication "How To Play Grantsmanship".

According to the director of this non-profit service, there are literally thousands of private financial aid sources for students interested in supplementing state and federal grants. The money comes from corporations, trade and civic groups, foundations and little-known governmental agencies. In many cases the funds are made available to students with a specific major or occupational goal or an interest in summer internships. For 1986 the data bank has over 2,500 new summer internships.

Students with a college major in business, law, health sciences, engineering and the like should apply early for fall semester grants. The Scholarship Bank notes that most fall grants require submission of applications by mid-April. Students are granted funds based on qualifications other than financial need, such as geographic preference, willingness to enter an essay contest, attend a specific school, or religious, parental military, employer or union affiliations. There are approximately \$500 million in private aid monies available, or roughly one-fourth of all federal and state aid. This little-used source of funding can be a valuable supplement to a college financial aid package.

Students interested in receiving the free publication and further information should send a business-size, stamped self-addressed envelope to The Scholarship Bank, 4626 N. Grand, Covina, CA 91724.

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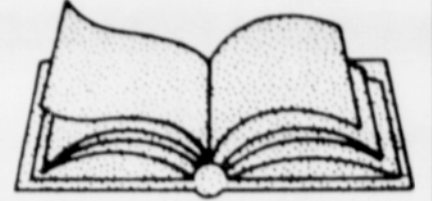
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