



In Fall River, town with a self-started scholarship plan, money pours in.

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Fall River students stop passing motorists at tollgate that sends many of them through college



Dr. Irving Fradkin, founder of the town's unique plan, devotes all his energies to it.

—Inland Steel Co. of Chicago offers 22 \$1,500 scholarships each year, the only restriction being that they must be used in a specific group of colleges through which application for them is made.

—The Armstrong Cork Co. of Lancaster, Pa., offers a group of \$1,100 scholarships, varying in number each year depending on how many qualified applicants appear.

—The American Institute of Steel Construction provides 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each, based on competitive examinations, scholastic achievement, and an essay on "Why I Want to Be an Engineer."

Private Organizations

In this category, particularly, there are thousands of dollars worth of scholarships that go unclaimed each year because qualified students fail to apply. Some of these scholarships have very special requirements of name, residence, or religious or social affiliation—particularly those offered by church groups and fraternal organizations. In general, there are four major groups of private organizations that offer college scholarships:

—The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, financed primarily by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, deserves to stand by itself. It offers a minimum of 550 scholarships each year, ranging in value from \$100 to provision for full expenses of the student, and applicable in any accredited college or university in the United States. Merit Scholars are drawn from the top 5 percent of high-school graduating classes. These students are eligible to take competitive examinations for the scholarships to be awarded. Most are four-year scholarships, effective while the student maintains his standing in college.

Merit Scholarship examinations are administered through the nation's high schools.

—Many veterans' groups have sizable scholarship funds, both at the national and state levels. For example, the national American Legion Auxiliary gives 10 scholarships of \$600 annually to girl orphans of war veterans, and the AMVETS offer a varying number of \$2,000 scholarships to youngsters whose fathers are deceased or incapacitated as a result of military service.

There are more than 25 state veterans' organizations that offer similar funds.

—Labor organizations are also a growing source of student aid. Almost all of these scholarships are based on competitive examinations in which the student is expected to be familiar with the history and purposes of the labor movement. Although several dozen union locals offer scholarships, most of the student aid from unions comes at the state and regional levels. For example, the Arizona State Federation of Labor offers three \$500 scholarships, the Massachusetts Federation of Labor offers 14 scholarships ranging in value from \$100 to \$500, and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester County, N. Y., provides a yearly \$500 scholarship. In most instances, but not all, the recipient must be a child of a union member in good standing.

—Benevolent societies, though fewer in number, also offer some scholarships. Most of them are wide open as far as requirements are concerned, and the recipients are determined by scholastic record, competitive examinations, and need. An outstanding example in this category is the Boettcher Foundation of Denver, which annually awards 25 scholarships for tuition and fees plus \$500. The

only restriction is that the student must come from a Colorado high school and attend a Colorado college or university.

Educational Institutions

The most obvious place to look for scholarships is among the schools themselves, and this is where the largest number can be found. Every college and university sets aside a portion of its resources for aid to students. This is looked on as a normal operating expense. Most colleges have a director of scholarships to whom you can write for information on scholarships and campus jobs. Some scholarships are highly specialized, while others require only proved scholastic performance. Most are based at least partly on need.

Government

Until very recently, most government scholarship contributions came at the state level. A reduced tuition at the state university for residents was a form of state aid. In the last few years, however, both federal and local governments have entered the scholarship picture on a broader basis.

The longest-standing federal aid has been provided through the Reserve Officers Training Program, to students who sign up for advanced military science under the Army, Navy, or Air Force. An ROTC scholarship provides the student his tuition and fees plus a cash allotment of up to \$50 per month. In return, the student is obligated to study advanced military science, attend a summer camp or cruise, and accept a commission upon graduation if it is offered to him. Thousands of these scholarships are available. You can obtain specific information about them by checking with your local

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