

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS (Continued)

recruiting office or the college of your choice.

Last year, recognizing the urgent need to upgrade our education to keep pace with Russia, the federal government launched an ambitious scholarship fund called the Federal Government Student Loan Program. In it, Congress set aside \$295 million to be loaned to college students over a four-year period. The loans, which can reach a maximum of \$1,000 per student per year, must be repaid at 3 percent interest after the student has graduated and found employment. This fund is administered through the colleges and is designed particularly to encourage students who plan to be teachers, scientists, engineers, or language majors.

The number of state-sponsored scholarships also is growing rapidly, led by the example of New York, which now finances about 4,000 college scholarships. Until a few years ago, most state scholarships, in addition to free tuition for in-state residents, were limited to veterans or children of deceased or disabled servicemen.

But now almost every state awards scholarships to the winners of competitive scholastic examinations within the state. Wyoming, for example, offers 133 scholarships (averaging \$150 per year) to Wyoming high-school graduates who plan to major in education. And 26 Indiana colleges and universities award scholarships ranging from \$70 to \$1,000 per student per year

on the basis of the annual Indiana Scholarship Test. Other states have similar programs.

Locally, Fall River has set an example for other American communities to follow. But it doesn't stand alone; other towns have been helping needy students for some years. For example, in Northeast Harbor, Me., the percentage of local youngsters attending college has doubled since 1952, mainly as the result of a local scholarship fund donated by summer and year-round residents.

But we've barely scratched the surface, locally. There is still much to do, and not an unlimited amount of time in which to do it. Some of those 200,000 youngsters who should be going to college and can't, live in your town. The nation needs their talent.

As William S. Lynch, superintendent of schools in Fall River, put it: "There is no doubt that the good effects of the Community Scholarship Fund go far beyond the actual donation of scholarship money. More parents can now think in terms of a college education for their children where formerly there was no hope. The Fund gives added incentive to the able student and at the same time stimulates him to a realization of his potentialities.

"A greater number of pupils going on to higher education should result in a more enlightened citizenry and a more progressive community, state, and nation."

### Where to Get Scholarship Information

Where do you find specific scholarship information to meet your individual problem? There are six major sources you should investigate:

- Your high-school guidance counselor.
- Your State Department of Education.
- Your father's (or mother's) place of business.
- Family fraternal or church affiliations.
- Director of Scholarships at colleges that interest you.

In addition, there are some excellent compilations of student aid available. Here is a partial list of books which would prove helpful (all are for sale; most can probably be found in your local library):

- "Fine's American College Counselor and Guide" (Prentice-Hall)
- "You Can Win a Scholarship" (Barron's Education Series, Great Neck, N.Y.)

Brochure of National Merit Scholarship Corporation, 1850 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

- "How to Get into College" (E. P. Dutton)
- "Lovejoy-Jones College Scholarship Guide" (Simon and Schuster)
- "Financial Aid for College Students" (U.S. Office of Education, Bulletin #18, Washington, D.C.)
- "Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans" (Bellman Publishing Co.)
- "The Fall River Plan" (including the bylaws and application forms, available for \$1.00 from the Citizens' Scholarship Fund of Greater Fall River, P.O. Box 103, Fall River, Mass.)



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