

# **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STARTING COLLEGE AS A NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT**



**A complete guide to:**

- ✓ Questions**
- ✓ Concerns**
- ✓ Myths**
- ✓ How to Get Started**

**Educating one woman at a time in  
West Virginia**

**You have the ability to be that woman; we  
have the Resources to help you!**

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# Student Affairs Strategic Plan to Enhance Student Programming for Adult Non-Traditional Students

## What are Adult Learners?

Adult learners are the fastest growing segment of the higher education population. Many adults have chosen to begin or return to college for a variety of reasons: to update skills, to advance in their careers, to change jobs, to attain credentials, or for personal enrichment.

Typically defined as undergraduate students of age 25 or greater, adult learners are faced with more complicated lives than their traditional age counterparts. They balance the demands of the classroom with those of work and family. Students younger than 25 who carry similar responsibilities are also included in this group.

The obligations of employment, marriage, child rearing, and community participation all compete for time, perhaps their most limited resource. WVU recognizes these complexities and has Student Service Units in place to support the needs of the adult student.

If you would like more information on Adult Learning and Extended Learning visit:

<http://elearn.wvu.edu/>

Extended Services: 1-800-2LEARN2

\*\*\*Amy Roberts at the Advising Center has been identified as an academic advisor to focus on non-traditional students.

## WVU Extended Learning | Degrees

### Admission Requirements

Admission to West Virginia University is necessary to enroll in credit courses, including those offered through Extended Learning. Students may apply as:

- Graduate
- Professional Development
- Undergraduate
- ACCESS (High School)
- Guest Status
- Potomac State Classes

### Graduate Applicants

The Masters and Doctoral degrees offered through Extended Learning require that students first be accepted into one of WVU's graduate schools.

Students who wish to enroll in graduate degree courses must be officially admitted to West Virginia University before registration. Once admitted, you may enroll by calling 1-800-253-2762 until one week prior to the term in which your course begins, or by calling The Extended Learning Call Center at 1-800-2LEARN2.

Students who want to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) at West Virginia University may pick up a current GRE "Information and Registration Bulletin" in Room 501 Allen Hall (Evansdale Campus) for upcoming test dates and deadlines, fee information, payment policies, etc.

Morgantown now has a computer-based testing center that administers many computer-based tests. The testing center is located on Pineview Drive at 6 Riddle Court. The office hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Make an appointment over the phone by calling (304) 293-0699 or toll free at 800-967-1100. There is a cost (last year it was \$99). The fee can be paid by credit card or check.

Students can order test preparation material online at [www.ets.org/store.html](http://www.ets.org/store.html) or visit GRE online at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).

### Professional Development Students

Do you want to take a graduate level class but don't necessarily want to complete an entire degree? Professional Development is an easy way for students to do this, providing skill renewal and enhancement in a professional field or content area. The professional development courses are graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading scale and do not apply as graduate credit toward a degree program. Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree may enroll in Professional Development courses by completing a registration form through Extended Learning and by paying an application fee.

Professional Development Status is valid for only one semester and students will become inactive at the end of the semester, necessitating reapplication for successive semesters. Professional Development courses are designated with a "900" level course number (e.g. C&I 930; TE 900; COMM 900) Students must register by completing both sides of the Extended Learning Professional Development Registration form. For assistance, please contact one of our customer service representatives at [exlearn@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:exlearn@mail.wvu.edu) or call 1-800-2LEARN2.

### Undergraduate Applicants

Criteria for undergraduate admission varies according to academic program. Please view the admission information for the following:

- Freshmen
- Transient
- Transfer
- Senior Citizen
- Non-Degree Undergraduates

Applications may be downloaded at:

[http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/pdf\\_forms.html](http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/pdf_forms.html)

Or you may apply on-line at: <http://admissions.wvu.edu>

### ACCESS Students

Advanced high school students may register for WVU courses through the ACCESS program -- Attaining College Credit and Experiences while in Secondary School. Visit the ACCESS website for more information.

## **Guest Pass Students**

Are you from another college or just stepping in to WVU for a course or two? Want to take an undergraduate level class but don't necessarily want to complete an entire degree?

Prospective students may submit a Guest Application/ Registration form for enrollment in WVU Extended Learning undergraduate courses for one term of coursework. Re-submission of a Guest Application/ Registration form is required for enrollment in subsequent terms. Up to 12 total hours may be earned through this easy means of registration as a non-degree undergraduate student. The hours earned in this non-degree status may or may not count toward a degree program.

Tuition payment is to accompany the Guest Application/ Registration form. The amount of tuition and fees can be found on the Extend Learning Fee Schedule. After selecting the Extended Learning course you wish to take, please note the number of course credit hours and your status as a WV resident or non-resident in determining the tuition and fees due. Remember to attach \$15 for the application fee as a separate check. You may make payment by credit card by or by sending a check for the tuition along with your Guest Application/ Registration form.

For assistance, please e-mail [exlearn@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:exlearn@mail.wvu.edu) or call 1-800-2LEARN2. Download a WVU Guest Application/ Registration form from <http://www.elearn.wvu.edu/Registration/admission/GuestApp.pdf>.

Mail the completed application along with a \$15.00 check to:  
Extended Learning  
PO Box 6800  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown, WV 26506-6800

## **Potomac State Courses**

If a WVU student wants to take a Potomac State Course:  
The student must call Potomac State at (800) 262-7332 or (304) 788-6820.

If a Potomac State student wants to take a WVU Course:  
The student must contact Karen Campbell [[klcampbell@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:klcampbell@mail.wvu.edu) (304) 788-6921] or Beth Little [[belittle@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:belittle@mail.wvu.edu) (304) 788-6815].

## **Financial Aid**

### **STUDENTS**

While there may be several definitions for "non-traditional" students, this term generally refers to students who are beyond the traditional college going age of 24 or 25, who usually enroll part-time and who frequently take classes away from the larger campus.

To qualify for Title IV aid and most other aid, students must enroll in a degree program and generally at least half-time (6 hrs undergraduate, 5 hrs graduate). There are exceptions to the half-time requirement such as the Federal Pell Grant and the HEAPS (Higher Education Adult Part-time Student) Grant Program. Both are restricted, however to undergraduate students.

## **EXTENDED LEARNING - CLASSES ON THE WEB**

Universities across the country are seeing an increased demand for classes offered on the web. West Virginia University offers many classes on the web each semester and the number of courses will continue to grow. The Division of Extended Learning has offered grants to faculty to stimulate the development of new courses and to move traditional courses to the web.

What does it mean to take a class on the web? Classes at WVU are offered through a software program called Web CT. Students get a password and log on through a regular browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer from their home, office or lab computer. Lessons, homework and exams are all offered in one place. Online professors, like their counterparts in the traditional classroom, vary in the amount or type of communication they have with their students. There may be bulletin boards, chat rooms or e-mail for correspondence.

## **APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID**

Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine your eligibility for need-based aid. Students who filed a FAFSA last year should receive a renewal FAFSA in the mail between November and January. If you don't receive a Renewal FAFSA by January 30, fill out a standard FAFSA. The FAFSA is normally available in December from a high school guidance office, local college or the WVU Financial Aid Office. You may also complete a FAFSA online ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). Everyone is encouraged to complete the form since there is no charge for applying. Include the WVU school code -003827- on your application. To receive WVU aid, you must be admitted to WVU.

You are encouraged to submit the FAFSA by February 15 for priority consideration. There is a deadline of March 1 for many campus-based programs.

## **EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC):**

The EFC is derived from the information reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is based on your family's income, assets, the number of family members in the household and the number in college. The EFC is the Department of Education's formula for calculating need. It does not mean that this is the amount you owe WVU. If your family has special circumstances (loss of income, death in the family, etc.) document them on a separate sheet and mail it to the Financial Aid Office.

## **CALCULATED FINANCIAL NEED**

This figure is calculated by subtracting your EFC and resources from your estimated cost of attendance. This is the amount of need-based assistance for which you qualify.

**Note: Federal grants (ex. Pell grant) and State grants (ex. WV higher education grant) are available only for the first bachelor's degree.** The Perkins loan may also be limited to a first bachelor's degree if funds are limited. If you are working on a second bachelor's degree, Title IV aid will be limited to student loans in the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program.

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

For the purposes of processing aid, a tuition waiver will be estimated for ALL graduate students. If you will not have a tuition waiver and you need additional assistance, please notify the Financial Aid Office in writing.

## **FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENT**

Financial aid administered through WVU's Financial Aid Office will first be applied to your WVU charges. Any funds remaining will be mailed to your local address on file with Admissions and

Records. It is your responsibility to update your address with Admissions and Records. It is also your responsibility to check on the availability of these funds with the Office of Student Accounts. They may be reached at (304) 293-4006.

### **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR TITLE IV FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID**

To remain eligible for financial aid, students must be eligible to continue in the degree program in which they are enrolled and must make satisfactory academic progress towards a degree. Part-time and full-time undergraduate and graduate students are required to complete at least 70% of all hours attempted with a minimum GPA as follows: 1.6 Freshman (0-28 hours), 1.9 Sophomores (29-58 hours), 2.0 for other undergraduates, and 2.25 for graduates. Undergraduate students may receive aid for a maximum of 180 credit hours attempted. Graduate students may receive aid for a maximum of 54 credit hours attempted. Doctoral students have a maximum of 108 credit hours attempted (including MA degree) to complete their degree requirements. Check with the Financial Aid Office for a complete description of satisfactory academic requirements.

### **TYPES OF AID AVAILABLE**

#### **Federal Pell Grant:**

This grant is offered by the federal government to the most needy undergraduate students using a federal formula. The range of awards for 2001-2002 is \$400 to \$3750 per year.

#### **State Grants:**

Full-time undergraduate WVU students may apply for one of several State Grant programs awarded by each State Grant office. The West Virginia Higher Education Grant pays 70 percent of tuition and fees. The Pennsylvania State Grant offers a maximum award of \$600 per year for undergraduate students and \$800 per year for undergraduate veteran students. Typically, you must be a resident of the state offering the award.

#### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant:**

Undergraduate students are eligible for this grant if they meet the March 1 FAFSA deadline, qualify for a Federal Pell Grant and meet additional WVU packaging requirements.

#### **Federal Perkins Loan:**

A long-term, low-interest loan awarded by WVU. It has a fixed 5 percent interest rate and a nine month grace period following graduation (or when you cease to be enrolled at least half-time). If there are limited funds, this loan may be available to undergraduate students only.

#### **William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan:**

A loan offered by WVU and funded through the U.S. Department of Education. The yearly maximum amounts are: \$2,625 for freshmen, \$3,500 for sophomores, \$5,500 for juniors and seniors, and \$8,500 for graduates. Independent students and graduate students may qualify for an additional amount.

### **Higher Education Adult Part-time Student Program (HEAPS)**

#### **What is HEAPS?**

HEAPS is the acronym for the Higher Education Adult Part-time Student Grant Program, a new program created during the 1999 West Virginia legislative session. HEAPS is designed to encourage and enable needy West Virginians to continue their education on a part-time basis at

the post-secondary level.

### **Should you apply for other assistance?**

Yes, applicants must demonstrate that they have applied for or accepted other federal student financial aid. All applicants must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### **What types of classes are covered?**

To be eligible for a HEAPS Grant, a student must be enrolled in a program leading to a certificate or an undergraduate degree.

### **Can a HEAPS Grant be renewed?**

Yes, HEAPS Grants may be renewed until the course of study is completed but not to exceed an additional nine years beyond the first year of the award.

### **How are the recipients selected?**

Recipients will be selected each year by the institution they plan to attend based on the availability of funds and applicants' eligibility.

### **You are Eligible If:**

- You are a West Virginia resident and a United States citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.
- You are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of study with the goal of attaining a certificate, an associate or bachelor's degree as an undergraduate on a part-time basis (6-11 hrs) at an eligible institution of post-secondary education.
- You have not been enrolled in a high school diploma program, other than general education development (GED), for at least two years.
- You are making satisfactory progress at the time of application. Satisfactory progress for the first time award means being accepted for enrollment by the institution you plan to attend.
- You qualify as an independent student according to federal financial need for funds.
- You have complied with the Military Selective Service Act.

**Special Note to "Seniors"** Students who are age 65 or older may be eligible for a 50% discount on tuition and fees. Contact the office of Admissions and Records at (304) 293-2124.

### **OTHER SOURCES OF AID**

Churches, unions, fraternal organizations, high schools, civic organizations, and employers may offer funding. For additional listings, check literature available through libraries and high school guidance offices. The Internet also has sites that provide information on sources of funding for higher education. A good place to begin your Internet search is [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org).

### **FINANCIAL AID REPAYMENT POLICY**

When a student withdraws from school before completing a period of enrollment, federal regulations require that WVU determine whether any of the student's financial aid must be repaid.

A student earns Title IV aid based on the length of time he or she remained enrolled. If the student has completed more than 60% of the period, all Title IV funds are considered "earned" and no funds have to be repaid.



A student owing a repayment to any federally sponsored student aid program cannot receive any federally supported student assistance for future enrollment periods until repayment arrangements have been made with either the WVU Office of Student Accounts or the U.S. Department of Education.

## **Grants for Special Populations: Nontraditional or Re-entry Students**

### **Amelia Kemp Scholarship**

see Women of the ECLA

### **Back to College**

#### **Resources for Reentry Students**

<http://www.back2college.com/>

A compilation of resources including financial aid opportunities as well as a whole array of additional assistance.

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### **Business and Professional Women Foundation**

#### **Career Advancement Scholarships**

<http://www.bpwusa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3381>

Deadline: April 15

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation promotes equity for working women through education, information, and research. The foundation provides financial assistance to women seeking additional education to advance in their careers or re-enter the workforce, and also collects, conducts, and analyzes research on issues affecting women in the workplace. The BPW Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2004-2005 scholarship program. Applicants must be women 25 years of age or older. They also must be officially accepted into an accredited program or course of study at a U.S. institution (includes institutions in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) and must be graduating within 12 to 24 months from the date of grant. Applicants must also demonstrate critical need for financial assistance. Visit the Business and Professional Women's Foundation Web site for more information or contact: BPW Foundation, ATTN: Scholarships, 2012 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036; Tel: (202) 293-1200 ext. 169. Also listed under Business.

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### **Foundation Center Advice for Returning Students**

<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/faqs/html/nontraditional.html>

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### **Jeannette Rankin Foundation**

#### **Women's Education Fund**

<http://www.rankinfoundation.org/>

The Jeannette Rankin Foundation continues the legacy of Jeanette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress. Every year scholarships of \$1,500 each are available to 25 women, aged 35 or above, to pursue their education. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and have been accepted or enrolled in a certified technical/vocational training program or undergraduate college program. Awards will be made to promising students with severe financial need.

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**Paying for College;  
A Financial Guide for Adults Returning to School**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/finaid/html/CUPayforCollBro.pdf>

Practical advice from the College Board.

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**P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education**

<http://www.peointernational.org/about/pce-fact-sheet.pdf>

P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) was established in 1973 to provide need based grants to women in the United States and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families.

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**Raise the Nation Foundation**

**Community Service-Based Grant For Student Loan Repayment**

<http://www.raisethenation.org/RTNLibrary/RTNGrants.html>

This grant is awarded to professional single parent women with outstanding student loan debt who contribute to their community through volunteer work. We honor women who volunteer in their community. Student loan repayment grants are available to women who volunteer their professional talents for an average of 8 hours a month, for a period of time to be determined by the amount of their student loan debt. We recognize that women who are in the helping or teaching professions already contribute to their communities, therefore, no further volunteer work is required to qualify.

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**Raise the Nation Foundation**

**Scholarship For Continuing Education**

<http://www.raisethenation.org/RTNLibrary/RTNGrants.html>

This scholarship is available to single parent women who would like to go to school or continue with their education, but have been denied sufficient resources. Many single parent women are denied educational grants and assistance unless they are living in crisis and poverty and are instead forced to borrow money for tuition and living expenses, which is very difficult to re-pay based on the national earning average of \$24,000 a year - even with an education. We recognize single parent women who want to raise their standard of living and that of their children by continuing education and advancing their careers.

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**Soroptimist Midwest Grants**

<http://www.soroptimistmidwest.org/>

Each year, the Soroptimist Foundation awards about \$250,000 in Making a Difference for Women grants to more than 40 Soroptimist clubs that are initiating or continuing innovative projects that benefit women and girls. Sample projects include refurbishing domestic violence shelters, providing job training for women in transition, financing legal services for low-income women, providing mammograms to women with no health insurance, and sponsoring enrichment programs for at-risk girls. Clubs can receive awards between \$500 and \$10,000.

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## **Talbots Women's Scholarships Fund**

<http://www.talbots.com/talbotsonline/index.asp>

Note: type "scholarship" in the search engine box

Since 1997, this classic women's clothing retailer has dedicated \$100,000 a year to a national scholarship program to help women complete their undergraduate education. Each year, five women are awarded \$10,000 each, and 50 women, \$1,000 each to return to school. To be eligible, you must have been away from school for at least 5 years. Look for applications in Talbots stores soon, or call 507-931-1682.

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## **Women of the ECLA**

### **Opportunity Scholarships**

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/whatwedo/opportunity.html>

The purpose of the Opportunity Scholarships for Lutheran Laywomen is to provide assistance to women studying for a career other than the ordained ministry. The applicant must: (1) be a citizen of the United States of America. (2) hold membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (3) be at least 21 years old. (4) have experienced an interruption in education of two or more years since completion of high school. Individual scholarships available include:

- Amelia Kemp Scholarship for ELCA women of color in undergraduate, graduate, professional or vocational courses of study
- Belmer/Flora Prince and Kahler, Vickers/Raup, Wettstein Scholarships for ELCA women studying ELCA service abroad, either in general or in health professions associated with ELCA projects abroad
- Drinkall Franke/Seeley Knudstrup Scholarships for ELCA women in graduate courses of study preparing for occupations in Christian service

## **Databases**

### **Foundation Grants to Individuals Online (Main Library Access Only)**

<http://gtonline.fdncenter.org/ipl.php>

Includes descriptions of more than 6,000 foundations and public charities that fund individual grant seekers, and is searchable by nine different criteria. Records provide contact information, financial data, application information, and program descriptions, with links to more than 500 foundation Web sites. Updated quarterly.

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### **Grant Select**

Grant Select is the online version of the GRANTS Database, produced by The Oryx Press, containing over 10,000 funding opportunities provided by over 3,400 sponsoring organizations. Michigan State university faculty, staff, and students can identify additional funding opportunities by searching this database.

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### **RSP Funding for Graduate Students**

Provides a search engine for identifying the thousands of funding programs available to support research, study, training, personal and organizational projects, conference and workshop attendance, exchange programs, and creative activities in the United States or abroad. The programs described here are sponsored by government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations,

religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered.

Note: 4 simultaneous users only.

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### **RSP Funding for Post-doctorates and Professionals**

Provides a search engine for identifying the thousands of funding programs available to support research, study, training, personal and organizational projects, conference and workshop attendance, exchange programs, and creative activities in the United States or abroad. The programs described here are sponsored by government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations, religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered.

Note: 4 simultaneous users only.

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### **RSP Funding for Undergraduates**

Provides a search engine for identifying the thousands of funding programs available to support research, study, training, personal and organizational projects, conference and workshop attendance, exchange programs, and creative activities in the United States or abroad. The programs described here are sponsored by government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations, religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered.

Note: 4 simultaneous users only.

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### **FastWeb**

<http://www.fastweb.com/>.

If you have access to the World Wide Web and are willing to fill in the online forms, this service promises a free customized list of financial aid sources. FastWeb is actually a searchable database of more than 400,000 private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans from more than 3,000 sources for all levels of higher education. First-time visitors have to register (first and last name and a user ID), then complete a profile, including background and fields of study. Registrants then receive a list of all currently relevant funding sources. The registration information is stored and can be used on subsequent visits. The entire sign-up process, and delivery of available funding sources, can be a bit tedious: about five to twenty minutes, depending on the connection speed. Approximately 500 new scholarships are added to the database daily, so registrants can stay current. Provided courtesy of Financial Aid Information Page and Student Services, Inc. created by Mark Kantrowitz and sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

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## **2008 Women Grants**

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### ***The Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation***

Today, Astrea is the largest lesbian organization in the world. We raise funds and issue grants based on the belief that all women can participate in the philanthropic process- from giving to grant making. The International Grants Program includes the following: International Panel Grants, Social Change Opportunity Fund, International

Interim/Emergency Fund, International Collaborative & Philanthropic Grants, International Donor Advised Grants, International Grants Panel and Advisory Board.

### ***The Avon Foundation***

The Avon Foundation, an accredited 501(c)(3) public charity, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women and their families. As it passes the half century milestone, the Avon Foundation brings this mission to life through two key areas of focus: breast cancer and domestic violence.

### ***The Balance Bar Food Company***

Balance grants are given to individuals and teams who pursue sports or activities that integrate all aspects of the body and mind.

### ***The Boston Women's Fund***

For the past twenty years, the Boston Women's Fund has been the only foundation in northeastern Massachusetts to exclusively support community-based organizations run by women and girls. We fund low-income women, women of color, lesbians, women with disabilities, older women, and girls who are working to create a society based on racial, social and economic justice.

### ***The Chahara Foundation***

The Chahara Foundation offers general operating funds to Greater Boston-based nonprofit institutions working with and run by lower-income women.

### ***The Chicago Foundation for Women***

Raises funds for grants, advocates that other increase their giving to programs serving women and girls, and develops women and girls as philanthropists.

### ***The Colin Higgins Foundation***

The Colin Higgins Foundation focuses its support on organizations and projects that work with youth; rural and reservation communities of color, transgender communities; and low-income communities.

### ***The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting***

The mission of the Educational Foundation is to support the advancement of women in the accounting profession through the funding of education, research, career literature, publication and other projects.

### ***The Federated Department Stores Foundation***

The Federated Department Stores Foundation focuses giving primarily in the areas of education, arts/culture, women's issues, HIV/AIDS, and programs to assist youth and minorities. Applicants seeking funding for programs or projects that directly benefit one or more of these areas of strategic focus should make that clear on their application.

### ***The Fund for Nonviolence***

The Fund for Nonviolence cultivates and supports community-based efforts to bring about social change that moves humanity towards a more just and compassionate coexistence. We have identified three priority areas which form our funding: women in poverty, children (with an emphasis on girls), and challenging state-sponsored violence.

### ***The Fund for Women Artists***

The Fund for Women Artists is founded on the belief that women artists have the power to change the way women are perceived in our society. We want to make sure that artists have full access to the financial and other resources they need to this crucial work. We focus mainly on women in theatre, film, and video.

***The Henry Luce Foundation***

The work of the Luce Foundation reflects the interests of four generations of the Luce family. They include the interdisciplinary exploration of higher education; increased understanding between Asia and the United States; the study of religion and theology; scholarship in American art; opportunities for women in science and engineering; and environmental and public policy programs.

***The Kentucky Foundation for Women***

The goal of the Kentucky Foundation for Women is to change the lives of women by supporting feminist expression in the arts in Kentucky; by publishing *The American Voice*, a literary journal; and by operating Hopscotch House, a rural retreat for women near Louisville.

***The Libby Ross Foundation***

The Libby Ross Foundation's mission is to make a significant difference in the lives of women afflicted with breast cancer through unique support programs and to help eradicate the disease through research and early detection.

***The Limited, Inc.***

While we have supported hundreds of community organizations, we know that to be effective requires focus. Because women are the backbone of our success, we focus on issues important to them: Empowering women, Nurturing and mentoring children, Improving education.

***The Liz Claiborne Foundation***

The Foundation provides active assistance to various nonprofit organizations, especially those which address issues of particular concern to women and their families. Projects focus primarily on helping disadvantaged women gain their self-sufficiency through job training and microenterprise development; serving the special needs of women who are HIV-positive or have AIDS; working toward prevention of family violence while assisting abused women and children in their recovery; and expanding educational opportunities and developmental activities for underserved children. In addition, The Foundation provides ongoing support to many artistic and cultural institutions which enhance the livability of our communities.

***The National Organization for Women Foundation ("NOW Foundation")***

The National Organization for Women Foundation ("NOW Foundation") is a 501(c) (3) organization devoted to furthering women's rights through education and litigation.

***The WHO Foundation***

The WHO Foundation (Women Helping Others) nationally supports grass-root charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children.

***The Working Women Association***

The working women association came into existence as a response to meet the housing and other needs of young professional women of federal capital. The Association

established its first working women hostel in 1975 on self help basis and organized first ever women mountaineering expedition in 1978 with the help of Alpine club of Pakistan.

### ***Verizon Foundation – Domestic Violence***

Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To be eligible for funding consideration organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas: Literacy, Domestic Violence.

### ***Wallace Global Fund***

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends.

### ***Global Fund for Women***

The Global Fund for Women, an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice, advocates for and defends women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world.

### ***Hadassah Foundation***

The Hadassah Foundation is dedicated to refocusing the priorities of the Jewish community through innovative and creative funding for women and girls in the United States and Israel. The foundation's mission is to improve the status, health, and well being of women and girls; bring their contributions, issues and needs from the margins to the center of Jewish concern; and encourage and facilitate their active participation in decision-making and leadership in all spheres of life.

### ***Macy's Foundation***

Collectively, the Macy's Foundation, the company and its divisions (and the May Foundation in 2006) contributed more than \$36 million in 2006. Gifts were directed in large part to our core giving areas of arts and culture, education, HIV/AIDS awareness and research, minority issues and women's issues.

### ***Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation***

Each year, the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation has grown steadily in its mission to eradicate cancers affecting women and to prevent violence against women. Our vital grant programs for women's cancers and efforts to stop domestic violence have increased significantly each year from \$500,000 in 1997 to \$2.1 million in 2003, \$3.6 million in 2004, and now to \$4.7 million in 2005.

### ***Moriah Fund***

The Moriah Fund is a private foundation that was established in 1985 to perpetuate the lifelong philanthropic commitment of its founders, Robert and Clarence Efroymsen. Their philosophy of giving was rooted in fundamental Jewish values: a concern for the disadvantaged and an emphasis on self-help; a commitment to equity and justice; and a desire to improve the quality of life for Jews and non-Jews alike. Moriah seeks to promote human rights and social justice, help disadvantaged people gain self-

sufficiency and control over their lives, foster sustainable development, and promote women's rights and reproductive health.

### ***Ms. Foundation for Women***

The Ms. Foundation for Women funds in the areas of economic security; health and safety; and girls, young women and leadership. We also support organizing and public policy advocacy work that cuts across these issue areas.

### ***Nike Foundation***

The Nike Foundation seeks to empower disadvantaged girls ages 10 to 19 years, the age group defined as adolescents by the World Health Organization. We also plan to reserve a portion of funds to support projects such as relief donations and other programs that we initiate.

### ***Noel Foundation***

The Noel Foundation funds programs that include: Missionaries of Charity who work with the "poorest of the poor" assisting homeless mothers and children and those afflicted with HIV/AIDS, adoption programs, supplies and meals for Skid Row families, healthcare for needy women and children, after school education and mentoring for disadvantaged children, specialized training for teachers in under-resourced schools, and cancer treatment and research programs.

### ***Open Meadows Foundation***

Open Meadows is a grant-making organization for projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls, which does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or sexual orientation. It offers grants of up to \$2,000 to projects that: Are designed and implemented by women and girls; Promote the empowerment and well being of women and girls; Reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of our society; Promote social change; Have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organization budget should not exceed \$150,000.

### ***Rockefeller Family Fund***

For thirty years, the Rockefeller Family Fund has worked at the cutting edge of advocacy in such areas as environmental protection, advancing the economic rights of women, and holding public and private institutions accountable for their actions.

### ***The AAUW Educational Foundation***

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The Foundation funds: Groundbreaking Research, Fellowships and Grants, Special Awards, Vital Community Action Projects, Sumposia, Roundtables, and Forums, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

### ***The African Women's Development Fund***

The African Women's Development Fund supports organizations that further the work of the African women's movement. Currently, AWDF funds women's organizations that focus on capacity-building through strengthening existing projects and national or regional civil society organizations engaged in women-specific projects. AWDF provides technical assistance and capacity-building grants. Funding is limited to organizations that have been in operation for at least three years and women-led organizations. It does not fund individuals, political parties, government agencies,



scholarship/fellowship funds, or organizations that aim to convert people to any specific religious belief.

### ***The Arcus Foundation***

The Arcus Foundation lends special emphasis to programs and organizations which recognize that members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community deserve to be welcomed and celebrated. The Arcus Great Apes Fund – The Arcus Great Apes Fund supports conservation efforts that promote the survival of the Great Apes in the wild and sanctuaries that offer safety and freedom from invasive research and other forms of human exploitation. Support from this fund is limited to activities that specifically impact gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, bonobos and/or gibbons.

## ***Grants for Non-Traditional Students***

### ***Not the Normal College Student?***

Non-traditional students include that sector of the population that has not pursued the traditional avenues to a college education. Increasing numbers of working adults are choosing to pursue a college education that they never sought right out of high school. Military personnel are also typically labeled “non-traditional.” As the trend on online education grows we can only hope that the label itself becomes extinct.

There are far fewer grants for non-traditional students than there are for the traditional; and that includes minorities and women. But hopes are that this will not be the case for too much longer. Many educational institutions are pushing the matter with financial aid programs and scholarship and grant funds.

### ***Online Access***

Right now one of the biggest trends in adult education is the boom of online degree universities, such as the University of Phoenix and others like it. The trend is not going unnoticed in the realm of college funding. The leaders in traditional education realize that students pursuing these avenues are doing so out of necessity; and certainly not because of the funding they receive.

### ***Programs***

While many programs cost thousands of dollars less and let you pay-as-you-go, there remain big gaps in all types of funding for non-traditional students. The primary reason non-traditional students pursue online college programs is for the flexibility and independence they afford versus the rigid class schedule of a physical campus program. Many non-traditional students are balancing work and families besides studying, which sets them up to face unique challenges usually not a concern for traditional college students.

- The University of Phoenix was given a large grant to award stipends to students pursuing degrees in teaching. Thousands of dollars are given annually to dozens of University of Phoenix Masters in Education students, as part of Project REACH, with the agreement that students commit to three years of teaching in high-need areas.

### ***Researching Grants for Non-Traditional Students***

The best advice is to look everywhere for grant money. Local and state governments often grants for continuing education or adults pursuing career enrichment. If part of

your reasons for avoiding the traditional avenue to college was financial inability, then consider filling out the FAFSA application for federal aid and applying for a Pell Grant. The federally funded Pell awards thousands of grant awards annually to students who can prove a financial need. Be cautious when applying for grants, though, since many of them contain stipulations regarding the type of educational institution you may attend and on what basis.

### ***Books for Non-Traditional Students***

While a lot of your research can be done online, don't overlook the local library or bookstore. Books recently published that provide advice and financial aid information for adults returning to school:

- *501 Ways for Adult Students to Pay for College: Going Back to School Without Going Broke*, Gen Tanabe, 2004
- *The Adult Student's Guide to Survival and Success*, Al Seibert, 2003
- *New Beginnings: A Guide for Adult Learners*, Linda Simon, 2001

## ***Grants for Returning Students***

### ***Continuing Your Education?***

The resources available for students returning to college are countless. Many students may never have finished college, they may have been interrupted or they may be choosing to return to pursue a higher degree.

In any case, not only are there federal student loans, private or alternative loans, but there are also many scholarship and grant programs that invest in the educations of returning students.

### ***Colleges and Universities***

First, prepare yourself to do research. The number of grant programs can be confusing and accessing them can take some diligence. You might begin by contacting local or regional colleges and universities. Many educational institutions offer their own brand of "in-house" grants for returning students. It is a feather in the cap of many colleges to maintain a diverse student body and that includes the adult-learners.

### ***State and Local Government***

Another valuable resource for grant money may be your state government. Many offer a host of educational programs that many individuals simply have no knowledge of. If you can talk with a career advisor he or she will likely have a list of possible grant resources as well.

### ***Women and Business***

Career advancers are increasing in numbers, especially in the ultra-competitive business world. More and more returning students are hailing from this realm. Women, minorities, international students, and special populations often have more professional options. Many professional organizations are devoted to giving some groups a leg-up in the realm of education where once they were excluded.

Women may have some of the more valuable grants available, especially women who are returning to school to advance in their business careers. There are corporations and private organizations that have an interest in diversifying the corporate workforce

and those women seeking MBAs, and degrees focused on business will find nearly countless grant resources.

### ***Specialties***

Are you returning to school to pursue a professional specialty? Are you interested in nursing or criminal justice? You should explore the professional associations and organizations both locally and nationally that are affiliated with the specialty you are pursuing. In many cases, organizations like this invest part of their time and money in supporting the educational efforts of their members.

## ***Grants for Married Students***

### ***Another Benefit of Marriage?***

Being married and raising a family does not mean you should be penalized when it comes to pursuing a college degree. Married students who are seeking grant programs for college have a number of avenues to explore when searching for grant sources:

- federal grants
- grants for minorities
- grants for those returning to college
- grants for adult learners
- specialty-specific grants

First, decide what “married” means to you. Does it mean you expect to only attend college part time? Maybe you are considering distance learning at one of the increasingly popular online colleges or universities. In cases such as these grant funds may be scarce. There are still few funding sources for online degree programs and many grants require you attend a college on a full-time basis, even reside on campus.

Federal Penn grants are available for those students with the most proven financial need. Unless your household income falls below the average poverty level, though, you might skip it and consider alternative grants for married students.

### ***Minorities***

If you are African American, Hispanic or Native American, consider grant sources focused on minorities. Dig deeper into minority grants and you will even turn up those focused on area of study. And the money available is no pocket change. More and more fields of study, professional organizations, as well as colleges and universities are vigorously soliciting for minorities and women to diversify their populations.

### ***Exemptions for Married Students***

In some cases, married students may be exempted from some of the grant criteria if awarded. For example, Columbia College in Missouri extends exceptions to married students and lone parents in regards to their stipulation that grant recipients reside on campus. This emphasizes the fact that you must make sure you understand the requirements for a grant if you are married.

### ***Getting Married While in College***

What if you marry while in college? How does that affect your financial aid or grant possibilities? As far as financial aid goes, some colleges, such as Barnard College, consider students who marry mid-college career to still be dependents of their parents.

As such, parents are responsible for proving need in regards to grants and federal student loans.

## ***Low Income or Bad Credit Education Grants***

### ***Do You Have Money Problems?***

Grants are awarded to students primarily from state and federal governments. There are also some private funding resources available.

The main factor is usually your income level or financial situation. Other factors may include your ethnic status or other unique personal situations.

### ***Income Contingent College Money***

Federal assistance such as Pell Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants are based solely on your financial need and family contributions. If you are accepted for enrollment to the college you want, the grants can be great assistance.

### ***Bad Credit Grants and Your Education***

Your credit score is usually not a factor in how much or if you can receive government college grants. Most students applying for grants are coming from high school, and do not have a credit history.

If you are currently attending a college or university as an undergrad or graduate student and apply for a grant, credit is not as much a factor as your income. On the other hand, student loans do take your personal credit into consideration. The reason for this is because grants do not need to be repaid, so there is no concern on the part of the government provider if you can repay the money awarded towards your education.

### ***Scam – Watch Out!***

Do not pay attention to websites and companies offering that offer free money for your student tuition, fees, books, housing or loan consolidation. Grants are part of the United States and state budgets to serve people in need in the community. Be aware of promises of free funds from agencies, organizations, or private entities that are not reputable.

Aside from grants, scholarships are available from a variety of sources. To be safe, always confer with the Department of Education and your student aid office to verify legit sources.

## ***Grants for Students with Disabilities***

### ***Get Money if You Qualify for Special Needs***

College student across the board generally need to borrow from a plethora of financial sources in order to complete a college education. Financial sources include federal grant and loans, state-based grants and scholarships, college and university grants, scholarships and fellowships from professional organizations, and private loans from lending institutions.

Students with disabilities not only may be fettered with the same funding issues, but they also face challenges within a traditional collegiate environment not the least of which is accessibility and mobility. The accessibility issue was pretty much handled with the signing into law in 1975 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Statistics show that there are over 40 million Americans with some sort of physical or mental disability. The IDEA was recently amended in 2004 and has reshaped the way our educational system deals with special education needs.

### ***Organizations and Associations***

Students with disabilities are advantaged when it comes to grants and scholarships. Since the IDEA made it illegal to segregate disabled students, there has been a concerted push to offer incentives for students with disabilities to pursue their educational and career goals. Many organizations are outstanding supporters:

- National Federation for the Blind – a variety of scholarship and grant awards for blind students
- Jewish Guild for the Blind – grants available for undergraduate students
- National Association of the Deaf – scholarships and grants for graduate students

### ***Colleges and Universities***

Colleges and universities know their campus environments are more fulfilling academically, intellectually and socially when they provide a diverse student body. As a means to those ends, colleges have not only ramped up grants and scholarships to underrepresented populations, but they solicit and invite disabled students to join their communities:

- George Mason University-contact the Disability Resource Center
- George Washington University-contact Disabilities Support Services, ask for their brochure, “Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities”
- Western Michigan University – fellowships for disabled students pursuing degrees in rehabilitation sciences
- Galludet University is a college for the deaf or hearing impaired

Not only are there grants for individual students, but the technological support enables disabled students to participate matters as well. Grants also provide many institutions with the funds to cover the cost of cutting edge captioning equipment. There are even some universities that are implementing videoconferencing capabilities or virtual classrooms to engage students with disabilities.

## ***Grants for At Risk Students***

### ***Making College Easier to Afford for the Less Fortunate***

Higher education in the United States has historically been focused on providing college degrees to white, middle to upper class Americans. And not too long ago, it even excluded women. Minorities of all kinds have been overlooked.

In the last couple of decades, there has been a steady growth in support for women and minorities in the collegiate fabric. The American social and economic environment will only continue to be competitive among the world powers if it is able to educate all aspects of its human element.

One of the most overlooked minority groups is that labeled “At Risk”. Many colleges and universities have traditionally overlooked the combination of poor, urban and minority. Now there are grants and scholarship programs that provide solely for the needs of at-risk students, starting at the grassroots level. Many at-risk programs are designed to include assistance for youth throughout elementary and secondary programs.

### ***Youth Programs***

The types of grant that benefit at-risk youth are those that support organizations or programs that directly benefit students. Programs may provide literacy help, college advising for at-risk students, and after-school activities. Nellie Mae Education Foundation, a division of Nellie Mae Corporation, extends grant monies to programs like this.

### ***Government Sources***

The Whitehouse Office on Faith-Based Initiatives includes dozens of programs that specialize in supporting at-risk youth across all educational levels. The At-Risk program list includes the very well known Drug Free Communities Support Program, Juvenile Mentoring Formula Grant program, and the Migrant Education Assistance Program, among a dozen or so.

Various states across the United States also have coughed up very necessary funds to beef up high-school programs that are helpful in guiding disadvantaged kids to finish high school and be prepared to explore college options. Texas became proactive on local levels by disbursing over \$100 million dollars among some of its more disadvantaged school districts with the long-term goal for overall economic betterment.

### ***Colleges and Universities***

Two-year, vocational and community colleges in many areas offer grants for at-risk students. Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Michigan-based education and research organization that offers grants for a community college education for students with disadvantaged backgrounds. Criteria for eligibility include discipline and behavioral problems, learning disability or a deficiency in the English language. The purpose of such grants is to provide a college education that emphasizes skill-based professional career training designed to fast track the graduate to a rewarding job with growth potential. Many community colleges also offer job placement.

## ***Grants for Adult Students***

### ***Going Back to School?***

Not everyone goes to college right of high school anymore. Today’s adults are challenging the traditional college career and after decades of exclusion there are countless opportunities for adult students to pursue a college degree at any point in their lives.

In some cases high school students are not able or willing to pursue college. They may be unable to afford the financial burden; they may simply feel unprepared, or they may decide to pursue the work force in lieu of college.

### ***Accessing Grant Programs***

Students who bypass college once they graduate from high school will now have many opportunities to pursue a college degree at some point. Scholarships, federal, and private financial aid programs as well as grants are available en masse. The pursuit of money, though, takes research.

Armed with a computer and access to the internet, adults can uncover a wealth of information regarding applicable grant and scholarship funds for their educational purposes. There are some grants that are focused on general populations of adult students, while there are others that target specific populations such as veterans, women, and international, minority, and disabled students.

### ***Women***

Adults can qualify for college grants often under the heading of Non-Traditional or Special Populations programs. More specifically if you are a woman, you have many grant opportunities available to you. Examples include the Adults Students in Scholastic Transition grant, offered by Executive Women International, or the Janette Rankin Foundation Women's Education Fund. Women may also explore grants offered by the American Association of Business Women or the Business and Professional Women's Foundation.

### ***Grants for Non-Traditional Students***

Grants for non-traditional students cover a broad category, but if you are an adult who has never attended college and are looking for grant money you might start your research from this angle. Many colleges and universities offer their own grants for adult students. Interested in a college locally? Ask financial advisors what your options are for aid with their institution.

### ***Federal Pell Grant***

The federally funded Pell Grant may be an option for any adult student if financial need can be proven. Thousands of Pell Grants are awarded each year, but only the most in-need qualify. If your income falls short of the average poverty level, you might give this a try.

## ***101 College Grants You've Never Heard Of***

### ***You're Leaving Thousands on the Table***

If you never thought there was not enough money to go around for college, you're wrong. There's money, you just need to know where to find it. Hundreds...thousands of organizations, colleges, and even state governments have grant money to give for your college expenses.

### ***Sometimes People Who Go to College Free Just Worked Harder on Applications!***

Unless you really know how to dig and do the work – you'll simply have to muddle through with the typical Pell Grant, and that's if you qualify. Federal Pell Grants are awarded to only the most financially needy; meaning the middle-income students are general S.O.L. Why does everyone else get to go to college? In some cases they qualified for federal low-income aid or state government aid. Others may have found that they could just out loans and they'll worry about paying it back later. Some have found grants; money given to you because you need it and you're a worthy rick. So if you want make excuses here are 101 answers.

### ***How Do I Get My Share?***

Begin by exploring our list! It's expensive in the scope of programs it covers. This is just the tip of the iceberg. In some cases the listings are for a single grant program, in others it is the gateway to a list of many programs.

### ***Federal Grants***

The Federal government has money to give. If you don't know about these programs, you should.

#### **Need-Based**

1. Pell Grants are awarded to only the most financially disadvantaged students. You apply when you fill out the FAFSA.

#### **Merit-Based and Need**

2. Academic Competitiveness Grant is designed for students already receiving a Pell Grant. Up to \$1300 is available for freshman and sophomores majoring in a critical need areas, such as, math, science, technology, engineering and foreign languages.
3. The SMART Grant is a continuation of the AC Grant, but designed for juniors and seniors.

#### **Federal Study Abroad Grants**

4. David L. Boren Undergraduate Program for Study Abroad offers assistance to undergrads traveling to study languages and cultures. Of particular interest are those areas where knowledge in the language and culture would benefit U.S. national security. Program is a part of the National Security Education Program.
5. A program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Benjamin A. Gilman Award is given each year to students studying abroad and who meet the criteria. Students must receive Pell Grants to qualify.

#### **State Sponsored Grants**

While we can't go through every single one, each state offers its own suite of college grants. You should explore your state's higher education website for need and merit-based grants. They offer more help than you think. Here are some of the more unique of the hundreds of state-funded grant programs. (Remember you are typically only eligible if you are a state resident.)

6. Alabama's Central Community Foundation provides thousands of dollars in aid to financially strapped students from eligible counties.
7. Arizona offers resident students who've attended a community college further aid if they wish to pursue a 4-year program. The aptly named Arizona Private Post-secondary Education Student Financial Assistance Grant gives between \$750 and \$1500 to qualifying students with financial need.
8. Colorado's aid program offers financial assistance to students attending participating Colorado institutions.
9. Kansas optometry students may receive Optometry Service Grants in return for staying to practice in the state.
10. Michigan Students with speech and mental impairments should explore the Evelyn and Frederick Weissman Educational and Charitable Foundation available through the state.



11. The Charley Wootan, a former chairman of the student loan guaranty in Texas, started his own grant in 2002 (The Charley Wooten Grant) to offer valuable assistance to Texas students really in need and wishing to pursue college.
12. Wyoming Space Grant Programs offer monies to undergraduate and graduate level Students pursuing research in space science at a Wyoming 4-year or community college.
13. The Governor's Workforce Development Grant in Delaware helps adult students through their part-time studies. Maximum award is \$2000 per academic year.

### **College/University**

Most colleges and universities offer tons of money in need-based grants to students. Without it, many colleges would not have the diversity of the student bodies they enjoy.

14. The University of California at Santa Cruz makes annual awards to environmental research students – the STEPS Institute Grants support research focuses on environ-mental or scientific research of particular note to California.
15. Wichita State's Bowling program (Shocker Bowling) helps with fundraising to provide tuition grants for student athlete bowlers.
16. The University of Texas School of Advertising administers a number of grants for students studying at graduate levels in advertising, marketing and communications.
17. Arizona State University Jewish Studies Grants, are awarded to undergraduate and graduate students.
18. The University of North Carolina offers students in their School of Public Health a healthy number of grant opportunities.
19. Promoted through Iowa State are a handful of Iowa Horse Council Grants.
20. Purdue University's Span Plan is a new program aimed at providing grant assistance to adult learners who have been displaced from the college environment.
21. Duke University's Grants for Study in China is intended to boost student study abroad in historically "un-traveled" areas.
22. If you are a resident of Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Montgomery or Webster counties in Mississippi and attending the University of Mississippi, you might apply for the Summers Grants. Students may be pursuing undergraduate or graduate level studies.
23. Virginia Commonwealth University offers students in a technology program funding Opportunities with their Emerging Technologies Undergraduate Research Grants.
24. Law students enrolled in the University of Wyoming's Law School may qualify to receive summertime grants from the Public Interest Law Fund if they are willing to work in the public sector.

### **Profession-Specific**

Even though the list is divided by professions you will find grants offered through university programs, individual endowments, as well as those sponsored by organizations and corporations.

### **African Studies**

25. Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship supports the “cutting-edge” research of a graduate-level student in African Studies.

### **Agriculture**

26. The American Floral Endowment provides research grants that target subject areas dealing with management of horticultural plants. Probably most interesting to students of Horticulture.
27. Rhododendrons clearly demand a lot of study because the American Rhododendron Society offers comprehensive and well-outline research grants to students studying such rhodi-specific topics as genetics, pest control, fertilization, and culture.
28. While this is a grant focused on an organization, it is very interesting, nevertheless. Remember Harry Chapin – 70’s and 80’s folksinger whose most widely played ballad was “Cat’s Cradle?” Since his death, the Harry Chapin Foundation has continued to provide educational grants to organizations dedicated to community projects that fight hunger wither through education or action. Common recipients for their dollars are community and urban garden programs.
29. Don’t overlook the national chapter of the Future Farmers of America grants. Undergraduate students with an eye to farming or agriculture of any kind should explore. The organization purports to have over \$2 million dollars available each academic year to support students.

### **Anthropology**

Anthropology is research-heavy. Many of the grant opps here focus on post-graduate research and field study.

30. Post-doctoral students in the area of Ancient Man might explore the Mesoamerican Studies Grants. Find monetary support for your research.
31. The venerable National Geographic Committee for Research and Exploration funds grant projects focused on research in study areas related to paleontology, biology, archaeology, oceanography, as well as anthropology and others.

### **Arts**

32. Filmmaking? Check out the Carole Fielding Student Grants for filmmakers. The University Film and Video Association sponsors the award.
33. If you’re an artist doing graduate level work as a painter or in mixed media you might consider the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators Fine Arts Grants.
34. The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation award an annual grant for writers in theater, novel, or short story. Materials must be ‘gay-positive.’ Grants are in the amount of \$1000.
35. The Durfee Artists’s Resource for Completion Grant is made possible through the Association of Hispanic Arts. The grant program offers monetary assistance to L.A. artists who need financial help finishing artistic projects, especially for the betterment of their profession.
36. Specialize in cartooning and caricature? You must be a Ph.D. student working on a Dissertation that specifically focuses on cartoon and caricature. This unique grant is funded by the Caroline and Erwin Swann Foundation –

- Fellowships for Caricature and Cartoon. Great way to earn \$15,000 a year toward a doctoral degree.
37. Students majoring in “costuming” may find the Costume Society of America’s Stella Blum Research Grant most welcome. Program provides qualified student with up to \$3,000 for school.
  38. The Handweaver’s Guild of America offers grant money to undergraduate students studying fiber arts.

### **Athletics and Recreation**

39. National Strength and Conditioning Association’s Grants support students pursuing the field. Grants available for undergraduate, graduate and research students.
40. The National Recreation and Parks Association awards \$500 Student Initiative Grants to undergraduate students majoring Recreation and Park Management, or similar areas.

### **Business**

41. The National Society of Accountants provides grants to students specializing in, of course, Accounting.
42. If you happen to be a dependent of a veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart and you are pursuing Business, then consider the Military Order of the Purple Heart’s award for Dependents of Purple Heart Recipients. \$1,000 possible for full-time study.
43. Going into the Insurance end of business? State Farm Insurance Company provides a number of research and study grants to insurance students who are studying and researching within the field.

### **Journalism/Communications**

44. The Neiman Foundation for Journalism Fellowships at Harvard University are intended for the experienced journalists with already solid professional experience under their belts. Qualified candidates have the opportunity to study at one of the nation’s premier institutions.
45. The American Banking Association offers a yearly fellowship aimed at journalists, The Banking School Fellowship for Journalists.
46. Journalists interested in ocean sciences may find the Ocean Science Journalism Fellowship program offered by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute applicable.
47. Food writers may be eligible for the Culinary Trust’s Travel Writing Grants.

### **Computers/Technology**

48. Content-management students specializing in electronic documents will find grant money through the Electronic Document Systems Foundation.
49. The IEEE, or Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, sponsors grants to students at all levels of Computer Science study. Their Student Enterprise Award is given to students with promising “projects” that need funding support.

### **Hospitality**

You know the folks who run the hotels and entertainment complexes of the world often have studied in the Hospitality Management fields. Surprisingly, there are hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant monies for students studying in the field.

50. If you’re attending a hospitality management program at the college level you might explore the grants offered by the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation. These grants are only available through partner colleges and universities.

## **Math**

51. Notable company Raytheon is in the grant game with their MathMovesU program. The company makes it profitable for college students to earn extra grant money toward tuition if they tutor or coach a math team.
52. Alpha Mu Theta, the National Honor Society for Math, offers merit-based awards to particularly talented math students.
53. Check out the American Math Society for loads of grants all for the serious math wunderkind.
54. The National Science Foundation offers grant fellowships to graduate level mathematicians and computer scientists.

## **Media/Advertising/Communications**

55. The grants available through the Broadcast Education Association offer monetary support to both need and merit-based students studying at all levels in the area of broadcast media.
56. AdCraft, a Detroit-based advertising organization, awards grants to outstanding Michigan students pursuing advertising and marketing.
57. Students living in Ohio and enrolled in advertising and marketing programs may Qualify for one of the Cleveland Advertising Association's grants.

## **Music**

58. Interested in studying Music in Hawaii? Then you might be interested to know that The University of Hawaii's Music Department offers an undergraduate student in music an attractive grant called Friend of Music at Manoa.
59. Ensemble music students may compete for grant money from the Edgewood College Music Department. Grants to the best performers are available up to \$1500.

## **Non-Profit Management/Public Sector**

60. Aspen Institute's Nonprofit Sector Research Fund offers grants for research that promotes the study of not for profit organizations or models.
61. Public sector leaders of tomorrow should consider the New Voices Fellowship Program that now makes over a dozen grants available for students and small not for profit groups.

## **Photography**

62. Students pursuing photography can compete for grant money through MyParkPhotos.org Foundation.
63. McKnight Photography Fellowship program provides \$25,000 awards to eligible to eligible photographers in Minnesota. Sponsored through the University of Minnesota.

## **Religion**

64. Lutheran students may be eligible for grant money from the Aid Association for Lutherans.
65. In order to ensure a continual swirl of Baptist ministers, the American Baptist Church National Ministries sponsors a financial aid program. To be eligible for the organization's support you must be affiliated with the American Baptist Church.

## **Sciences**

66. The Geologic Society of America provides graduate grant monies to students Researching their graduate theses or dissertations on topics relative to geology.
67. Oh, to preserve the future of oil! The American Association of Petroleum Geologists

- Foundation sponsors an annual Grants-in-Aid Program. Award amounts up to \$2000 to be used toward thesis research.
68. For the biology student specializing in malacology (the study of mollusks) come the Student Research Grants in Malacology from the Western Society of Malacologists.

## **STUDENT TYPES**

### **Minorities**

69. The grants and other funding opps you will find here come from all types of sources.  
Historically, underrepresented groups such as African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans are eligible for millions of dollars in grants. Of particular note are those fields that have been traditionally lacking diversity, such as the sciences and business.
70. The American Anthropological Association offers a Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program that goes to funding a doctoral level student in Anthropology.
71. The Multicultural Advertising Intern Program through the American Association of Advertising Agencies awards grants to students pursuing degrees in advertising and media communications.
72. Minority students pursuing a degree in Hospitality Management may be eligible to compete for grant money sponsored by the Hyatt Hotels Fund for Minority Lodging Management Studies.
73. Asian-American students interested in filmmaking or television production may be Eligible for grant money through the Media Action Network for Asian Americans. Students must prove merit and need to receive these \$1000 grants.
74. Hispanic business students should check out the Sauldos Business Grants.
75. The Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities doled out through the American Society of Criminology is intended to encourage more minority student in the areas of law and criminal justice.

### **Women**

If you thought women were successfully entrenched in all areas of industry and professions, then think again. In fact, recent attempts to create more gender equality have progressed slowly and recent studies have shown only increasing chasms between women and men especially in the technology arena.

76. The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund, sponsored by the World Bank, awards up to \$11,000 to international women pursuing studies in the U.S. intended to help her homeland community. Eligible recipients must be planning on returning to their country of origin to be considered.
77. Career-changers, women looking to add to their educational portfolio or those who have been displaced from college may be eligible for one of the many grants awarded to women with financial need by the American Association of University Women.
78. International women pursuing a college degree will find grant money through the International Federation of University Women. Women may find funding for studies or for research fellowships.
79. The Jeanette Rankin Foundation awards need-based education grants to women 35 and older challenged by higher educational systems and by financial disadvantages.
80. Zonta International sponsors a variety of sizeable grants to women across the board, including the Young Women in Public Affairs Award program.

## **Disabled**

Disabilities may range from blindness, deafness, to types of learning disabilities. In the effort to assimilate those students who live with a disability you will find that these and many other organizations are generous in their support:

81. The Casey Martin Award, sponsored by Nike, was established in this pro-golfer's name. Award goes annually to an athlete with disabilities or severe social disadvantage.
82. The Mary Switzer Research Grants are available through the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. The award gives outstanding post-graduate students up to \$65,000 to complete research in the field of disabilities and special education.
83. The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation awards not-for-profit groups grant up to \$5,000. Monies make it possible to offer arts and educational programs for disabled and special needs adults.

## **Non-Traditional**

Non-traditional usually encompasses students who have been displaced from college either did not finish degrees or never went directly from high school to college. Also, students migrating from technical programs to four-year may be included in the category. Often women returning to careers following stints raising families or single parents with children will find funding under this heading.

84. The Soroptomist International of the Americas funds the Women's Opportunity Awards, which offer monetary grants to women in disadvantaged situations. Applicants must be responsible for supporting their household or otherwise strapped to receive these competitive awards.
85. Women who have been seriously severed from a post-high school education and who would benefit from a college education may qualify for the Kalamazoo Women's Education Coalition grant. Awards are between \$250 and \$3000 and may include expenses to cover other lifestyle expenses that contribute to the recipient's financial situation.
86. Single mothers not only have challenges when it comes to making time for college, but the financial burden of child care costs as well as putting food on the table often keep them in jobs versus college programs. The Raise the Nation program helps colleges and universities offer grants to women who would otherwise not be able to attend.
87. Purdue University's Span Plan has been providing educational grants to adults beyond college age for years.

## **Students with Severe Medical Conditions/Diseases**

College-bound students of a normal ilk have a cartload of challenges as it is. Students who have fought, are fighting or who have survived a serious disease face immense emotional challenges on top of financial. There are just a fraction of the organizations willing to give to the causes:

88. The Ohio Chapter of the American Cancer Society gives travel grant money to supporting organizations that provide various activities for cancer patients and survivors.
89. The Meningitis Trust Foundation offers grants for education and special equipment that helps with daily living.
90. The Komen Foundation Awards are made available to qualifying students. Eligible candidates must have suffered the loss of a parent who has died of breast cancer. The Susan G. Komen Foundation is one of the most

renowned and proactive organizations involved in the fight against breast cancer.

91. The Cancer Survivor's Fund makes grant money available to survivors of cancer who need financial assistance to return to their dreams of a college education.

### **UNIQUE GRANT PROGRAMS**

If you are interested in really plumbing the depths of grants you will find something for almost every taste. This list is dedicated to those that are without a grander category. But by no means are they the bottom of the barrel.

92. The Harry S. Truman Library Institute sponsors the Undergraduate Student Research Grant Program that awards \$1000 to a student who is working on a thesis or research paper on topics relative to Truman.
93. Graduate students studying cereal chemistry may qualify for funding for research through the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC) International. Grants may be as much as \$3000.
94. The Hitachi Foundation funds \$5000 grants to graduating high school students who stand out in their communities for community involvement, service to others and in leadership roles.
95. High school rocketry whizzes may win big bucks for college tuition through the Team America Rocketry Challenge, sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Rocketry. Winners divvy up thousands of dollars in prize money as well receive travel grants to a NASA event.
96. Enterprising young seamstresses (female OR male) may win one of the more unusual Grants. The contest, offered first on a state level in various (often Midwestern states) is the Make it with Wool contest. Winners of the state competition advance to a National contest where the prize money is \$1000.
97. American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) Rhoads Research Foundation Grants provide generous funding to post graduate professionals studying nutrition particularly in the areas of "metabolic support" or "clinical nutrition." Funding varies.
98. The Jewish Vocational Services of Chicago offers grants to Jewish college students who are residents of the area. Preference is given to those pursuing careers that are considered "helping professions."
99. Students who may be partaking in studies abroad may consider allying themselves with the very well-known Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE). The organization provides students who will be studying in "non-traditional" regions of the world with generous John Bowman Travel Grants.
100. Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama offers the Scarlet and Grey Cheer-leading Grant to top-notch students who can earn a spot on the team. Grant covers up to half the student's cost of tuition.
101. The Endangered Language Fund provides grants to graduate level and post doctoral Students working to save ancient languages from extinction.

For additional information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/101-grants.htm>

## Books

**[The Back-to-School Money Book: A Financial Aid Guide for Midlife and Older Women Seeking Education and Training](#)**. Gail A. Schlacter. Washington, D.C. : American Association of Retired Persons, Women's Initiative, 1994. 61pp. Reference Funding Center LB2338 .S348 1994

Intended for midlife and older women who are interested in starting, resuming, or completing their education.

**[Better Late Than Never : Financial Aid for Re-Entry Women Seeking Education and Training](#)**. Women's Equity Action League. Washington, D.C. : WEAL, 1987. 59pp. Main Library Stacks LB 2338 .B47 1987

Focuses on programs that provide financial aid for women who need to train or retrain for a career. Apprenticeships are also included.

**[Financing Your College Degree: A Guide for Adult Students](#)**. David F. Finney. New York, N.Y. : College Entrance Examination Board, 1997. 141pp. Main Library Reference (1 East) Funding Center LB2337.4 .F56 1997

**[Peterson's Scholarships and Loans for Adult Students : The Only Guide to College Financing for Students 25 and Over](#)**. Princeton, N.J. : Peterson's Thomson Learning, c2000. 398pp. Main Library Reference Funding Center LB2337.2 .P466 2000

The first ten chapters are a complete review of the basic and essential financial aid options that are available for adult students and provide advice on managing the financial aid process and student debt. The rest of the book identifies 549 award programs, scholarships, fellowships, grants, prizes, and other gift aid opportunities for adults.

### **Scholarships for Re-entry Students: Grants and Retraining Assistance for Adults Returning to College**

**<http://www.adultstudentgrants.com/>**

Although many adult students hear about help to go back to school, continue their education, or train for a new career, they are often unaware where to find it or what programs they may be eligible for. Our special eBook provides information on scholarships, grants, and private organizations and associations that aid adults returning to college. Sources of aid include awards especially for re-entry students, women, single parents, and adults re-entering the work force, including money from federal, state, and private organizational and academic programs. Assistance is available for full or part-time, undergraduate and graduate study. Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000, include description and contact information, and are hyper-linked for the Web. All information is newly updated, and available for immediate download.



# Advice for Adult Students

## Tips on Making the Transition

- Be patient, relaxed, and focused when dealing with school related people and situations.
- Do not be intimidated by the idea of returning to school as an adult student. Remember: you are not alone.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Take a campus tour and learn where buildings and offices are located.
- Become familiar with school administrators. It will help you to know your financial aid advisor, admissions counselor, and academic advisor. Some schools have personnel who specialize in nontraditional student populations.
- Ask about your educational options. Many schools offer night and weekend classes. Classes may also be offered at more convenient off-campus locations.
- If you have young children, take time to find out if a day-care service is available on campus. You may consider online degree programs offered by many colleges and universities with traditional campuses as well as schools that specialize in online degree programs.
- Get involved. You can meet many of your fellow students by attending orientation programs specifically for nontraditional students.
- Take advantage of study groups and labs.
- Be efficient and creative with your study time. Utilize shorter time spans to study rather than trying to set aside two hours at once.
- Review your notes at lunch or while waiting for a doctor's appointment. The amount of possible study time will surprise you.
- Be flexible with your normal routines. Don't get stressed out over a dirty house or an overgrown lawn. Ask your family or friends to help you out.
- Be positive and enthusiastic about your educational adventure.

**Everyone can succeed!**



## Myths About Returning to College

- College is only for extremely intelligent people: College students are of normal, average intelligence.
- College is only for particularly creative people: College is a place to learn, not invent.
- College is only for the young: College is a place full of diversity and includes all ages. The average college student is 27 years old.
- College is only for those with a lot of free time: Colleges offer many opportunities for night classes, part-time enrollment, and weekend classes. Some schools also offer distance learning and on-line classes.
- College is only for the rich: Colleges offer many ways to finance an education including loans, scholarships, and grants.
- College programs will take too long to complete: Four year schools offer summer classes which will help speed the process. Associate degrees only take two years.

- College is only for those who pass college entrance exams: Colleges often require that you take the exams, however, they may not require a certain score. Many schools do not require entrance exam scores after a certain age. Make sure to check with your school.
- College is only for the people who know what they want to do: Colleges generally have two years worth of general requirements which will keep you busy until a decision is made.
- Many students change majors numerous times. Career counseling services are usually available on campus.
- College professors tend to get agitated with older, non-traditional students: College professors are there to teach and to help you succeed. They are on your side no matter what age you are. When you show an interest in learning, they become more inspired to teach.
- College is only for those without children: College bound parents balance school and family every day. Some colleges even offer day-care services on campus.
- College graduates don't really earn more than non-college graduates: Average College graduates earn about twice as much as average high school graduates.

Want More Information?

Check out: <http://www.back2college.com/>

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## LEGAL INFORMATION AND LAWYER REFERRALS

### Courts:

**Monongalia County Circuit Court**  
(Abuse and Neglect; Juvenile; Adoption)  
243 High Street  
291-7240

**Morgantown Municipal Court**  
300 Spruce Street  
284-7498

**Monongalia County Family Court**  
(Divorce, Custody and Support)  
271 Spruce Street  
285-3228

**WV Supreme Court of Appeals**  
Building 1, Room E317  
1900 Kanawha Blvd.  
Charleston, WV 25305

**Monongalia County Magistrate Court**  
(Family Protection Orders)  
265 Spruce Street  
291-7296

**Legal Services – for Developmentally Disabled or Mentally Ill:**  
WV Advocates, Inc.  
1207 Quarrier St. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Charleston, WV 25301  
346-0847

## **Legal Services – for Establishment and Enforcement of Child Support:**

### **Child Support Enforcement Division**

WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources  
118 South High Street  
285-3218  
[www.wvdhhr.org/bcse](http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcse)

## **Legal Services – for Low-Income Individuals and Families:**

### **Appalachian Center for Law and Public Service**

WVU College of Law  
293-7249

### **WVU College of Law Clinical Law Program**

WVU College of Law  
293-7249

### **Legal Aid of WV**

1428 East Main Street  
Princeton, WV 24740  
Monongalia Co, 296-0001  
1-800-453-1939

## **CHILD CARE**

### **For Statewide Child Care Information and Referrals:**

#### **Child Care Resource Center**

965 Hartman Run Road  
Suite 1103  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
292-7357 or 1-888-272-7357  
The Child Care Resource Center is funded by the WV Dept. Of Health and Human Resources. The Center provides financial assistance to low/moderate income families to pay for child care, training of child care providers, referral list of registered providers and licensed centers, technical assistance and information to providers.

#### **Morgantown Early Learning Facility, Inc.**

302 Scott Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
291-5845  
6:30am - 6:00pm  
3 - 9 years

#### **Pleasant Day School**

1315 Airport Boulevard  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
296-8078  
5:45am - 6:00pm  
2 months - 12 years

#### **Presbyterian Child Development Center**

331 Forest Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
292-2194  
7:00am - 5:30pm  
6 weeks – 12 years

## Local Child Care

### Providers:

#### **Chyleen's Two's and Three's**

116 Ellen Lane  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
598-0040  
7:00am - 5:30pm  
2-5 years

#### **Duseyland Day Care Center**

375 Boyers Avenue  
Star City, WV 26505  
599-4002  
6:30am - 6:30pm  
6 weeks - 10 years

#### **Fair Play LLC**

1878 Fairchance Road  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
594-3760  
7:00am - 6:00pm  
3 months - 12 years

#### **Kids Korner Day Care Center, Inc.**

464 Inglewood Boulevard  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
599-3041  
5:45am - 6:00pm  
3 months - 12 years

#### **Kinder Haus Child Care Center, Inc.**

129 Greenbag Road  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
292-7863  
7:am - 6:00pm  
3 - 12 years

#### **Rainbow Kids**

1218 Downwood Manor  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
594-0023  
6:00am - 6:00pm  
3 months - 6 years

#### **Scott's Run Settlement**

P.O. Box 398  
Osage, WV 26543  
599-5020  
6:45am - 6:00pm  
2 - 12 years

#### **The Shepherd's Care**

6 Edwin Street  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
291-2452  
7:30am - 5:30pm  
3 months - 6 years

#### **Toys and Tots**

973 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
598-3660  
6:00am - 6:00pm  
6 weeks - 12 years

#### **METC Kids (Future Steps)**

3610 Collins Ferry Road  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
285-5423  
7:00am - 5:30pm  
6 weeks - 12 years

## **NON-PROFIT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

### **After school Adventures**

#### **Visiting Homemakers**

382 Broadway  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
599-7743

Operates after school programs at  
North, Cheat Lake, Mountainview, Skyview,  
& Suncrest Primary.

Morning programs at North and  
Mountainview. Summer programs at  
Suncrest Primary  
M-F 7:00am - 6:00pm

### **The Shack Neighborhood House**

P.O. Box 600  
Pursglove, WV 26546  
599-5466

7:00am - 8:45am & 2:30pm - 5:30pm  
\$10.00 a week per family

### **Kaleidoscope Community Learning Centers**

475 Baird Street  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
291-9258

Designed to provide after school and summer  
enrichment programs for children  
K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Kinder Kids**

129 Greenbag Road  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
292-7863

Located in Ridgedale Elementary  
M-F 2:30pm - 6:00pm  
K - 10 years

### **Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club**

300 Court Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
292-7510

School year: M-F 2:30pm - 8:00pm  
Open snow days, holidays, and other non-  
school days.  
Summer hours: M-F 7:30am - 6:00pm  
Intervention, support, education, & recreation

### **Rock Forge Before and After School Programs**

P.O. Box 847  
Dellslow, WV 26531  
292-3286

6:30am - 8:15am & 3:45pm - 5:45pm  
Pre K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Intervention/support  
Summer program: 6:30am - 6:00pm  
Bus Transportation

### **Scott's Run Settlement House**

P.O. Box 600  
Osage, WV 26543  
599-5020

6:45am - 6:00pm  
2 years - 12 years

## **EDUCATION**

### **Public Schools:**

#### **Marion County Superintendent of Schools**

200 Gaston Avenue  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
367-2100

#### **Monongalia County Board of Education**

13 South High Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
291-9210

#### **Preston County Superintendent of Schools**

300 Preston Drive  
Kingwood, WV 26537  
329-0580

### **Private Schools:**

#### **Alliance Christian School**

308 Elmhurst Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
598-2929

#### **Covenant Christian School**

802 Greenbag Road  
P.O. Box 342  
Morgantown, WV 26507  
292-6050  
1 - 6 years old

#### **Morgantown Learning Academy**

123 Discovery Place  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
296-9554  
Pre K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
8:00am - 3:00pm  
Non profit

#### **St. Francis Central Catholic School**

41 Guthrie Lane  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
291-5070

#### **Trinity High School**

200 Trinity Way  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
291-4659

### **Homeschooling:**

#### **West Virginia Home Educators**

Association  
P.O. Box 3707  
Charleston, WV 25337  
1-800-736-WVHEA  
[wwhea@bigfoot.com](mailto:wwhea@bigfoot.com)

## **PRE -SCHOOLS**

### **Alliance Christian School**

308 Elmhurst Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
598-2929

### **Busy Bee Pre School**

Old Cheat Road  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
296-4389

### **Covenant Christian School**

802 Greenbag Road  
P.O. Box 342  
Morgantown, WV 26507  
4 year olds, M-F  
8:00am - 11:30am OR  
8:00am - 3:15pm  
Extended care is available

### **Headstart**

Dorsey Center  
1433 Dorsey Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
291-9330  
Operates pre-school programs at elementary schools for low income families as well as educational programs for parents

### **Mon Kids**

1200 J.D. Anderson Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
285-5544  
6:30am - 6:00pm  
(until 8:00pm with prior arrangements)  
2 years and up

### **Monongalia County Technical**

Education Center Day Care Center  
(training facility)  
1000 Mississippi Street  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
291-9240  
Wed - Fri 9:15am -11:15am  
3 -5 years old

### **Morgantown Early Learning Facility, Inc.**

302 Scott Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
291-5845  
3 - 5 years old

### **Play Works**

483 Dents Run Road  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
(304)225-7529  
7:00am - 6:00pm  
3 - 5 years old

### **St. Luke's Preschool**

19 Jo Glen Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
594-2353  
3 - 5 years  
M-F 8:15am - 11:00am OR  
11:45am - 2:30pm

### **Serendipity Preschool**

1850 Mile Ground Road  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
292-0005  
am and pm programs  
3-5 years old

### **The Shack**

P.O. Box 600  
Pursglove, WV 26546  
599-5466  
W, Th, F 9:30am - 11:30am

### **WVU Early Childhood Development Laboratory**

P.O. Box 6124  
Morgantown, WV 26506-6124  
293-2110  
3 and 4 year olds - mornings, M-F  
4 and 5 year olds - afternoons, M-F  
Before and after school programs available  
Summer exploratory programs in May and June—Waitlist early

### **Kinder Kids**

129 Greenbag Road  
Morgantown, WV 26501  
292-7863  
Located in Ridgedale School  
Pre-School M-F  
4 & 5 Year olds

### **Morgantown Learning Academy**

123 Discovery Place  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
296-9554  
4 year olds