








Scholarships for Sophomores

Name	Description	Eligibility	Deadline	Website
Boren Scholarship	Funds language study outside of Western Europe	First-Years, Sophomores, & Juniors	February	Scan here: 
Critical Language Scholarship	Funds 8-10 weeks of intensive study of "critical" languages	All years, enrolled at time of application	November	Scan here: 
DAAD-Rise	Funds lab research internships in Germany in STEM	Sophomores & Juniors	December	Scan here: 
Goldwater Scholarship	Funds up to \$7,500 per year toward undergraduate tuition, books, room, and board	Sophomores & Juniors pursuing research careers in STEM	November	Scan here: 
Rangel Summer Enrichment Program	Funds 6 weeks of summer study in international affairs at Howard University	Sophomores & Juniors	February	Scan here: 
Udall Scholarship	Funds up to \$7,000 per year toward undergraduate tuition, books, room, and board	Sophomores & Juniors pursuing careers in environmental or native affairs	January	Scan here: 
US-UK Summer Fulbright Institute	Funds 3-4 weeks of summer study and cultural immersion in the UK	Sophomores with little travel experience	February	Scan here: 

High-Impact Practices for Prospective Scholarship Applicants



Define Your Goals

Define your goals and interests early, and regularly reevaluate them as your trajectory evolves.

Selection committees appreciate individuals who are self-reflective.



Embrace Complexity

Seek out opportunities to engage in conversation on complex topics, especially staying informed of current events.

Selection committees want to see that you can grapple with nuanced, complicated issues without obvious or simple solutions.



Challenge Yourself

Enroll in challenging courses that expand your academic trajectory and perspective.

Selection committees want to see that you are challenging yourself, both in breadth and depth.



Specialize

When you encounter topics or issues that excite you, follow that lead.

Selection committees will be impressed with the level of expertise you have developed through deep study and engagement.



Build Relationships

Build relationships with faculty members outside the classroom and maintain them over time.

Not only do faculty make great mentors, but selection committees often look to letters of rec as confirmation of your talents.



Conduct Research

Conduct faculty-mentored research.

The transition from being a consumer of knowledge to a producer of knowledge is an important indicator of maturity for selection committees.



Make an Impact

Make an impact on an organization or club, pursuing opportunities for leadership and change-making.

Selection committees are using this information to envision how you will continue to be a leader in the future.



Celebrate Differences

Embrace opportunities to learn about people who are different from you.

Selection committees want to know that you will be able to work with and benefit communities different from your own.



Give Back

Show the selection committee that you are interested in making a positive contribution to society.

Scholarship foundations are not only investing in you, but also in all the good you will do in the future.