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2022 Scholarship Handout

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Scholarships at a Glance



Scholarship	Amount	Due Date
Penny Program Fellowship	\$2,500/\$5,000	April 1st
Penny Program Scholarship	\$1,500	April 1st
Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship	\$1,200/\$2,500	June 1st
Jared P. Stene Student Leadership Scholarship	\$2,000	April 1st
Friends Scholarship	\$500	April 1st
Robert. L. Caraothers Distinguished Student Writers Award	\$500	April 1st
Elizabeth Pegues Scholarship Matching Program for Students of Color	Matching up to \$1,000	April 1st
Hull Educational Foundation	\$2,000 per semester	April 1st

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Students United is an independent nonprofit funded and run by students of the seven Minnesota State universities.

Scholarship Backgrounds

Penny Program and Penny Fellowship

The [Barbara J. Penny Community Service Scholarship](#) (Penny Program Scholarship) recognizes Minnesota State college and university students who have demonstrated a commitment to community service and to promote their growth as community leaders. This is a \$1,500 award.

The [Timothy J. Penny State and Federal Public Service Fellowship](#) (Penny Program Fellowship) is provided to Minnesota State College and University students with the financial opportunity to grow as public servants through participation in state or local government internships. This is a \$2,500-\$5,000 award.

Jared P. Stene Students Leadership Scholarship

Jared Paul Stene led his peers in advocacy for public higher education. He was able to make a real and lasting impact during his short life. To recognize his leadership, a scholarship was created in Jared's name.

The scholarship is for undergraduate students attending Minnesota State universities who share Jared's leadership and passion for student advocacy. Students must have completed 24 credits by the end of the current academic year. This is a \$2,000 award.

Hull Educational Foundation

This scholarship is awarded to students who attended St. Paul area high schools and completing a four-year degree. This is a full \$4,000 awarded twice a year (\$2,000 per semester).

Friends Scholarship

The Friends scholarship is awarded to junior or senior level Minnesota State students who exhibit a unique or special financial need that would prohibit continuing their education. This is a \$500 award.

Elizabeth Pegues Scholarship Matching Program for Students of Color

In 2015, Students United obtained the Elizabeth Pegues (Piggies) Scholarship Matching Program for Students of Color. Elizabeth Pegues was a leader who served on the Minnesota State University Board and was devoted to the promotion of educational opportunities for students of color. This matching scholarship supports students of color who recently graduated from a Minnesota high school or two-year technical college, have been accepted into a four-year program and have received a scholarship from a Minnesota-based civic, religious, fraternal, social, or nonprofit youth-serving organization. This scholarship matches up to \$1,000.

Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Student Writers Award

The Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Student Writers Award acknowledges Chancellor Carothers' outstanding contributions to the Minnesota State University System and to higher education in Minnesota. This scholarship is awarded to student writers at Minnesota's state universities. This is a \$500 award.

Nellie Stone Johnson

This scholarship is awarded by the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Board. Students must identify as people of color, have a connection to a union and attend a Minnesota State University or College. Awards ranges from \$1,200-\$2,500 depending on enrollment. This scholarship can be renewed throughout your education.

Additional Documents Required for Each Scholarship

*Please download individual applications for more details

Penny Program and Penny Fellowship

Both require:

- Essay highlighting your commitment, interest, background, and future plans in community service (minimum two pages)
- Current resume including work, academic and community service activities
- Unofficial college/university transcript
- One to three letters of recommendation

Timothy J. Penny Fellowship also requires:

- Internship plan/proposal

Jared P. Stene Students Leadership Scholarship

Requires:

- Personal Statement - In 500 words or less, describe an experience in which your leadership influenced significant change within your education institution or community and how this affected your short and long term goals
- Leadership Resume - In a resume format, list your leadership experiences in your educational community and the community you live in, with a brief explanation of each
- Coffee Question - If you were a drink at a coffee shop, what would you be and why? You can draw, use words, create a video, create mathematical equations, or include photos. Be yourself!
- An unofficial college/university transcript
- One Peer Letter of Recommendation
- One Professional Letter of Recommendation

Hull Educational Foundation

Requires:

- Essay Question - How will this scholarship help you complete a four-year program leading up to a degree and your financial needs?
- An unofficial college/university transcript
- Personal Transcript from a St. Paul Public Schools Senior High School

Friends Scholarship

Requires:

- Personal Statement - Please describe in an essay format your unique financial need that could prohibit you from continuing your education.
- An unofficial college/university transcript

Elizabeth Pegues Scholarship Matching Program for Students of Color

Requires:

- A biography of yourself including a description with your college plans and career goals
- Copy of grantor's award letter of scholarship received
- Transcript from a Minnesota High School or Minnesota Community or Technical College
- Copy of admittance letter received from your current or future Minnesota State University

Nellie Stone Johnson

Requires:

- Personal Essay - The applicant must submit a typewritten statement about his/her background, educational goals, career goals and commitment to the causes of human or civil rights. The statement is limited to two typed pages, double spaced in an eleven (11) point font
- Financial Information - List all scholarships, awards, grants or other sources of financial aid for the upcoming year. Please include organization and amount
- Letters of Recommendation - Two (2) separate letters of recommendation from two (2) different sources, signed and dated, must accompany the application. Letters may come from teachers, community organization or church leaders, or club or group leaders, and should address achievements and accomplishments, community involvement, commitment to pursuing education or commitment to the causes of human and civil rights.
- Unofficial Transcript - High school seniors must submit their most recent high school transcript and a copy of the letter of acceptance from the university or college they will be attending. Students already enrolled in a Minnesota State college or university must submit their most recent transcript. This does not have to be an official transcript
- Union Verification - Include either a copy of the current union card or a letter from the union verifying that union membership is in good standing (or union retirement in good standing)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When are these due?
 - a. April 1st, 2022, by 11:59p.m.

2. May I save the application part way through and come back to it?
 - a. No. Unfortunately, the application portal does not support this, and all materials must be submitted at one time. You can download the application on our website to prepare before opening the application portal.

3. Do I need to request and purchase an official transcript?
 - a. No, you can submit an unofficial transcript for all scholarships.

4. Where do I go to get an unofficial transcript?
 - a. Most colleges and universities have information on the registrar's office website, but each school may be a little different.
 - b. For the Hull Educational Foundation Scholarship, please contact the high school's office or school counselors for a high school transcript.

5. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?
 - a. Yes, of course!

6. Can I apply for both the Penny Scholarship and the Penny Fellowship?
 - a. Yes, you can apply for both.

7. I received a scholarship last year, can I still apply?
 - a. Yes, except for the Hull Educational Foundation scholarship. If you receive the Hull last year, you cannot apply for the Hull the following year.
 - b. The Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship is also renewable, but you must follow their guidelines once you've received an award.

8. I am a graduate student, can I apply?
 - a. You can only apply for the Penny Program or Nellie Stone Johnson.

9. How do I apply for the Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award?
 - a. There is no formal application process through Students United--each school recommends students for the Carothers Award. If you are interested in this award, please reach out to your professors or staff members (specifically within the Language Arts departments).

10. I work for Students United, can I apply?
 - a. Yes!

11. I need a paper application, how can I get this?
 - a. Please contact Joy Krosschell at jkrosschell@studentsunited.org