**The Gates Scholarship**

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

Selected **Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance to earn a bachelor’s degree**, that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a Scholar’s college or university. Costs covered include tuition, fees, books, and room and board, and may also include some additional personal costs.

**How to Refer Students**

If you know one or more students who meet our criteria, please click [this link](https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/referrals) and follow the instructions provided. Please note that **Phase I of the application opened July 15, with a submission deadline of Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 5:00 PM PT**.

**Eligibility requirements:**

* High school senior
* From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
* Pell-eligible
* A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
* A minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.  
**An ideal candidate will also have:**

* An outstanding high school academic record (e.g., be in the top 10 percent of his/her graduating class)
* Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, and extracurricular, or other activities)
* Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

For additional information, please [visit our website](http://echo3.bluehornet.com/ct/58446185:WCsg3PdDN:m:1:2005362078:A22D0B151A86FD9FAC1A379503FA5A64:r).