

# HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

## WHAT IS AN HBCU?



The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities defines HBCUs in the following manner:

*HBCUs are a source of accomplishment and great pride for the African American community as well as the entire nation. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: "... any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association*

*determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation." HBCUs offer all students, regardless of race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents. These institutions train young people who go on to serve domestically and internationally in the professions as entrepreneurs and in the public and private sectors.*

To find out more about HBCUs, including a complete listing by state of HBCU accredited schools, we invite you to visit the following websites:

- [What is an HBCU?](#)
- [Map of HBCUs by state](#)

## COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION



The Common Black College Application, CBCA, allows students to complete a single document and submit it to up to 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Member institutions will honor the CBCA as if it were their own application.

Users of the CBCA, incur a one-time fee of \$35, which allows them to apply to multiple colleges at one time.

Visit the [Common Black College Application \(CBCA\)](#) site to find out which schools participate.

CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES FACTS ABOUT HBCUS:

**HBCU**

[HBCU First: Things to know about HBCUS](#)

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[Why Choose an HBCU?](#)



[History of HBCUS](#)



[U.S. News & World Report \(2021\): BEST HBCUS](#)



[National Center for Education Statistics: HBCU](#)

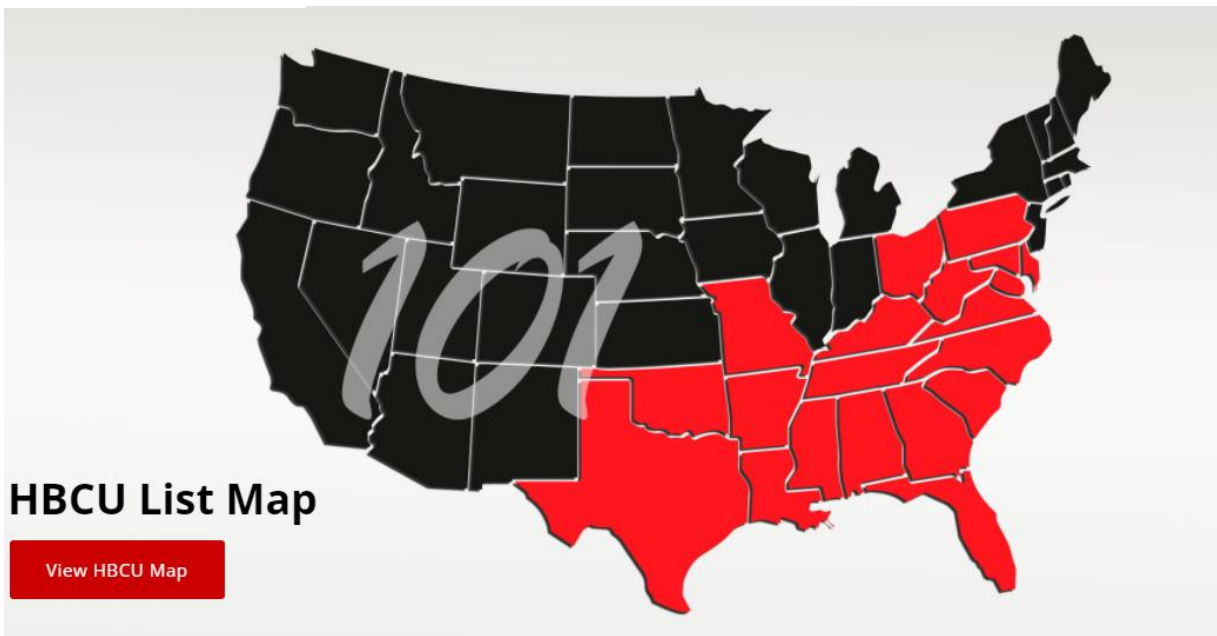


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## Financial Aid and Scholarships



### [African American Scholarships](#)

Source for a variety of scholarships



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

### [College Scholarships: African American Students](#)

This is an online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for college



### [Complete the FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)

Complete to see if you qualify for grants, loans or work study programs

## College, Career and Scholarship Search



### [Naviance: College, Career and Scholarship Resources](#)

Comprehensive web-based program used by AVHS students  
AVHS students use their student ID for both the username and password



<https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/>

A great resource for preparing, choosing and paying for college

Finally, we know that there are often many questions about navigating a system full of unfamiliar resources. The AVHS Counseling Department would like to partner with you in your journey in finding a pathway after high school.

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