

LEADERS FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE!™

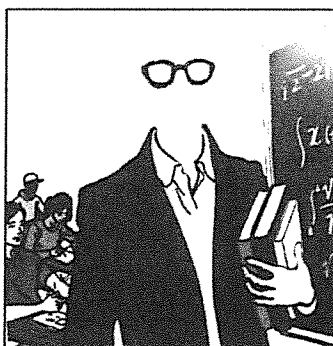
Gates Millennium Scholars

WHAT IS THE GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

The **Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program** established in 1999, is funded by a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. The goal of GMS is to educate **"Leaders for America's Future"™** by providing eligible students with the opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in the discipline of their choice and continue through to a doctoral degree in seven GMS funded fields.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE? STUDENTS WHO...

- ❑ Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American;
- ❑ Are citizens/legal permanent residents or nationals of the United States;
- ❑ Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or earned a GED;
- ❑ Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma) as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student;



See Who You're Destined To Be

- ❑ Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities;
- ❑ Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria; and
- ❑ Have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student's application (Nominee Personal Information Form), an evaluation of the student's academic record (Nominator Form) and an evaluation of the student's community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline.

Applications are available August 15th with a deadline around mid-January. Exact deadline date will be posted on www.gmsp.org.

Will you be applying for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program?

To begin the application process, visit www.gmsp.org and click on GMS Application.

Not eligible to apply yet?

Explore our [Online Communities](#) to better prepare you for the nomination process.
Educators and Parents may explore too!

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About:

- The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, established in 1999, is a 1.6 billion dollar initiative funded by grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for 20,000 outstanding students with significant financial need to reach their full potential.

Subsidiaries*:

- UNCF- the United Negro College Fund is the administrator of the GMS initiative and has partnered with the following organizations:
 - Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
 - American Indian Graduate Center Scholars
 - Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Overview:

- Funds unmet need as determined by the financial aid award letter provided by the institution
- Provides opportunity for college education in any discipline or field for undergraduates
- Provides graduate degree funding for continuing Scholars in:
 - mathematics
 - computer science
 - science
 - engineering
 - education
 - library science
 - public health
- Renews annually based on satisfactory academic progress, full-time enrollment and timely submission of required documents.

Scholarship Awards:

- GMS selects 1,000 new Scholars each year, funding over 18,000 Gates Scholars since 2000
- GMS has awarded \$845,713,056 in scholarships between the 2000-2014 academic years
- The average award was \$12,492 between the 2001-2014 academic years

Eligibility:

- African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific
- American or Hispanic Americans;
- Citizens/permanent residents of the United States;
- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale;