

USC Price

Sol Price School of Public Policy

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ONLINE

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Introduction

The following guide provides information on scholarship opportunities that we encourage prospective and current students pursuing the Master of Public Administration Online (MPA-OL) program apply for.

While some scholarships are only open to incoming students, others are also open to continuing students. Additionally, some scholarships are renewable while others are one-time awards. Scholarships have different application processes, deadlines, and eligibility requirements.

We encourage students to apply to as many scholarships as they are eligible for, even if they have not been admitted to the university yet. Please note that deadlines may not completely align with your desired term of admission. Pay close attention to deadlines and for what academic years scholarships are offered.

For any questions, please contact our team at pricescholarships@usc.edu. We are happy to assist you.

Price Scholarships

City Halls Fellows Scholarship

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must have completed San Francisco City Hall Fellows Program
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

MPA-OL Dean's Merit Scholarship

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- Partial Tuition

Eligibility:

- Must apply by the required deadline
- Based on academic merit
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA until degree completion

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

MPA-OL Professional Scholarship

Deadline:

- For fall admission, June 15th
- For spring admission, October 15th
- For summer admission, February 15th

Amount:

- Partial Tuition

Eligibility:

- Must apply by the required deadline
- Based on professional experience
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for six semesters with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Professional Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Price Diversity Scholarship Endowment

Deadline:

- March 24th, 2024 for the 2024-2025 academic year

Amount:

- Up to \$5,000 (one-time award)

Eligibility:

- Based on academic merit and/or financial need (as determined by Financial Aid)
- Open to incoming or continuing students
- Have experience in or commitment to diversity

How to Apply:

- The application is available in [Scholarship Universe](#). Prospective students log in using their youSC credentials. Continuing students log in using their USC Net ID.

Price Scholarships

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA)

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must have completed the APAPA internship or be a qualified member
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Leadership Program Alumni Fellowship

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must be an alumni of the CHCI Leadership Program
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Coro Alumni Fellowships

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must have completed the Coro Public Affairs Program
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellowships

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- 25% tuition

Eligibility:

- Must have completed service in the Peace Corps and provide a signed copy of their Description of Service (DOS)
- Open to incoming only
- Scholarship renews with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA until degree completion

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Price Scholarships

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Scholarships

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must have completed the PPIA summer institute
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Republic of Korea Ministry of Personnel Management 1+1 Program

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- \$12,000

Eligibility:

- Must be a Korean government employee
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Republic of Korea National Assembly Long-Term Fellowship Program Scholarships

Deadline:

- For fall admission, June 15th
- For spring admission, October 15th
- For summer admission, February 15th

Amount:

- \$12,000

Eligibility:

- Must be receiving the Republic of Korea National Assembly Long-Term Fellowship
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Teach for America Fellowships

Deadline:

- For fall admission, May 15th
- For spring admission, September 15th
- For summer admission, January 15th

Amount:

- Up to \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must have completed service in Teach for America
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- To apply, submit the Dean's Merit Scholarship Application which is part of the [USC Graduate Application](#) for admission

Price Scholarships

Veteran's Administration/Price Yellow Ribbon Program Matching Award

Deadline:

- Rolling basis

Amount:

- \$5,000 (one-time award)

Eligibility:

- Must be eligible for the maximum benefit rate (100%) under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Must be admitted to the university and registered for classes
- Must receive VA Yellow Ribbon award

How to Apply:

- Submit a recent [Statement of Benefits](#) or a [VA Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#)
- Submit the online [ASE Form](#) after class registration
- The USC Veteran Certification Office will notify the Price School of your eligibility

Red and Sheri Cavaney Graduate Veteran Scholarship

Deadline:

- March 24th, 2024 for the 2024-2025 academic year

Amount:

- Up to \$5,000 (one-time award)

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. Veteran
- Open to incoming or continuing students
- Demonstrate academic and career goals that include an interest in using policy background to examine opportunities for economic growth and job creation

How to Apply:

- The application is available in [Scholarship Universe](#). Prospective students log in using their youSC credentials. Continuing students log in using their USC Net ID.

City Year National Service Scholarship

Deadline:

- For fall admission, June 15th
- For spring admission, October 15th
- For summer admission, February 15th

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must be currently serving AmeriCorps members, alumni who completed a term of AmeriCorps service, or staff members employed for at least two years
- Open to incoming students only
- Scholarship renews for a second year with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

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USC Scholarships

USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically in March of each year

Amount:

- Varies (one-time award)

Eligibility:

- Must be a full-time student enrolled in a USC degree program or who will be enrolled for the entire academic year
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- Based on academic merit and/or financial need
- Demonstrate a commitment to serving the Asian Pacific Community

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC APAAS website](#)

USC Black Alumni Association Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically in February of each year

Amount:

- Average award is \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Must be an admitted or continuing USC student
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Exemplify commitment to the African-American community
- Based on academic merit and/or financial need

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC BAA website](#)

USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Association Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically in February of each year

Amount:

- Varies

Eligibility:

- Demonstrate academic achievement and a strong commitment to the LGBTQ+ community regardless of sexual orientation
- Based on academic merit
- Recipients must complete 20 hours of required service

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC Lambda website](#)

USC Latino Alumni Association Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically in March of each year

Amount:

- Up to \$5,000 (one-time award)

Eligibility:

- Based on academic merit and/or financial need
- Demonstrate a commitment to the Latino/Hispanic community, as well as leadership aptitude and exceptional academic and professional potential
- Open to incoming or continuing students

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC LAA website](#)

USC Scholarships

USC Town and Gown Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically December 1st each year

Amount:

- Up to \$15,000

Eligibility:

- Demonstrate academic strengths, leadership, and community involvement
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a permanent resident of Southern California (area defined from the Kern County border to the California/Mexico border)
- Minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC Town and Gown website](#)

USC Staff Assembly Scholarships

Deadline:

- Typically May of each year

Amount:

- Up to \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must be a tuition assistance benefit (TAB) eligible staff employee
- Currently enrolled in any degree-granting program at USC
- Be in good academic standing or newly admitted
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to the University in service and staff excellence

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit the [USC Staff Assembly website](#)

Outside Scholarships

American Public Transportation Foundation Scholarship

Description:

- For undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors, or those seeking advanced degrees who are interested in pursuing or advancing in a career in the public transportation industry

Amount:

- \$5,000-\$10,000

Eligibility:

- Pursue an advanced degree in a fully accredited institution
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Demonstrate a strong interest in entering the public transportation industry

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#)

Bryce Harlow Fellowship

Description:

- Fellowships for highly motivated students in pursuit of a career in professional advocacy through government relations and lobbying

Amount:

- \$9,000

Eligibility:

- Must be accepted for admission to a graduate degree
- Plan to enroll part-time while working full-time
- Open to incoming students or continuing students
- Must be a U.S. citizen

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#)

Byron Hanke Fellowship

Description:

- For graduate students to implement research projects related to the development, management, and governance of common interest communities and their community associations

Amount:

- \$3,000-\$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited university
- Open to any discipline as long as research interest aligns with the fellowship

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#)

California Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation Scholarship

Description:

- For full-time undergraduate and graduate students who are California residents

Amount:

- \$1,000-\$5,000

Eligibility:

- All students, irrespective of immigration status, are eligible to apply
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Be a full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited college or university

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Outside Scholarships

CCMF Wes McClure Scholarship

Description:

- For current or prospective graduate students attending or accepted into a public or private university or college in California, who best portray their interest in pursuing a career in local government

Amount:

- \$2,500

Eligibility:

- Open to incoming or continuing students enrolled in a university in California
- Demonstrate interest in pursuing a career in (or be actively working in) local government

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Chick-fil-A Community Scholarship

Description:

- Scholarships to assist students who are involved in their community and plan to continue their education in graduate school programs

Amount:

- \$25,000

Eligibility:

- Be a resident in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada
- Show demonstrated care through community service in the 12 months prior to the application
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Demonstrate financial need

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

Description:

- For graduate students who are active in movements for social and economic justice, such as fighting against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression

Amount:

- Up to \$15,000

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizenship not required but applicant must have participated in activities and plan to enroll in school in the United States
- Be involved in movements for progressive social change
- Demonstrate financial need

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship

Description:

- Scholarship for a two-year program fellowship geared towards individuals interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Amount:

- \$48,000 tuition scholarship + \$36,000 stipend

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens
- Applicants must be seeking admission to enter graduate school in the fall for a two-year program at a U.S. university
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Outside Scholarships

HCA Corris Boyd Scholarship

Description:

- For full-time students who have been accepted into a master's degree program and demonstrate a commitment to healthcare and healthcare management as a career path

Amount:

- \$40,000

Eligibility:

- Must begin graduate degree in the fall as a full-time student
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Have U.S. citizenship or permanent residence

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Description:

- Scholarship for students of Hispanic heritage who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited university in the U.S.

Amount:

- \$500-\$5,000

Eligibility:

- Open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or DACA students
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)
- Based on academic merit and financial need

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

NACCED John C. Murphy Scholarship

Description:

- For graduate students currently attending an American college or university with a chosen field of study that includes course work in the areas of affordable housing and/or community and economic development

Amount:

- \$1,500

Eligibility:

- Based on academic merit and financial need
- Must be nominated by a member in good standing with NACCED
- Must be a U.S. citizen

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

National Forum for Black Public Administrators Scholarship

Description:

- For full-time undergraduate and graduate African American and other minority students who are majoring in public administration, public policy, political science, urban planning, or other related fields

Amount:

- \$2,000-\$10,000

Eligibility:

- Varies based on different scholarship opportunities available through partnerships with corporate supporters, public sector organizations, and individual contributors.

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Outside Scholarships

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship

Description:

- For New Americans who plan starting or continuing an eligible graduate degree program full-time in the U.S.

Amount:

- \$40,000 tuition + \$50,000 stipend

Eligibility:

- Open to incoming or continuing students
- Be 30 or younger as of the application deadline
- Parents were born outside of the U.S.
- Open to students residing in the U.S. regardless of immigration status

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Stephen K. Hall ACWA Water Law & Policy Scholarship

Description:

- For full-time graduate students pursuing a degree in water law, water policy or public administration with a demonstrated concentration in the field of water resources

Amount:

- \$10,000

Eligibility:

- Must pursue a graduate degree in public administration
- Must commit to full-time enrollment
- Demonstrate interest in the field of water resources

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Stonewall Community Foundation Aritzia Scholarship

Description:

- For graduate students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, or two-spirit and who demonstrate a commitment to the fields of fashion design, retail management, mental health, or social justice advocacy

Amount:

- \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Must meet criteria listed in description
- No minimum GPA requirement
- Demonstrate excellence and creativity and make a positive impact in their communities

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

The Point Flagship Scholarship

Description:

- Scholarships to empower LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees in the U.S.

Amount:

- Varies based on financial need

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university based in the United States
- Must be "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Outside Scholarships

The Roothbert Fund Scholarships

Description:

- For graduate students who are residents in Connecticut, DC, Delaware, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Amount:

- \$5,000-\$7,000

Eligibility:

- Must have current or intended residency in the states above
- Must be pursuing graduate study at an accredited U.S. based university

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

The S.Y. & S.F. Fung Public Service Scholarship

Description:

- For Asian American or Pacific Islander (AAPI) students pursuing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree and who intend to pursue a career in public service

Amount:

- \$2,000

Eligibility:

- Must identify as an Asian American or Pacific Islander (AAPI)
- Must be admitted to a Masters of Public Administration program and intend to pursue, or are currently pursuing, this degree

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship

Description:

- Funded by the U.S. Department of State, administered by Howard University, and attracts and prepares outstanding young people for Foreign Service careers in the U.S. Department of State

Amount:

- \$42,000

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA:
- Pursue a graduate degree relevant to the work of the Foreign Service (e.g., public administration)

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

WIT Charitable Trust Future Global Leaders Scholarship

Description:

- Scholarship for women studying all aspects of International Trade, including trade policy and negotiations, global business and supply chains, economic development, women's economic empowerment, and more

Amount:

- \$1,500

Eligibility:

- Applicants must identify as female and be currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. university, either full-time or part-time.
- Based on academic merit

How to Apply:

- For more information and to apply, visit [this website](#).

Free Scholarship Search Engines

The following are free online scholarship search engines we encourage you to explore to continue searching for scholarship opportunities. Click on each logo to be directed to their websites.

We also welcome you to [subscribe](#) to our monthly scholarship newsletter for a list of relevant scholarship opportunities each month.





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