

Gap Year Scholarship Info

1. National & International Gap Year Scholarships

- **Gap Year Association (GYA) Scholarships** – Many GYA-accredited programs offer financial aid and scholarships for students who demonstrate financial need or merit.
 - [Website](#)
- **USA Gap Year Fairs Scholarships** – Many gap year programs offer scholarships through the USA Gap Year Fairs network.
 - [Website](#)
- **Global Citizen Year Scholarships** – Provides need-based financial aid for students participating in a leadership-focused global gap year program.
 - [Website](#)
- **GoAbroad.com Scholarships** – Offers a searchable database of funding for international travel and volunteer gap year programs.
 - [Website](#)

2. Service & Volunteer-Based Scholarships

- **AmeriCorps Education Award** – Students who complete an AmeriCorps program can earn up to **\$7,000** toward future education costs or to pay off student loans.
 - [Website](#)
- **Rotary Youth Exchange & Grants** – Many local Rotary Clubs offer scholarships for students taking a gap year for service or education abroad.
 - [Website](#)
- **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals** – Fully funded program for students to spend a year in Germany.
 - [Website](#)
- **World Teach Scholarships** – Some placements in volunteer teaching abroad programs come with financial aid.
 - [Website](#)

3. Travel & Study Abroad Scholarships

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program – Gap Year Fellowships** – Some programs support recent high school grads in international experiences.
 - [Website](#)
- **EF Gap Year Scholarships** – Education First (EF) offers need-based and merit-based scholarships for their structured gap year programs.
 - [Website](#)

- **Hostelling International USA (HI USA) Explore the World Travel Scholarship** – Provides up to **\$2,000** for educational travel experiences.
 - Website

4. College-Related Gap Year Scholarships

- **Deferred Admission Scholarships** – Some colleges provide funding for gap year programs if students defer their admission. Examples include:
 - Princeton University’s **Bridge Year Program**
 - Tufts University’s **1+4 Program**
 - UNC Chapel Hill’s **Global Gap Year Fellowship**
- **Financial Aid Carryover** – If a student has been awarded scholarships or grants for college, they should check with their institution to see if the aid can be deferred for a gap year.

5. Private & Foundation-Based Scholarships

- **The Omprakash Ethical Global Engagement Grant** – Helps fund ethical service-learning opportunities abroad.
 - [Website](#)
- **The Travel Access Project (TAP) Gap Year Grants** – Provides \$3,000 grants to students taking a meaningful gap year.
 - [Website](#)
- **Rustic Pathways Gap Year Scholarships** – Offers financial aid for students engaging in service-based travel programs.
 - [Website](#)

Tips for Finding More Scholarships:

- Check with **local organizations** (churches, community foundations, and businesses)
- Search **scholarship databases** like Fastweb, Going Merry, and Bold.org for gap year-specific funding
- Ask **gap year program providers** if they offer internal scholarships