

THE HBCU RESOURCE GUIDE



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The UNCF **HBCU** Resource Guide will help you learn more about historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). This document provides information on scholarships, college-planning resources, key facts about HBCUs and more.

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WHAT IS AN HBCU?

In Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Congress officially defined an HBCU as a school of higher learning that was accredited and established before 1964, and whose principal mission was the education of African Americans. HBCUs offer a rigorous academic learning environment, innovative programs for students, culturally relevant curricula and activities, and a welcoming environment for all students. They prepare students of all races for leadership and life after graduation. There are 101 HBCUs across the nation.¹

DID YOU KNOW?

Three years after graduation, **HBCU graduates earn \$10,000 more annually** than individuals with only a high school diploma.²

An HBCU graduate **working full time throughout his or her working life can expect to earn \$927,000** in additional income due to a college credential.³

The average cost of attendance at **four-year HBCUs in 2016-17 was \$23,885** compared to **\$32,951 for four-year non-HBCUs**.⁴

HBCUs represent only three percent of America's colleges and universities⁵, yet they produce **16% of bachelor's degrees and 20% of STEM bachelor's degrees**⁶ received by Black students.

The top 10 institutions where African American science and engineering Ph.D.s earned their bachelor's degrees are HBCUs.⁷

Research shows that **African American HBCU grads report having experienced more support and higher levels of engagement** than their peers at non-HBCUs.⁸

AFRICAN AMERICAN HBCU GRADS ARE:

- More likely than non-HBCU African American grads to report having at least one professor who made them excited about learning (**74% vs. 62%**) and professors who cared about them as people (**58% vs 25%**)
- More likely to be thriving in purpose and financial well-being than non-HBCU African American grads
- More likely to strongly agree that their university prepared them well for life outside of college (**55% vs. 29%**)⁹

HBCU SCHOLARSHIP AND ADVOCACY

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Scholarship and Advocacy Organizations

UNCF

UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. Each year, UNCF awards more than \$100 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 students at more than 1,100 schools across the country, including our prestigious network of 37 private HBCUs. UNCF is the nation's leading advocate for the importance of minority education and community engagement.

Since its founding in 1944, UNCF has raised more than \$4.8 billion for scholarships and other direct support for its member institutions and has helped more than 450,000 students graduate with college degrees.

LEARN MORE

[UNCF.org](https://www.uncf.org)

[Why Choose an HBCU](#)

[There's an HBCU for You](#)

[Tips for Parents of College-Bound Students](#)

[UNCF Member Institutions](#)

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) represents 47 publicly supported HBCUs and predominantly Black institutions (PBIs). To date, the organization has awarded more than \$300 million in assistance to its students and member schools.

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[tmcf.org](https://www.tmcf.org)

Scholarship

UNCF Scholarships

This website provides various scholarship, internship and fellowship programs offered by UNCF—and how to apply. Students are encouraged to create a profile to find the best scholarship match.

LEARN MORE

[UNCF.org/scholarships](https://www.uncf.org/scholarships)

Advocacy

The HBCU Effect® by UNCF

The HBCU Effect® seeks to understand, validate and promote the success of HBCUs to develop a narrative that fully illustrates the value and competitiveness of these institutions.

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[UNCF.org/HBCUeffect](https://www.uncf.org/HBCUeffect)

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

WHIHBCU is a government-wide effort to strengthen HBCUs.

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sites.ed.gov

Tell Them We Are Rising: HBCU Documentary

This PBS documentary details the history of HBCUs and the role they play in shaping Black life, creating a Black middle class and dismantling segregation.

LEARN MORE

[pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org)

UNCF Empower Me Tour

The UNCF Empower Me Tour is a free, traveling college- and career-readiness road show established to inspire and motivate high school students, college students and recent college graduates in academic excellence, career success and personal responsibility.

LEARN MORE

[UNCF.org/emt](https://www.uncf.org/emt)

Common Black College Application

The Common Black College Application offers students a single application to apply for 67 separate historically Black colleges and universities.

LEARN MORE

[commonblackcollegeapp.com](https://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com)

Youvisit.com/collegesearch

At Youvisit.com/collegesearch, students, families and educators can take a virtual tour of Howard University, Jackson State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and numerous other HBCUs.

LEARN MORE

[youvisit.com/collegesearch](https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch)

TheHundred-Seven.org

TheHundred-seven.org provides key information about HBCUs, including a “find your HBCU match” tool based on major and academic programs of interests, top news stories, scholarships and HBCU trailblazers.

LEARN MORE

[thehundred-seven.org](https://www.thehundred-seven.org)

HBCU Match Tool:

[thehundred-seven.org/matchme.php](https://www.thehundred-seven.org/matchme.php)

College Preparation

HBCU First

“HBCU First” helps Black youth navigate college and career access. Its HBCU Exploratory Program is a college success and career access program for college-bound Black youth and HBCU students. The program consists of the College Success + Career Access Workshop Series and the Near-Peer Mentoring Program.

LEARN MORE

[HBCUfirst.com](https://www.hbcufirst.com)

EXPLORATORY PROGRAM:

[HBCUfirst.com/HBCU-exploratory-framework](https://www.hbcufirst.com/HBCU-exploratory-framework)

College Research Database

College Navigator-Accredited HBCU List

The College Navigator HBCU listing consists primarily of the latest data and information from the National Center for Education Statistics on tuition costs, programs majors, admissions, enrollment and general information.

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nces.ed.gov

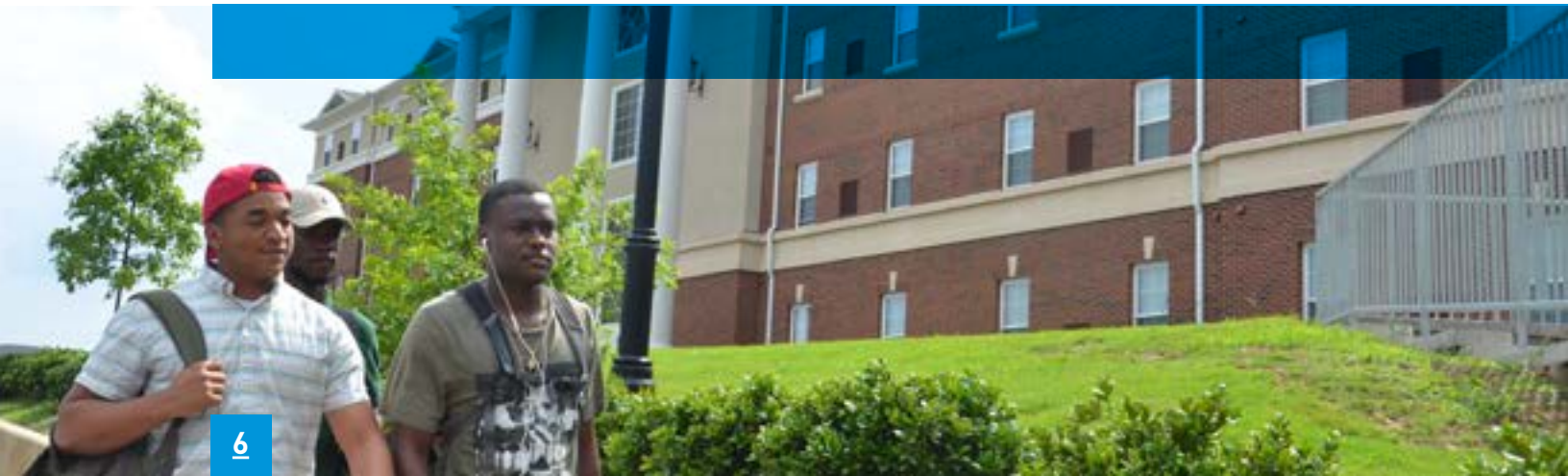
Lifestyle

HBCU Lifestyle

HBCU Lifestyle is a one-stop shop for Black college living. From finances to fraternities and sororities, schools to scholarships, this is a great source for all things related to Black college living.

LEARN MORE

[HBCUlifestyle.com](https://www.hbculifestyle.com)



NOTABLE **HBCU** GRADUATES AND ATTENDEES

- Yolanda Adams:** Texas Southern University
- Stacey Abrams:** Spelman College
- Erykah Badu:** Grambling State University
- Chadwick Boseman:** Howard University
- Keisha Lance Bottoms:** Florida A&M University
- Rosalind Brewer:** Spelman College
- Common:** Florida A&M University
- W.E.B. Du Bois:** Fisk University
- Nikki Giovanni:** Fisk University
- Vice President Kamala Harris:** Howard University
- Taraji P. Henson:** Howard University
- Langston Hughes:** Lincoln University
- Terrance J:** North Carolina A&T State University
- Jesse Jackson:** North Carolina A&T State University
- Samuel L. Jackson:** Morehouse College
- Charles D. King:** Howard University
- Kenny Leon:** Clark Atlanta University
- Valeishia Butterfield Jones:** Clark Atlanta University
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:** Morehouse College
- Spike Lee:** Morehouse College
- Justice Thurgood Marshall:** Howard University
- Toni Morrison:** Howard University
- Amy Sberald:** Clark Atlanta University
- Stephen A. Smith:** Winston-Salem State University
- Michael Strahan:** Texas Southern University
- Alice Walker:** Spelman College
- Booker T. Washington:** Hampton University
- Oprah Winfrey:** Tennessee State University



LISTING OF HBCUs BY STATE



Alabama

Alabama A&M University	4-year public
Alabama State University	4-year public
Bishop State Community College	2-year public
Concordia College-Selma	4-year public
Gadsden State Community College	2-year public
H. Councilll Trenholm State Technical College	2-year public
J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College	2-year public
Lawson State Community College	2-year public

Miles College

4-year private

Oakwood University

4-year private

Selma University

4-year private

Shelton State Community College

2-year public

Stillman College

4-year private

Talladega College

4-year private

Tuskegee University

4-year private

Arkansas

Arkansas Baptist College	4-year private
Philander Smith College	4-year private
Shorter College	2-year private
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	4-year public

Delaware

Delaware State University	4-year public
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District of Columbia

Howard University	4-year private
University of the District of Columbia	4-year public

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Florida

Bethune-Cookman University	4-year private
Edward Waters College	4-year private
Florida A&M University	4-year public
Florida Memorial University	4-year private

Georgia

Albany State University	4-year public
Clark Atlanta University	4-year private
Fort Valley State University	4-year public
Interdenominational Theological Center	4-year private
Morehouse College	4-year private
Morehouse School of Medicine	4-year private
Paine College	4-year private
Savannah State University	4-year public
Spelman College	4-year private

Kentucky

Kentucky State University	4-year public
Simmons College of Kentucky	4-year private

Louisiana

Dillard University	4-year private
Grambling State University	4-year public
Southern University and A&M College	4-year public
Southern University at New Orleans	4-year public
Southern University at Shreveport	2-year public
Xavier University of Louisiana	4-year private

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Maryland

Bowie State University	4-year public
Coppin State University	4-year public
Morgan State University	4-year public
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	4-year public

Mississippi

Alcorn State University	4-year public
Coahoma Community College	2-year public
Hinds Community College, Utica Campus	2-year public
Jackson State University	4-year public
Mississippi Valley State University	4-year public
Rust College	4-year private
Tougaloo College	4-year private

Missouri

Harris-Stowe State University	4-year public
Lincoln University	4-year public

North Carolina

Bennett College	4-year private
Elizabeth City State University	4-year public
Fayetteville State University	4-year public
Johnson C. Smith University	4-year private
Livingstone College	4-year private
North Carolina A&T State University	4-year public
North Carolina Central University	4-year public
Saint Augustine's University	4-year private
Shaw University	4-year private
Winston-Salem State University	4-year public

LISTING OF HBCUs BY STATE



Ohio

Central State University

4-year public

Wilberforce University

4-year private

Oklahoma

Langston University

4-year public

Pennsylvania

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

4-year public

Lincoln University

4-year Public

South Carolina

Allen University

4-year private

Benedict College

4-year private

Claflin University

4-year private

Clinton College

4-year private

Denmark Technical College

2-year public

Morris College

4-year private

South Carolina State University

4-year public

Voorhees College

4-year private

Tennessee

American Baptist College

4-year private

Fisk University

4-year private

Lane College

4-year private

LeMoyne-Owen College

4-year private

Meharry Medical College

4-year private

Tennessee State University

4-year public

LISTING OF HBCUs BY STATE



Texas

Huston-Tillotson University	4-year private
Jarvis Christian College	4-year private
Paul Quinn College	4-year private
Prairie View A&M University	4-year public
Saint Philip's College	2-year public
Southwestern Christian College	4-year private
Texas College	4-year private
Texas Southern University	4-year public
Wiley College	4-year private

Virginia

Hampton University	4-year private
Norfolk State University	4-year public
Virginia State University	4-year public
Virginia Union University	4-year private
Virginia University of Lynchburg	4-year private

West Virginia

Bluefield State College	4-year public
West Virginia State University	4-year public

Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands	4-year public
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¹ National Center for Education Statistics, HBCU Fast Facts:Historically Black Colleges and Universities <https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=667>

² UNCF, The HBCU Effect. <https://UNCF.org/pages/the-hbcu-effect>

³ Humphreys, J. (2017). HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Washington, DC: UNCF Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute.

⁴ Represents the average of averages across institutions for the 2016-17 academic year. 4-year non-HBCU figure includes 4-year public and private not-for-profit Title IV participating non-HBCU institutions, 2018. UNCF Patterson Institute special tabulations of data from the U.S. Department of Education, College Scorecard, 2017-18 dataset.

⁵ Title IV 2- and 4-year public and private not-for-profit universities as of 2020.

⁶ Based on degrees awarded in 2018-19. This figure includes 4-year public and private not-for-profit Title IV participating institutions. STEM degrees defined as first major bachelor's degrees in computer and information sciences and support services, engineering, engineering technologies and engineering-related fields, biological and biomedical sciences, mathematics and statistics, physical sciences, and science technologies/technicians. UNCF Patterson Institute special tabulations of data from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, 2020 data collection year.

⁷ STEM degrees defined as first major bachelor's degrees in computer and information sciences and support services, engineering, engineering technologies and engineering-related fields, biological and biomedical sciences, mathematics and statistics, physical sciences and science technologies/technicians.

⁸ These institutions include: 1) Howard University, 2) Spelman College, 3) Florida A&M University, 4) Hampton University, 5) Xavier University of Louisiana, 6) Morehouse College, 7) Morgan State University, 7) North Carolina A&T State University, 9) Southern University and A&M College, and 10) Tuskegee University. Fiegener, M.K., and Proudfoot, S.L. (2013). Baccalaureate-Origin Institutions of U.S.-trained S&E Doctorate Recipients (NSF 13-323), Arlington, VA: National Science Foundation. Retrieved 3/25/19 from <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf13323/>.

⁹ Gallup (2015). Gallup-USA Funds Minority College Graduates Report. <http://www.gallup.com/services/186305/gallup-usa-funds-minority-college-graduates-report.aspx>



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