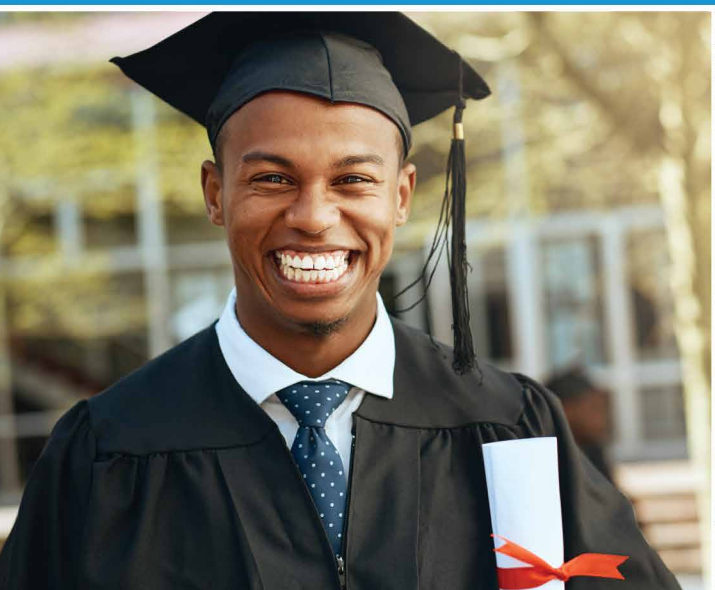


THE HBCU RESOURCE GUIDE

SECOND EDITION



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Discover the power and possibility of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with the UNCF HBCU Resource Guide. Whether you're just starting your college search or exploring next steps, this guide breaks down what makes HBCUs unique and why they continue to shape leaders, innovators and changemakers.

Inside you'll find scholarship information, college planning tools and key insights to help you navigate your journey with confidence.

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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 over 100 HBCUs across the nation.

WHY ARE HBCUs IMPORTANT?

EARNINGS AND IMPACT

Three years after graduation, **HBCU graduates earn \$10,000 more annually** than individuals with only a high school diploma.¹

An HBCU graduate **working full time throughout his or her working life can expect to earn more than \$1 million** in additional income due to a college credential.²

HBCUs generate **\$16.5 billion in total economic impact** across local and regional economies.

HBCUs generate **136,048 jobs** across their local and regional economies.³

TUITION

Tuition rates at HBCUs are **33% less on average than at comparable institutions**. The average cost of attendance at **four-year HBCUs in 2022-23 was \$26,691 compared to \$39,946 for four-year non-HBCUs**.⁴

OUTCOMES

In 2024, HBCUs represented:

- **3%** of all 2- and 4-year public and private non-profit Title IV participating institutions.⁵
- **11%** of Black undergraduates enrolled at 2- and 4-year public and private non-profit Title IV participating institutions.⁶
- **16%** of bachelor's degrees received by Black students from 4-year public and private non-profit Title IV participating institutions.⁷
- **16%** of bachelor's degrees awarded in STEM fields received by Black students from 4-year public and private non-profit Title IV participating institutions.⁸

SUPPORT, WELLBEING AND OUTCOMES

Research shows that Black HBCU grads report having experienced **more support and higher levels of engagement** than their peers at non-HBCUs.⁹

Black HBCU graduates are **more likely to be thriving financially** than non-HBCU Black graduates.

According to a 2026 Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Gallup Inc., report¹⁰:

- **83%** percent of HBCU alumni felt they belonged at their institution compared to 65% for all college graduates nationally.
- **79%** of HBCU alumni agree that their education was worth the cost compared to 72% of college graduates nationally.
- Nearly **80%** of HBCU alumni say they often or very often apply what they learned during their undergraduate studies to their current jobs.

BLACK HBCU GRADS ARE:

- More likely than non-HBCU 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 strongly agree that their university prepared them well for life outside of college (**40% vs. 29%**)⁸
- More likely to have a mentor during college who encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams (**42%**) compared to non-HBCU Black graduates (**23%**)



“HBCUs allow us to enter a space where we’re loved, we’re accepted, we’re valued. Our humanity is not on the back end, but on the front end of our curriculum and our mission statements.”

Jah'Karius Conley,
Morehouse College



Scan to hear more from Jah'Karius and other students on why they chose an HBCU.

HBCU RESOURCES AND TOOLS

COLLEGE TIPS AND TOOLS

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

SCHOLARSHIP AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

UNCF

UNCF is one of the nation's largest and most effective supporters of higher education and serves as a leading advocate for college-bound students. Since its founding in 1944, UNCF has raised more than \$6 billion to support students' access to higher education, provide scholarships and strengthen historically Black colleges and universities. Each year, UNCF awards more than 11,000 scholarships totaling more than \$62 million. The scholarships support students attending more than 600 U.S.-based colleges and universities, including 36 UNCF-member HBCUs. Through our efforts, UNCF has helped generations of students to get to and through college.

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



UNCF Scholarships

[Opportunities.uncf.org](https://opportunities.uncf.org) provides various scholarship, internship and fellowship programs offered by UNCF. Students are encouraged to create a profile to find the best scholarship match.

CREATE A STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE!
opportunities.uncf.org



Steps to Registering for UNCF Scholarships and Opportunities:

- STEP 1** Visit [Opportunities.UNCF.org](https://opportunities.uncf.org)
- STEP 2** Click Log In or Register
- STEP 3** Browse and Apply
- STEP 4** Continue to check the webpage periodically for new scholarships and opportunities.



UNCF College Webinar Information

UNCF's Outreach and Recruitment team offers free webinars every second Tuesday from September through April that highlight UNCF's opportunities open to students, from high school to post-grad. The team discusses UNCF's 400 programs, scholarships, internships, fellowships and career opportunities posted annually, and offers tips and advice on how to make the most of the offers.

LEARN MORE AT

uncf.org/collegewebinars

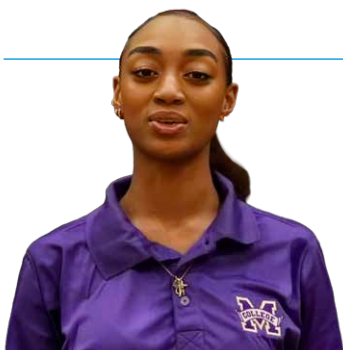


Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) represents 47 publicly supported HBCUs and predominantly Black institutions (PBIs). TMCf transforms lives at HBCU's, PBI's and Historically Black Community Colleges through scholarships, capacity-building initiatives and connections to top employers. To date, the organization has awarded more than \$500 million in assistance to its students and member schools.

LEARN MORE AT

tmcf.org



"I decided to go to an HBCU because I wanted to spread pride amongst the African-American community... to share those experiences and have opportunities to give to younger students."

Raquel Liverpool, Miles College



College Preparation and Research

ADVOCACY

UNCF K-12 Advocacy

UNCF's K-12 Advocacy goal is to increase the number of underrepresented students who are college-ready after high school graduation. We empower parents and community leaders to form meaningful K-12 partnerships to build teacher and leader pipelines and create high-quality schools affiliated with HBCUs; publish college readiness resources, timely reports and research to influence policy and drive systemic change; and work with cities to improve local educational outcomes for underrepresented students.

LEARN MORE AT

uncf.org/k12advocacy



The HBCU Effect

UNCF's, The HBCU Effect® is a research series that promotes the success of HBCUs and highlights their value.

LEARN MORE AT

uncf.org/hbcueffect



"I've wanted to go to an HBCU since day one. It's essential as an African-American to truly understand where we come from and where we can go in the future, and I believe an HBCU is one of the best ways to experience that."

Justin Lagon, Bethune-Cookman University

COLLEGE PREPARATION

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 AT

uncf.org/emt



UNCF Getting Into College Checklist

UNCF's college readiness checklist provides a comprehensive college readiness checklist, outlines the pivotal steps in preparing for college and shares additional websites and resources that are useful to students as they prepare for their post-secondary journey.

LEARN MORE AT

uncf.org/collegechecklist



Common Black College Application

The Common Black College Application offers students a single application to apply to over 50 separate historically Black colleges and universities at a significantly discounted rate of \$20.00.

LEARN MORE AT

commonblackcollegeapp.com/



Appily Virtual College Tours

At Appily, students, families and educators can take a virtual tour of HBCUs like Norfolk State University, Morehouse College, Howard University, Jackson State University, Claflin University and numerous others.

LEARN MORE AT

appily.com/virtual-college-tours



COLLEGE PREPARATION

The Hundred-Seven

The Hundred-Seven provides key information about HBCUs, including a “find your HBCU match” tool based on major and academic programs of interest, top news stories, scholarships and HBCU trailblazers.

[LEARN MORE AT
thehundred-seven.org](https://thehundred-seven.org)



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 AT
HBCUfirst.com](https://HBCUfirst.com)



HBCU Money Guide

HBCU Money Guide exists to help families understand the money side of college planning and how scholarships, financial aid and early college credits affect what students pay. The site offers key facts on HBCUs, popular majors, scholarship information, tuition costs and more.

[LEARN MORE AT
hbcumoneyguide.com](https://hbcumoneyguide.com)

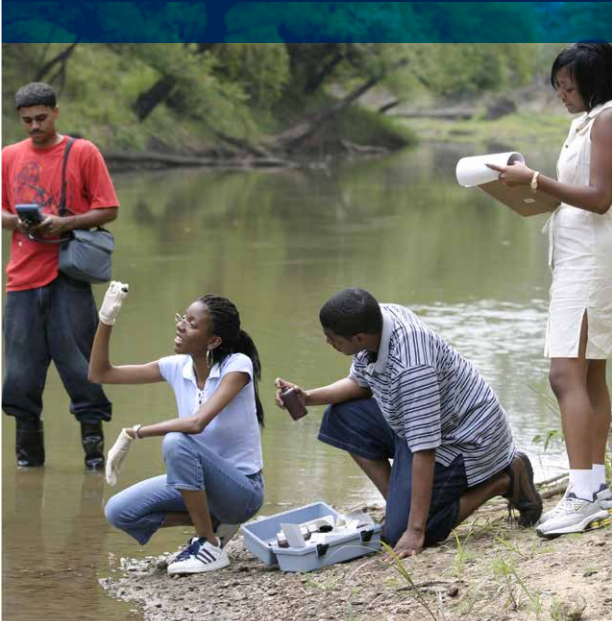


HBCU Week

HBCU Week is an organization designed to encourage high-school aged youth to enroll in an HBCU, provide scholarship dollars for matriculation and sustain a pipeline for employment from undergraduate school to corporate America. The organization hosts annual college fairs where students receive on the spot scholarships.

[LEARN MORE AT
hbcuweek.org](https://hbcuweek.org)





National College Resources Foundation

The National College Resources Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational enhancement organization whose mission is to decrease the high school dropout rate and increase degree and/or certificate enrollment among underserved, underrepresented, at risk, low resource, homeless and foster students. NCRF hosts several expos, including the Black College Expo™, annually across the country that include exposure to several HBCUs, on-the-spot scholarships, informative seminars and more.

[LEARN MORE AND CHECK
THE EXPO CALENDAR AT
thecollegeexpo.org](#)



College Navigator

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

[LEARN MORE AT
nces.ed.gov/COLLEGENAVIGATOR](#)



Note, this link
is filtered under
"Specialized Mission"
and selection, "HBCUs"



"As a first-generation college student, it was enlightening to see the benefits, leadership and opportunities Miles College provides to people like me."
India Savoie, Miles College

Find your sense of belonging at a Historically Black College & University

The HBCU Lifestyle

The HBCU Lifestyle is a one-stop shop to learn more about HBCU student life and connections. From finances to fraternities and sororities, school history to scholarships, and rankings to networking opportunities.

LEARN MORE AT
HBCULifestyle.com



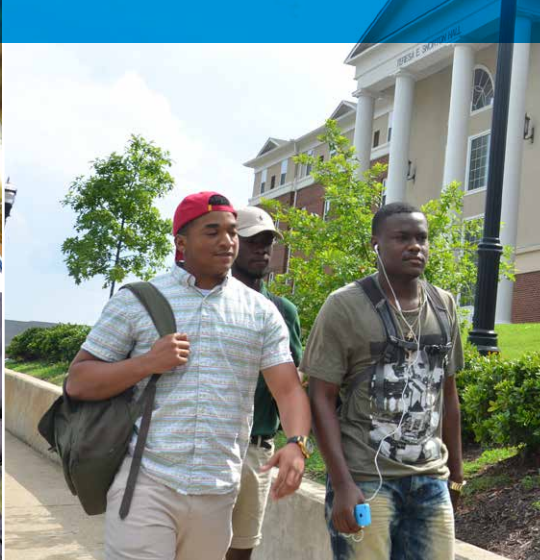
Culture & Identity: Homecoming

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are the epicenter of the homecoming experience with live bands, food for the soul, networking opportunities with alumni, fraternity and sorority representations and memories that will cultivate lifelong friendships.

“I felt like during high school, I missed out on the cultural events that I would have had if I went to a predominantly Black high school or traditional public high school...It was important for me to go to an HBCU just so I can understand more of the traditions and get more of my history instilled in me.”

—Young woman attending an HBCU, class of 2023





Support and Belonging

When you step onto an HBCU campus, you are connecting your legacy to decades of historical resilience and innovation. You are introduced to committed staff that will turn the campus into a home and students into a family. HBCUs understand the importance of nurturing the well-being of their students with intentional community and systems of belonging.

“It wasn’t until I went to Spelman that I felt like an institution actually cared for me, prepared a space for me and made sure that I was walking out the door better than I came in... I know that Spelman has had a direct impact on my life, and it’s so wonderful to experience that and have sisters that are rooting for you.”

—HBCU alum

Setting High Expectations

HBCUs lead with high expectations and encourage a standard of growth for students to achieve and exceed during their time on campus. Students learn academic and social skills that equip them for success in their careers and life.

“I can always call my professors to this day. Professors that I’ve had freshman and sophomore years that’ll give me advice on the real world... I have professors who push me, tell me, ‘Keep going.’ It’s just that support group...”

—Young woman attending an HBCU, class of 2021

NOTABLE HBCU ALUMNI



Oprah Winfrey
Tennessee State University



Chadwick Boseman
Howard University



Vice President Kamala Harris
Howard University



Michael Strahan
Texas Southern University



Stacey Abrams
Spelman University



Lance Gross
Howard University



Megan Thee Stallion
Texas Southern University



Spike Lee
Morehouse College



Justice Thurgood Marshall
Lincoln University,
Howard University School of Law



Taraji P. Henson
Howard University

Wanda Sykes: Hampton University

K. Michelle: Florida A&M University

Anika Noni Rose: Florida A&M University

2 Chainz: Alabama State University and Virginia State University

Keisha Knight Pulliam: Spelman College

Phylicia Rashad: Howard University

Yolanda Adams: Texas Southern University

Erykah Badu: Grambling State 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

Langston Hughes: Lincoln University

Terrance J.: North Carolina A&T State University

Jesse Jackson: North Carolina A&T State University

DJ Envy: Hampton University

Gladys Knight: Shaw University

Kym Whitley: Fisk University

Lionel Richie: Tuskegee University

Debbie Allen: Howard University

Randy Jackson: Southern University and A&M College

Samuel L. Jackson: Morehouse College

Charles D. King: Howard University

Valeisha Butterfield Jones: Clark Atlanta University

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Morehouse College

Toni Morrison: Howard University

Amy Sberald: Clark Atlanta University

Stephen A. Smith: Winston-Salem State University

Alice Walker: Spelman College

Booker T. Washington: Hampton University

U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock: Morehouse University

UNCF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Thirty-six historically Black colleges and universities belong to the UNCF network of member institutions. UNCF provides these colleges and universities with a range of support that enables them to keep their academic programs strong and their tuitions affordable. As a result of this support, member institutions educate thousands of students each year. Learn more at: uncf.org/member-colleges



HBCUs BY STATE



Alabama

Alabama A&M University

Huntsville, AL
Public, 4-year or above
Website: aamu.edu
Admissions: aamu.edu/admissions-aid

Alabama State University

Montgomery, AL
Public, 4-year or above
Website: alasu.edu
Admissions: alasu.edu/admissions

Bishop State Community College

Mobile, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: bishop.edu
Admissions: bishop.edu/admissions

Gadsden State Community College

Gadsden, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: gadsdenstate.edu
Admissions: gadsdenstate.edu/admissions-aid/welcome.cms

H. Council Trenholm State Community College

Montgomery, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: trenholmstate.edu
Admissions: trenholmstate.edu/admissions/apply-now

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College

Huntsville, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: drakestate.edu
Admissions: drakestate.edu/admissions

Lawson State Community College

Birmingham, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: lawsonstate.edu
Admissions: lawsonstate.edu/how_to_apply/default.aspx

Miles College

Fairfield, AL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: miles.edu
Admissions: miles.edu/admissions-aid

Oakwood University

Huntsville, AL
Public, 4-year or above
Website: oakwood.edu
Admissions: oakwood.edu/future-Students

Selma University

Selma, AL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: selmau.edu
Admissions: selmau.edu/admissions

Shelton State Community College (C.A. Fredd Campus)

Tuscaloosa, AL
Public, 2-year
Website: sheltonstate.edu
Admissions: sheltonstate.edu/admissions-financial-aid

Stillman College

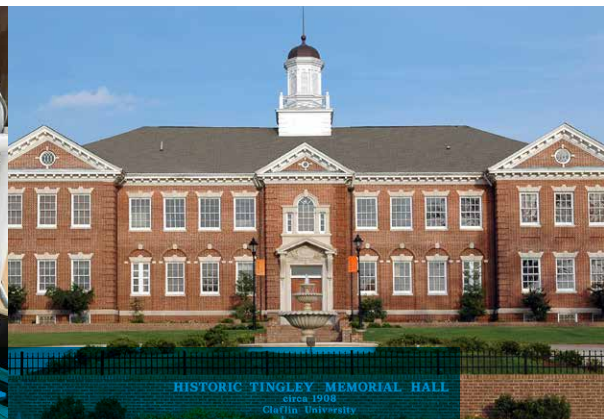
Tuscaloosa, AL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: stillman.edu
Admissions: stillman.edu/admissions

Talladega College

Talladega, AL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: talladega.edu
Admissions: talladega.edu/admissions

Tuskegee University

Tuskegee, AL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: tuskegee.edu
Admissions: tuskegee.edu/admissions



Arkansas

Arkansas Baptist College

Little Rock, AR
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: arkansasbaptist.edu
Admissions: arkansasbaptist.edu/enrollment/office-of-admissions

Philander Smith College

Little Rock, AR
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: philander.edu
Admissions: philander.edu/admissions

Shorter College

North Little Rock, AR
Private not-for-profit, 2-year
Website: shortercollege.edu/academics
Admissions: shortercollege.edu/admissions

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff, AR
Public, 4-year or above
Website: uapb.edu
Admissions: uapb.edu/admissions

Washington, DC

Howard University

Washington, DC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: howard.edu
Admissions: admission.howard.edu

University of the District of Columbia

Washington, DC
Public, 4-year or above
Website: udc.edu
Admissions: udc.edu/apply

Delaware

Delaware State University

Dover, DE
Public, 4-year or above
Website: desu.edu
Admissions: desu.edu/admissions

Florida

Bethune-Cookman University

Daytona Beach, FL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: cookman.edu
Admissions: cookman.edu/admissionsaid

Edward Waters University

Jacksonville, FL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: ewc.edu
Admissions: ew.edu/admissions

Florida A&M University

Tallahassee, FL
Public, 4-year or above
Website: famu.edu
Admissions: admissions.famu.edu

Florida Memorial University

Miami Gardens, FL
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: fmu.edu
Admissions: fmu.edu/admissions

HBCUs BY STATE



Georgia

Albany State University

Albany, GA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: asurams.edu
Admissions: asurams.edu/enrollment-management/admissions

Clark Atlanta University

Atlanta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: cau.edu
Admissions: cau.edu/undergraduate-admissions

Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley, GA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: fvsu.edu
Admissions: fvsu.edu/about-fvsu/office-recruitment-admissions

Interdenominational Theological Center

Atlanta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: itc.edu
Admissions: itc.edu/admissions

Morehouse College

Atlanta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: msm.edu
Admissions: msm.edu/Admissions

Morris Brown College

Atlanta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: morrisbrown.edu
Admissions: morrisbrown.edu/admissions

Paine College

Augusta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: paine.edu
Admissions: paine.edu/web/admission/admissions

Savannah State University

Savannah, GA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: savannahstate.edu
Admissions: savannahstate.edu/admissions

Spelman College

Atlanta, GA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: spelman.edu
Admissions: spelman.edu/admissions

Kentucky

Kentucky State University

Frankfort, KY
Public, 4-year or above
Website: kysu.edu
Admissions: kysu.edu/student-success-and-retention/admissions

Simmons College of Kentucky

Louisville, KY
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: simmonscollegeky.edu
Admissions: simmonscollegeky.edu/admissions



Louisiana

Dillard University

New Orleans, LA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: dillard.edu
Admissions: apply.dillard.edu

Grambling State University

Grambling, LA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: gram.edu
Admissions: gram.edu/admissions

Southern University and A&M College

Baton Rouge, LA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: subr.edu
Admissions: subr.edu/applicants

Southern University at New Orleans

New Orleans, LA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: suno.edu
Admissions: suno.edu/page/admissions

Southern University at Shreveport

Shreveport, LA
Public, 2-year
Website: susla.edu
Admissions: susla.edu/page/admissions

Southern University Law School

Baton Rouge, LA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: sulc.edu
Admissions: sulc.edu/page/prospective-students-tuition-budgeting

Xavier University of Louisiana

New Orleans, LA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: xula.edu
Admissions: xula.edu/admissions

Maryland

Bowie State University

Bowie, MD
Public, 4-year or above
Website: bowiestate.edu
Admissions: bowiestate.edu/admissions-and-aid

Coppin State University

Baltimore, MD
Public, 4-year or above
Website: coppin.edu
Admissions: coppin.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions

Morgan State University

Baltimore, MD
Public, 4-year or above
Website: morgan.edu
Admissions: morgan.edu/undergradadmissions

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Princess Anne, MD
Public, 4-year or above
Website: umes.edu
Admissions: wwwcp.umes.edu/admissions

Missouri

Harris-Stowe State University

St. Louis, MO
Public, 4-year or above
Website: hssu.edu
Admissions: futurehornet.hssu.edu/default.asp

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
Public, 4-year or above
Website: lincolnu.edu
Admissions: lincolnu.edu/admissions

HBCUs BY STATE



Mississippi

Alcorn State University

Lorman, MS
Public, 4-year or above
Website: alcorn.edu
Admissions: alcorn.edu/admissions

Coahoma Community College

Clarksdale, MS
Public, 2-year
Website: coahomacc.edu
Admissions: myccc.coahomacc.edu/ICS/Admissions

Hinds Community College

Utica, MS
Public, 2-year
Website: hindsc.edu
Admissions: hindsc.edu/admissions

Jackson State University

Jackson, MS
Public, 4-year or above
Website: jsu.edu
Admissions: jsu.edu/admissions

Mississippi Valley State University

Itta Bena, MS
Public, 4-year or above
Website: mvsu.edu
Admissions: admissions.mvsu.edu

Rust College

Holly Springs, MS
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: rustcollege.edu
Admissions: rustcollege.edu/admissions

Tougaloo College

Tougaloo, MS
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: tougaloo.edu
Admissions: tougaloo.edu/admissions

North Carolina

Barber-Scotia College*

Concord, NC
Public, 4-year or above
Website: b-sc.edu
Admissions: b-sc.edu/admissions

Bennett College

Greensboro, NC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: bennett.edu
Admissions: bennett.edu/admissions

Elizabeth City State University

Elizabeth City, NC
Public, 4-year or above
Website: ecsu.edu
Admissions: ecsu.edu/admissions

Fayetteville State University

Fayetteville, NC
Public, 4-year or above
Website: uncfsu.edu
Admissions: uncfsu.edu/admission-and-aid

Johnson C. Smith University

Charlotte, NC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: jcsu.edu
Admissions: jcsu.edu/admissions

Livingstone College

Salisbury, NC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: livingstone.edu
Admissions: livingstone.edu/admission

*Please note, per the website, Barber-Scotia College is currently not accepting students who reside outside of North Carolina. The college is also unaccredited at this time and therefore does not receive federal financial aid. Barber-Scotia College is currently working to regain accreditation in the future.



North Carolina A&T State University

Greensboro, NC

Public, 4-year or above

Website: ncat.edu

Admissions: ncat.edu/admissions/apply

North Carolina Central University

Durham, NC

Public, 4-year or above

Website: nccu.edu

Admissions: nccu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions

Saint Augustine's University*

Raleigh, NC

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Website: st-aug.edu

Admissions: st-aug.edu/admissions

Shaw University

Raleigh, NC

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Website: shawu.edu

Admissions: shawu.edu/admissions-aid

Winston-Salem State University

Winston-Salem, NC

Public, 4-year or above

Website: wssu.edu

Admissions: wssu.edu/admissions

Ohio

Central State University

Wilberforce, OH

Public, 4-year or above

Website: centralstate.edu

Admissions: centralstate.edu/admissions

Wilberforce University

Wilberforce, OH

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Website: wilberforce.edu

Admissions: wilberforce.edu/admissions

Oklahoma

Langston University

Langston, OK

Public, 4-year or above

Website: langston.edu

Admissions: langston.edu/admissions-aid/admission

Pennsylvania

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Cheyney, PA

Public, 4-year or above

Website: cheyney.edu

Admissions: cheyney.edu/admissions

Lincoln University (PA)

Lincoln University, PA

Public, 4-year or above

Website: lincoln.edu

Admissions: lincoln.edu/admissions

South Carolina

Allen University

Columbia, SC

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Website: allenuniversity.edu

Admissions: futureyellowjacket.allenuniversity.edu/default.asp

Benedict College

Columbia, SC

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Website: benedict.edu

Admissions: benedict.edu/office-of-admissions-and-recruitment

*Saint Augustine's University (SAU) is not accredited as of 2026. According to the university, SAU is working to "strengthen its financial foundation, address accreditation matters, and position the institution for long-term success."

HBCUs BY STATE



South Carolina (continued)

Claflin University

Orangeburg, SC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: claflin.edu
Admissions: claflin.edu/admissions-aid

Clinton College

Rock Hill, SC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: clintoncollege.edu
Admissions: clintoncollege.edu/admissions-aid

Denmark Technical College

Denmark, SC
Public, 2-year
Website: denmarktech.edu
Admissions: denmarktech.edu/admission-aid/choosedtc

Morris College

Sumter, SC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: morris.edu
Admissions: morris.edu/admissions

South Carolina State University

Orangeburg, SC
Public, 4-year or above
Website: scsu.edu
Admissions: scsu.edu/admissions

Voorhees University

Denmark, SC
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: voorhees.edu
Admissions: voorhees.edu/office-of-admissions/new-and-transfer-student-welcome-guide

Tennessee

American Baptist College

Nashville, TN
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: abcnash.edu
Admissions: abcnash.edu/admissions

Fisk University

Nashville, TN
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: fisk.edu
Admissions: fisk.edu/admissions

Lane College

Jackson, TN
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: lanecollege.edu
Admissions: lanecollege.edu/admissions/apply-to-lane

LeMoyne-Owen College

Memphis, TN
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: loc.edu
Admissions: loc.edu/admissions

Meharry Medical College

Nashville, TN
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: mmc.edu
Admissions: meharry.edu/admissions-and-aid

Tennessee State University

Nashville, TN
Public, 4-year or above
Website: tnstate.edu
Admissions: tnstate.edu/admissions



Texas

Huston-Tillotson University

Austin, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: htu.edu
Admissions: htu.edu/enrollment-management

Jarvis Christian College

Hawkins, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: jarvis.edu
Admissions: jarvis.edu/enrollment/admissions

Paul Quinn College

Dallas, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: pgc.edu
Admissions: paulquinn.edu/prospective-students

Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View, TX
Public, 4-year or above
Website: pvamu.edu
Admissions: pvamu.edu/admissions

Southwestern Christian College

Terrell, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: swcc.edu
Admissions: swcc.edu/admissions

St. Philip's College

San Antonio, TX
Public, 4-year or above
Website: alamo.edu/spc
Admissions: alamo.edu/spc/admissions

Texas College

Tyler, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: texascollege.edu
Admissions: texascollege.edu/prospective-students

Texas Southern University

Houston, TX
Public, 4-year or above
Website: tsu.edu
Admissions: tsu.edu/admissions

Wiley College

Marshall, TX
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: wileyc.edu
Admissions: wileyc.edu/admissions-aid

Virginia

Hampton University

Hampton, VA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: hamptonu.edu
Admissions: home.hamptonu.edu/admissions

Norfolk State University

Norfolk, VA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: nsu.edu
Admissions: nsu.edu/admissions

Virginia State University

Petersburg, VA
Public, 4-year or above
Website: vsu.edu
Admissions: vsu.edu/admissions/admitted-students.php

Virginia Union University

Richmond, VA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: vuu.edu
Admissions: apply.vuu.edu

Virginia University of Lynchburg

Lynchburg, VA
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Website: vul.edu
Admissions: connect.vul.edu/apply

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Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands

Charlotte Amalie, VI
Public, 4-year or above
Website: uvi.edu
Admissions: uvi.edu/admissions

West Virginia

Bluefield State University

Bluefield, WV
Public, 4-year or above
Website: bluefieldstate.edu
Admissions: bluefieldstate.edu/apply

West Virginia State University

Institute, WV
Public, 4-year or above
Website: wvstateu.edu
Admissions: wvstateu.edu/admissions



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Nicole Lork, Bethune-Cookman University

HBCU RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

It's never too early to start exposing students to HBCUs. Whether a campus tour, a HBCU summer enrichment camp, HBCU books for children or incorporating HBCU history into lessons plans in schools, there are resources to help children become excited about their future at an HBCU. Below are a few examples of the many resources that are available.

Camp HBCU Youth

Founded by two HBCU alumni, Camp HBCU Youth provides elementary-aged students with academic enrichment, cultural pride and mentorship from HBCU students and alumni on several HBCU campuses in the summer. Learn more at camphbcuyouth.com

PBS Kids

PBS KidsLearningMedia offers an “Historically Black Colleges and Universities—Making Black America” video and lesson plan for grades 6-8 and 9-12. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit pbslearningmedia.org



Travel to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, J.P. Miller

This book takes younger students on a guided tour of a select number of HBCUs across the country. The book features activities, key facts and other great resources for students. To learn more about the book visit: authorjpmiller2020.com/books

HBCU Prep School

Founded by an HBCU alumna, HBCU Prep School is a multimedia education company that amplifies and celebrates HBCUs, Black history and financial literacy through children's books, puzzles, stationery, videos, classes and apparel. HBCU Prep School offers several resources for young students and teenagers to learn more about HBCUs. Learn more at: HBCUprepschool.com



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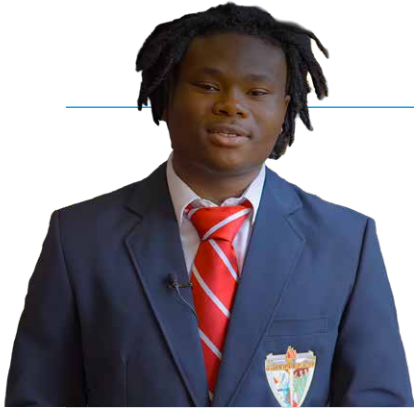
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<https://nces.ed.gov/>



“Before I came to Shaw University I didn’t see myself going to college, but now that I’m here, it’s extraordinary. I’m changing. I’m improving. It’s a fun experience and I recommend all HBCUs to you.”

Lamonte Lyerly, Shaw University

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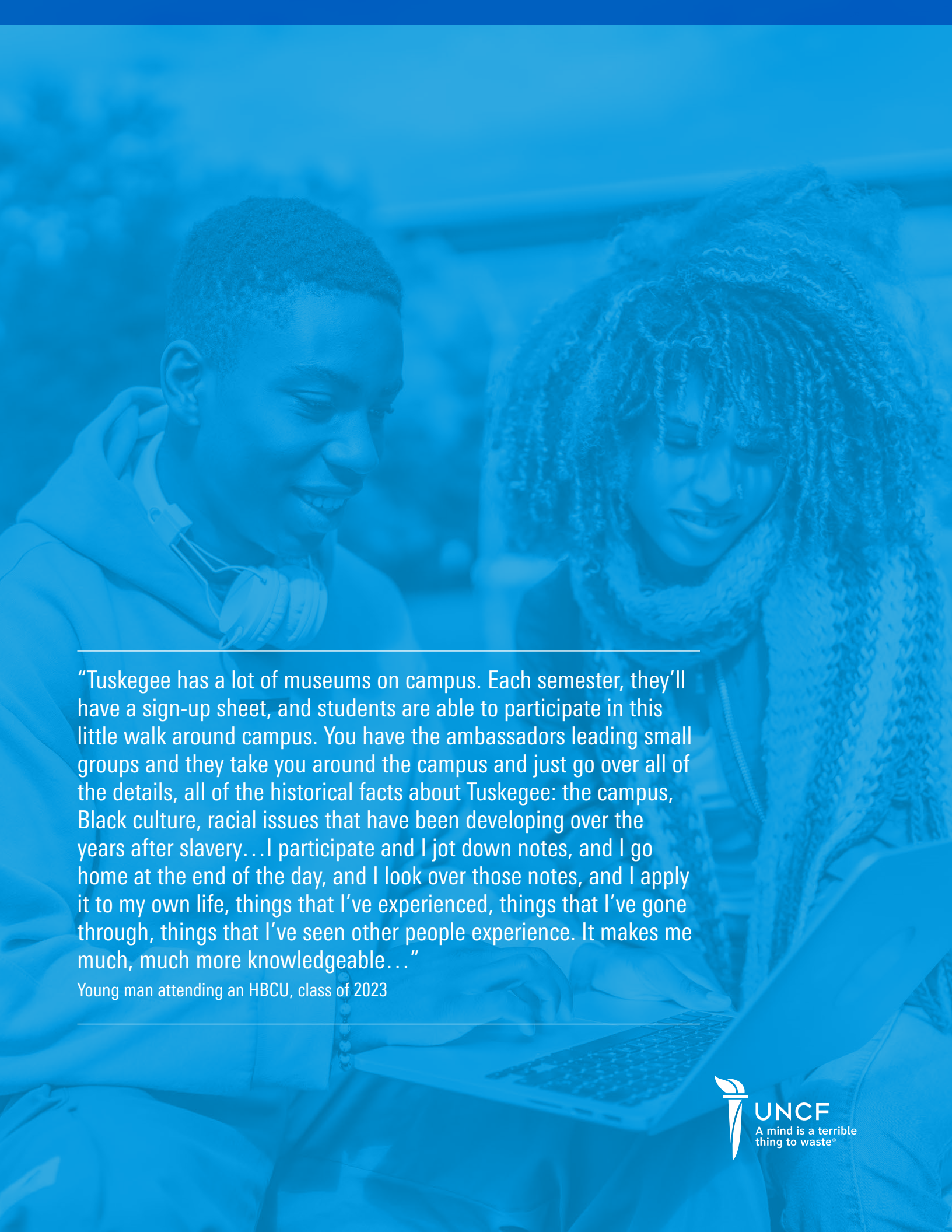
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Scan the QR code to hear from students at UNCF's Empower Me Tour.





"Tuskegee has a lot of museums on campus. Each semester, they'll have a sign-up sheet, and students are able to participate in this little walk around campus. You have the ambassadors leading small groups and they take you around the campus and just go over all of the details, all of the historical facts about Tuskegee: the campus, Black culture, racial issues that have been developing over the years after slavery... I participate and I jot down notes, and I go home at the end of the day, and I look over those notes, and I apply it to my own life, things that I've experienced, things that I've gone through, things that I've seen other people experience. It makes me much, much more knowledgeable..."

Young man attending an HBCU, class of 2023



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