

Financial Aid Highlights

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Students are advised that this fall, The Sallie Mae Fund will demonstrate an ongoing commitment to higher education access by awarding more than \$2.3 million in college scholarships to approximately 1,000 underserved students who are attending college this academic year. Applications for these scholarships are now available online at <http://www.salliemaefund.org>.

Most people are aware that the face of higher education in America is changing. By the year 2015, the number of college-age Americans will rise by nearly five million. Eighty percent of this growth will come from young people who are minorities, well over half of whom will be Hispanic-Americans. Nationwide and state-specific research commissioned by The Sallie Mae Fund has shown that thousands of Hispanic-Americans are not enrolling in college because of the perception that college is out of reach.

Through community-based initiatives under The Fund's Project Access program, The Sallie Mae Fund is trying to change this status quo by addressing three barriers to higher education, i.e. awareness of financial aid, academic performance, and financial need. The Sallie Mae Fund First in My Family Scholarship Program, developed with the Hispanic College Fund, provides \$500 to \$5,000 scholarships to Hispanic Americans who are the first in their families to attend college.

A fact sheet with information on the First in My Family Scholarship and The Sallie Mae Fund's other scholarship programs can also be downloaded from The Fund's website. To be eligible for The Sallie Mae Fund scholarship programs, students must be accepted and enrolled as an undergraduate at a Title IV eligible, approved, accredited, postsecondary, two- or four-year college or university, vocational or technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico, and meet program-specific eligibility requirements.

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