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Keeping Vigil on Merit Scholarship Deadlines

If you're in the hunt for merit scholarships, be sure to stay on top of explicit deadlines a school on your list might have.

In some cases, like Boston University and the University of Richmond, it's a hard deadline that you have to meet in order for you to be considered at all. In others, like Indiana University and many other public institutions, it's a "priority" deadline that maximizes your chances of merit aid before the money runs out. Either way, merit aid continues to be an excellent way for good students to defray the cost of an education.

The following list was compiled by College Kickstart. Most of these schools automatically consider you for merit scholarships without the need for an additional application.

Class of 2020 Merit Scholarship Deadlines

Institution Merit Deadline Awarded Merit Average Award Link

Adelphi University 12/1 21% $12,698

Agnes Scott College 1/15 22% $22,131

Arizona State University 2/1 19% $7,688

Austin College 1/15 12% $19,297

Boston University 12/1 8% $17,594

Claremont McKenna College 12/1 6% $15,732

Clemson University 12/1 22% $6,167

Colorado School of Mines 1/15 25% $7,391

Cornell College 12/1 19% $16,199

Creighton University 12/1 36% $14,200

DePaul University 11/15 14% $10,011

George Mason University 11/1 3% $6,936

Georgia Institute of Technology 10/15 7% $4,367

Grinnell College 12/1 15% $16,968

Guilford College 1/15 9% $11,897

Indiana University 11/1 27% $5,446

Iowa State University 5/1 31% $2,916

Ithaca College 1/2 22% $13,029

Loyola University Maryland 11/15 15% $14,960

Miami University - Oxford 12/1 31% $7,043

Michigan State University 11/1 7% $8,241

North Carolina State 10/15 4% $6,531

Ohio State University - Columbus 11/1 17% $6,418

Ohio University 12/1 3% $2,942

Oregon State University 2/1 13% $4,123

Purdue University 11/1 11% $6,697

Saint Michaels College 11/1 28% $14,525

Southwestern University 11/15 35% $18,514

Texas Christian University 11/1 25% $14,330

Texas Tech University 2/1 10% $3,289

The College of New Jersey 12/1 8% $5,330

Tulane University 11/15 33% $21,325

University of Alabama 12/15 22% $12,209

University of Cincinnati 12/1 15% $5,026

University of Connecticut - Storrs 11/1 11% $6,519

University of Delaware 1/15 20% $6,762

University of Florida 11/1 5% $2,437

University of Georgia 12/15 7% $2,161

University of Houston 12/1 3% $5,075

University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign 11/1 12% $4,736

University of Iowa 12/1 16% $4,739

University of Kentucky 12/1 20% $7,487

University of Maine 12/15 7% $4,679

University of Maryland - College Park 11/1 13% $6,657

University of Massachusetts - Lowell 11/1 7% $4,286

University of Miami 11/1 23% $18,846

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor 11/1 16% $7,536

University of Minnesota 12/15 7% $4,992

University of Missouri 12/1 17% $5,065

University of Nebraska 1/15 6% $6,399

University of Nevada - Reno 2/1 24% $2,569

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill 10/15 5% $6,784

University of Pittsburgh 1/15 3% $11,460

University of Rhode Island 12/1 7% $6,564

University of Richmond 12/1 15% $23,692

University of Tennessee - Knoxville 11/1 12% $3,685

University of Utah 12/1 8% $4,661

University of Washington 12/1 4% $5,800

Vanderbilt University 12/1 10% $22,372

Villanova University 12/1 7% $14,067

Virginia Polytechnic Institute 12/15 12% $3,526

Wake Forest University 12/1 6% $16,055

Washington State University 1/31 2% $3,229

Wittenberg University 12/1 20% $18,495