

The Office of the Bursar

Scholarships and 3rd
Party Billing

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External Scholarships



Howard University celebrates students earning external scholarships. Most of these awards are processed by the Office of the Bursar; however, HU awards, UNCF, TMCF, AmeriCorps, Teach for America, and a few others are managed by the **Office of Financial Aid (OFA)**. VA and GI benefits are handled by the **Office of Military and Veterans Affairs**. Please visit OFA or the Bursar to determine a point of contact for your award.

Verification

Awards requiring verification (GPA, enrollment status, or signatures) must first be submitted to Financial Aid at sfs@howard.edu.

AWARDS

Scholarships sent to Howard University must include the student's ID, applicable term, covered charges, and refund eligibility (**typically outlined in an award letter**).

We strongly encourage sending payments via ACH wire. **Please note that paper checks may take 60-90 days to process during peak periods and will not be accepted after May 31, 2027.**

Awards are processed in the order received and are applied only after funds are received. **Howard University does not advance payments or issue refunds based on anticipated awards.**

Third Party Billing

Third-Party Billing allows an approved external sponsor to pay a student's charges directly to Howard University. This option requires a signed agreement between the sponsor and the University, along with an official authorization letter.

Third-party billing is offered at the University's discretion and is considered an extension of credit, subject to all university policies and deadlines. Students remain financially responsible for any unpaid balances, and **Howard does not advance anticipated refunds**.

529 Plans

529 plans are tax-advantaged education savings accounts used to pay qualified expenses. Please monitor our website this summer for important updates on Howard's 529 payment process.



Your total aid, including scholarships, loans, grants, and institutional aid, cannot exceed your total Cost of Attendance. Please check your account regularly and contact Financial Aid with questions about how an award may impact other aid.



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