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## UFT Offers Scholarships for College-Bound Students

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### **Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund of the United Federation of Teachers**

The UFT is the union that represents the city's public school teachers, paraprofessionals, guidance counselors and other educators. We believe that education is the door to a productive life and that our students have what it takes to overcome personal and financial strains in the pursuit of learning.

Our scholarship program, which began in 1969, was renamed in Albert Shanker's memory in 1997. He was the New York City teacher who became president of both this union and our national affiliate, the American Federation of Teachers. More than anyone else, Albert Shanker put education at the top of America's political agenda because he cared deeply about students and wanted them to receive top-quality educations. We are proud that these scholarships will continue to help hundreds of our students go to college each year, many to top universities around the country. We invite you to find out how you can apply for these awards.

### College Scholarships

The Fund awards approximately 200 college scholarships to outstanding public high school graduates every year. Each award totals \$5,000 — that is, \$1,250 a year for four years of

college. Albert Shanker College Scholarships are given to students who will be attending an accredited public or private college or university.

### Graduate Scholarships

The UFT also offers nine scholarships to undergraduate winners who go on to pursue full-time graduate studies immediately after college. There are six scholarships of \$2,000 over two semesters for those pursuing master's degrees; one medical school scholarship of \$8,000 over four years; one law school scholarship of \$6,000 over three years, and one Education Scholarship of \$6,000 over three years.