The UNCF HBCU Resource Guide will help you learn more about historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). This document provides information on scholarships, college-planning resources, key facts about HBCUs and more.

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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 101 HBCUs across the nation.¹
DID YOU KNOW?

Three years after graduation, HBCU graduates earn $10,000 more annually than individuals with only a high school diploma.\(^2\)

An HBCU graduate working full time throughout his or her working life can expect to earn $927,000 in additional income due to a college credential.\(^3\)

The average cost of attendance at four-year HBCUs in 2016–17 was $23,885 compared to $32,951 for four-year non-HBCUs.\(^4\)

HBCUs represent only three percent of America’s colleges and universities\(^5\), yet they produce 16\% of bachelor’s degrees and 20\% of STEM bachelor’s degrees\(^6\) received by Black students.

The top 10 institutions where African American science and engineering Ph.D.s earned their bachelor’s degrees are HBCUs.\(^7\)

Research shows that African American HBCU grads report having experienced more support and higher levels of engagement than their peers at non-HBCUs.\(^8\)

AFRICAN AMERICAN HBCU GRADS ARE:

- More likely than non-HBCU African American 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 be thriving in purpose and financial well-being than non-HBCU African American grads

- More likely to strongly agree that their university prepared them well for life outside of college (55\% vs. 29\%)\(^9\)
UNCF is the nation’s largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. Each year, UNCF awards more than $100 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 students at more than 1,100 schools across the country, including our prestigious network of 37 private HBCUs. UNCF is the nation’s leading advocate for the importance of minority education and community engagement.

Since its founding in 1944, UNCF has raised more than $4.8 billion for scholarships and other direct support for its member institutions and has helped more than 450,000 students graduate with college degrees.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) represents 47 publicly supported HBCUs and predominantly Black institutions (PBIs). To date, the organization has awarded more than $300 million in assistance to its students and member schools.
The HBCU Effect® by UNCF

The HBCU Effect® seeks to understand, validate and promote the success of HBCUs to develop a narrative that fully illustrates the value and competitiveness of these institutions.

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

WHIHBCU is a government-wide effort to strengthen HBCUs.

Tell Them We Are Rising: HBCU Documentary

This PBS documentary details the history of HBCUs and the role they play in shaping Black life, creating a Black middle class and dismantling segregation.
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.

Common Application for Black Colleges

The Common Application for Black Colleges offers students a single application to apply for 46 separate historically Black colleges and universities.

Youvisit.com/collegesearch

At Youvisit.com/collegesearch, students, families and educators can take a virtual tour of Howard University, Jackson State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and numerous other HBCUs.

TheHundred-Seven.org

TheHundred-seven.org provides key information about HBCUs, including a “find your HBCU match” tool based on major and academic programs of interests, top news stories, scholarships and HBCU trailblazers.
College Preparation

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
HBCUfirst.com
EXPLORATORY PROGRAM:
HBCUfirst.com/HBCU-exploratory-framework

College Research Database

College Navigator-Accredited HBCU List

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

LEARN MORE
nces.ed.gov

Lifestyle

HBCU Lifestyle

HBCU Lifestyle is a one-stop shop for Black college living. From finances to fraternities and sororities, schools to scholarships, this is a great source for all things related to Black college living.

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Michael Strahan: Texas Southern University
Alice Walker: Spelman College
Booker T. Washington: Hampton University
Oprah Winfrey: Tennessee State University
# Listing of HBCUs by State

## Alabama
- **Alabama A&M University**
  - 4-year public
- **Alabama State University**
  - 4-year public
- **Bishop State Community College**
  - 2-year public
- **Concordia College-Selma**
  - 4-year public
- **Gadsden State Community College**
  - 2-year public
- **H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College**
  - 2-year public
- **J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College**
  - 2-year public
- **Lawson State Community College**
  - 2-year public
- **Miles College**
  - 4-year private
- **Oakwood University**
  - 4-year private
- **Selma University**
  - 4-year private
- **Shelton State Community College**
  - 2-year public
- **Stillman College**
  - 4-year private
- **Talladega College**
  - 4-year private
- **Tuskegee University**
  - 4-year private

## Arkansas
- **Arkansas Baptist College**
  - 4-year private
- **Philander Smith College**
  - 4-year private
- **Shorter College**
  - 2-year private
- **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**
  - 4-year public

## Delaware
- **Delaware State University**
  - 4-year public

## District of Columbia
- **Howard University**
  - 4-year private
- **University of the District of Columbia**
  - 4-year public
## LISTING OF HBCUs BY STATE

### Florida
- **Bethune-Cookman University**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Edward Waters College**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Florida A&M University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Florida Memorial University**
  - Type: 4-year private

### Georgia
- **Albany State University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Clark Atlanta University**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Fort Valley State University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Interdenominational Theological Center**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Morehouse College**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Morehouse School of Medicine**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Paine College**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Savannah State University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Spelman College**
  - Type: 4-year private

### Kentucky
- **Kentucky State University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Simmons College of Kentucky**
  - Type: 4-year private

### Louisiana
- **Dillard University**
  - Type: 4-year private
- **Grambling State University**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Southern University and A&M College**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Southern University at New Orleans**
  - Type: 4-year public
- **Southern University at Shreveport**
  - Type: 2-year public
- **Xavier University of Louisiana**
  - Type: 4-year private
## Listing of HBCUs by State

### Maryland
- Bowie State University: 4-year public
- Coppin State University: 4-year public
- Morgan State University: 4-year public
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore: 4-year public

### Mississippi
- Alcorn State University: 4-year public
- Coahoma Community College: 2-year public
- Hinds Community College, Utica Campus: 2-year public
- Jackson State University: 4-year public
- Mississippi Valley State University: 4-year public
- Rust College: 4-year private
- Tougaloo College: 4-year private

### Missouri
- Harris-Stowe State University: 4-year public
- Lincoln University: 4-year public

### North Carolina
- Bennett College: 4-year private
- Elizabeth City State University: 4-year public
- Fayetteville State University: 4-year public
- Johnson C. Smith University: 4-year private
- Livingstone College: 4-year private
- North Carolina A&T State University: 4-year public
- North Carolina Central University: 4-year public
- Saint Augustine’s University: 4-year private
- Shaw University: 4-year private
- Winston-Salem State University: 4-year public
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**Ohio**
- Central State University  
  4-year public
- Wilberforce University  
  4-year private

**Oklahoma**
- Langston University  
  4-year public

**Pennsylvania**
- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
  4-year public
- Lincoln University  
  4-year Public

**South Carolina**
- Allen University  
  4-year private
- Benedict College  
  4-year private
- Claflin University  
  4-year private
- Clinton College  
  4-year private
- Denmark Technical College  
  2-year public
- Morris College  
  4-year private
- South Carolina State University  
  4-year public
- Voorhees College  
  4-year private

**Tennessee**
- American Baptist College  
  4-year private
- Fisk University  
  4-year private
- Lane College  
  4-year private
- LeMoyne-Owen College  
  4-year private
- Meharry Medical College  
  4-year private
- Tennessee State University  
  4-year public
### LISTING OF HBCUs BY STATE

#### Texas
- **Huston-Tillotson University**  
  4-year private
- **Jarvis Christian College**  
  4-year private
- **Paul Quinn College**  
  4-year private
- **Prairie View A&M University**  
  4-year public
- **Saint Philip’s College**  
  2-year public
- **Southwestern Christian College**  
  4-year private
- **Texas College**  
  4-year private
- **Texas Southern University**  
  4-year public
- **Wiley College**  
  4-year private

#### Virginia
- **Hampton University**  
  4-year private
- **Norfolk State University**  
  4-year public
- **Virginia State University**  
  4-year public
- **Virginia Union University**  
  4-year private
- **Virginia University of Lynchburg**  
  4-year private

#### West Virginia
- **Bluefield State College**  
  4-year public
- **West Virginia State University**  
  4-year public

#### Virgin Islands
- **University of the Virgin Islands**  
  4-year public
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