



## Scholarships – A Cause for Celebration in November

### #NationalScholarshipMonth

Did you know November is full of significant occasions in our country? I'm not just talking about the recent election. November has been designated as the month in which we celebrate having fun with fondue, adopting senior dogs, expressing our gratitude to Veterans and their families for their bravery and service, and acknowledging and honoring Native American rights by observing Native American Heritage Month.

At the top of the list, my favorite observance of November is National Scholarship Month! I welcome this annual opportunity to celebrate the power of scholarships and the people who make them possible, because I know the impact scholarships can have on the lives of others.

Private philanthropies play an increasingly important role by providing scholarships that make college affordable and temper excessive levels of debt. Many organizations also aim to reduce inequalities such as gender, age, and race in educational attainment as components of their core mission.

At the National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA), we are commemorating this special month by encouraging our members to share their successes to encourage effective scholarship giving. Those of you who commit your lives to offering the accompanying and necessary navigation of complex financial aid policies and procedures—along with academic and emotional supports to students—are my heroes. Thank you for all you do for students!

I invite you to share your own successes with college access and completion on Facebook and Twitter and tag your posts with #NationalScholarshipMonth. Happy National Scholarship Month!

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