



Central Scholarship

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Key Milestones in Central Scholarship's History

1924- 1933

1924: Central Scholarship Bureau (CSB) was created when the Hebrew Orphan Asylum closed its doors and left its remaining funds for vocational or academic education for Jewish students in need.

Six organizations came together to centralize their small scholarship programs; these organizations were Associated Jewish Charities' Hebrew Benevolent Society, Big Brother League, Daughters in Israel, Jewish Children's Bureau, Jewish Children's Society, and Young Ladies Benevolent Society.

1933: CSB shifts most of its funding from scholarships to interest-free loans for professional, academic, and vocational training to build character through repayment of debt.

The maximum award was \$300 per year.

1934- 1943

1934: CSB celebrated 10 years in the community and 100+ students served.

1937: Loan funding for graduate study other than medical school was approved for the first time.

1943: CSB began recruiting applicants for the first time from local colleges including Goucher College, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, and the YMCA and other business colleges.

The maximum award was \$500 per year.

1944- 1953

1945: All Baltimore City residents, regardless of religious affiliation, were welcomed to apply for loans and educational counseling. Also in 1945, CSB hired its first paid staff member, an executive secretary, and embarked on an effort to build an extensive library of information about scholarship resources.

1949: CSB extended eligibility to Baltimore County residents.

1951: The first fund for African-American students, specifically for women, was created. The recipient was the first African-American woman to be accepted to the University of Maryland, School of Nursing.

1952: Margie Warres was hired as CSB's first executive director.

1954- 1963

1954: The number of loan awards since 1924 exceeded 500.

1955: CSB received more than 100 applications, double the prior year.

1958: The first application deadlines were established to manage the growing volume of applications. That same year, CSB moved into its first unshared office space.

The maximum award was increased to \$1,000 per year for undergraduate students and \$1,350 per year for graduate students.

1964- 1973

1964: The 100th Special Fund was created with a contribution of \$500 as a revolving loan fund. Six years later (in 1970) the Special Funds were pooled into two Common Trusts, one for Jewish students and one without restrictions.

1969: 1,500 students had received financial support from CSB since 1924.

1972: The emergence of two government programs – the Federal Basic Education Opportunity Grant program (now known as PELL) and the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae) – resulted in decreased numbers of applications to CSB. Also that year, CSB moved to an office on Clarks Lane.

1973: CSB expanded its geographic reach to Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties; the first recipient from the new counties was a Harford County student.

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1974- 1983

1974: CSB celebrated its 50th anniversary and testified in Annapolis on two scholarship reform bills that were unsuccessful. CSB had awarded \$1,125,000 to 2,050 students in the first 50 years.

1975: Total awards in a single year exceeded \$100,000 for the first time.

1978: The Middle Income Student Assistance Act of 1978 extended the Federal Basic Education Opportunity Grant (PELL) to higher income families.

1983: More women than men applied for the first time (51% vs. 49%), and half of CSB's recipients were female.

1984- 1993

1986: Governor Hughes declared the first week in July as Maryland Student Financial Aid Awareness Week and appointed Margie Warres as representative of CSB to serve on the Maryland Higher Education Loan Corporation Board.

1987: CSB awarded its first scholarships – \$15,000 total in a pilot grant program.

1988: Margie Warres retired after 36 years.

1990: Helen London was promoted to executive director, and Roberta Goldman, our current Program Director, was hired.

1992: CSB completed an historic \$300,000 fundraising campaign that engaged former recipients in supporting the organization's future.

1994- 2003

1996: Students could independently search for other sources of loans and scholarships for the first time on CSB's new computer.

1998: CSB increased the maximum award to \$3,000 per year and made its first scholarship-only awards. Previously, all awards had been a combination of loans and scholarships.

2001: Jan Wagner, our current President, was hired.

2004- 2013

2006: CSB shifted most of its funding from interest-free loans to scholarships and recommitted to significant support for career training (about 15% of total awards).

2007: In one year, CSB increased maximum awards to \$10,000, opened eligibility to all Maryland residents, launched our first online application form, began building an extensive, statewide outreach network, and created the annual Student Awards Ceremony.

2009: CSB received more than 1,000 applications and awarded more than \$1 million in student aid in a single year for the first time.

2010: CSB created College Cash to help students and their families understand higher education financial aid.

2011: Applications exceeded 5,000 for the first time.

2012: CSB started doing business as Central Scholarship and introduced a new logo and website.

2014-2018

2014: Central Scholarship successfully completed an ambitious \$10 million Campaign for Students, raising the funding required to award more than \$1 million per year since 2009.

2017: Central Scholarship is the lead partner in making Maryland the first state in the country to achieve legislation to eliminate scholarship award displacement at Maryland's public colleges and universities.

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