When it comes to education, you don’t want to spare any expense. But sometimes the costs can get out of hand. With tuition, room, board, and books, the bills can add up quickly. Tuition at a four year public college can average $3,000-$4,000, with room, board and books being an additional $5,000. Yearly expenses at a private college can cost you around $20,000, and this does not include transportation or personal expenses. Fortunately, there are many financial aid options available. The hard part is determining which is the best one for you.

NBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
With your educational future in mind, the NBA recently established a scholarship to recognize and aid deserving students. Scholarships will be awarded to students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above average range.

WHO’S ELIGIBLE?
High school seniors and college freshman, sophomores and juniors of NBA members or dependent sons and daughters of members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. NBA members must be active at the time of application and distribution of scholarships.

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS?
At least ten $1,500 scholarships will be awarded for each academic year. Scholarships will be applied to educational expenses at accredited, nonprofit colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools in the United States. Students must re-apply each year in order to re-qualify for a scholarship.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Prior to February 1 of each year, the NBA will announce the beginning of the scholarship competition. Applications and brochures will be distributed to those who request them.

HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?
A selection committee of educators will evaluate the applicants’ high school records, standardized test scores, and extracurricular activities. College GPAs will be considered for those applicants who are currently enrolled in college.

WHAT AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR?
The scholarship recipient must enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. Studies must continue for the duration of the academic year without interruption, with the exception of illness, emergency, or military service. Scholarship recipients are also responsible for making certain that scholarship checks are delivered to their colleges and universities.

WHAT’S THE NEXT STEP?
If you are interested in the NBA Scholarship Program and feel you may be eligible, please call or write the NBA for more information. You will be sent a NBA Scholarship Program packet that includes a brochure with further details as well as the appropriate paperwork to begin the qualifying process.

The NBA hopes to make the journey of an education a little bit easier. With the help of a NBA scholarship, your load will be lightened so that you may enjoy this special time of life.