

# HBCUs

## Historically Black Colleges and Universities

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### WHAT ARE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were founded after the Civil War to provide educational opportunities to African Americans. Today, 104 HBCUs are located throughout the country. Notable alumni of HBCUs include Chadwick Boseman, 2 Chainz, Oprah, Vice President Kamala Harris and Stacey Abrams.

### BENEFITS OF HBCUs:

- ✓ HBCU tuition rates are on average almost 30% less than at comparable institutions.
- ✓ HBCUs generated 25% of all bachelor's degrees in STEM fields for African Americans.
- ✓ HBCUs outperform non-HBCU institutions in retaining and graduating first-generation, low-income African American students.
- ✓ HBCUs are well-known for their traditions including Greek life, sports, music and arts and a robust alumni community.

### Delaware State University

Delaware State University (DSU) in Dover, Delaware is a part of the HBCU community. The university is known for its excellence in teaching, research and public service and strives to be the most diverse, contemporary HBCU in America. DSU offers 44 undergraduate bachelor's degree programs and 18 master's degree programs.

#### Inspire Scholarship:

A four-year, full tuition scholarship for Delaware high school graduates

#### Eligibility and Requirements:

- Graduate from a Delaware high school
- Admitted and enrolled full time in the fall semester at DSU right after high school graduation
- Cumulative GPA: 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Check out DSU's website to learn about additional eligibility requirements



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### Resources:

**Delaware State University Student Panel Webinar:**  
[delawarestudentsuccess.org/delaware-state-university-student-panel](https://delawarestudentsuccess.org/delaware-state-university-student-panel)

**Delaware State University Website:**  
[desu.edu](https://desu.edu)

**Overview of Delaware State University:**  
[delawarestudentsuccess.org/de-colleges-universities](https://delawarestudentsuccess.org/de-colleges-universities)

**Inspire Scholarship:**  
[desu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/inspire-scholarship](https://desu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/inspire-scholarship)

**What is an HBCU:**  
[sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/one-hundred-and-five-historically-black-colleges-and-universities](https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/one-hundred-and-five-historically-black-colleges-and-universities)

**Student Scholarships:**  
[tmcf.org](https://tmcf.org)  
[uncf.org](https://uncf.org)

**Why Attend an HBCU:**  
[uncf.org/the-latest/6-reasons-hbcus-are-more-important-than-ever](https://uncf.org/the-latest/6-reasons-hbcus-are-more-important-than-ever)

### Nearby HBCUs

**Cheyney University of Pennsylvania:**  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
[cheyney.edu](https://cheyney.edu)

**Lincoln University of Pennsylvania**  
Chester County, Pennsylvania  
[lincoln.edu](https://lincoln.edu)

**Howard University**  
Washington, D.C.  
[howard.edu](https://howard.edu)

**Morgan State University**  
Baltimore, Maryland  
[morgan.edu](https://morgan.edu)

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore**  
Princess Anne, Maryland  
[wwwcp.umes.edu](https://wwwcp.umes.edu)

**Coppin State University**  
Baltimore, Maryland  
[coppin.edu](https://coppin.edu)

**Bowie State University**  
Bowie, Maryland  
[bowiestate.edu](https://bowiestate.edu)



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