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One of the most famous stories Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ever wrote was "The Red-Headed League". In it, Sherlock Holmes uncovered a strange case regarding a man who was handsomely paid to sit in a lonely office and basically do nothing...only because he had a perfect head of red hair. Well, that was fiction. Quite frankly, truth can be even stranger, especially when it comes to getting financial aid for an online college course.

Believe it or not there are some scholarships out there that make one wonder if Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is having a last joke. After all, the bulk of scholarships and grants are based on financial need and/or scholastic excellence. However, while there really are cases of elderly widows who leave their estates to their cats, there really are grants out there for blondes. That's right, blondes, and that's one of the more mundane programs. If you need more information about [online schools](#), look on the internet.

One of the funnier web sites out there is called Mental Floss. It collects all kinds of strange trivia that sometimes is plain amusing, other times absolutely confounding. One that sits comfortably in the latter category is a list of ten very weird scholarship funds. The information site even went the extra mile to double check their legitimacy.

The more ordinary ones include money for being tall, another for being a dwarf and a third for being left-handed. All of these will give the recipient \$1,000 each. These three look as ordinary as the Pell when you look at the remaining seven.

The big ticket item is a \$10,000 scholarship from the Ayn Rand Foundation for the best annual essay on one of her books. One doesn't know if this is the ultimate endorsement for what she called "selfism" or the ultimate rejection of her hatred of all forms of altruism. Then, there are the ones that SOUND like they're too strange to be true, but are. There is an abundance of information about [on line degree programs](#) on the web.

Among the other grants is the National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance, the American Nudist Society, and one for twins or parents of twins. Still, the ones that take the cake are a linguistic scholarship for the advancement of the Klingon language (beam that one up Star Trek fans), duck calling and 200 full tuition scholarships for being a golf caddy. The last one makes one wonder if Tiger Woods is a contributor. He can afford it, after all.

Does it surprise you that a number of these monies go unclaimed? It seems that they do. After all, one could say it took an "exceptional" person to think one of these up. It would take an even more exceptional person to file for one of them.

Still, they do exist and funding for [online college course](#) degree programs is funding. The world's leading search engine, Google, even has a special category for [scholarships online](#) and it's filled with a number of interesting facts on how to get them.

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