

***DREAM BIG***  
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***ONLINE COURSES & CLASSES***



***RESOURCE GUIDE***  
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# ***DREAM BIG SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE COURSES & CLASSES RESOURCE GUIDE***

The Dream Big category of the Ron H. Olson Annual Scholarship is for residents aged 55 or older on the lease of an apartment community for which HCA is a partner. Dream Big funding supports the cost of in-person or online educational classes, workshops, or memberships at verifiable business and organizations where a third party (HCA) can easily pay for these by check or card on behalf of an incoming student or member (a scholarship recipient). Keep in mind that HCA does not reimburse scholarship recipients with scholarship funding. We make direct payments to the business or organization only using recipient award funding.










This guide is designed to assist those of you interested in pursuing an online educational experience. It lists some popular and reputable online businesses with a convenient gifting portal that are known for their ease of accessibility, quality of education, and (relatively) reasonable pricing. There are many other online businesses where a scholarship award can be applied—you are not required to pursue one in this guide—but we hope this list gives you a helpful starting place in your research.

***HCA does not have a relationship of endorsement or sponsorship with any of the resources in this guide.*** The pricing is accurate as of March of 2024, but can be subject to change with time. Please do double check all pricing and class information before finalizing your scholarship application.

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**Key:** These icons represent the following accessibility options for each website in this guide:

# GENERAL EDUCATION



[www.masterclass.com](http://www.masterclass.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Features access to more than 80 classes taught by leaders in the fields of sports, music, entertainment, culinary arts, science, and more. Teachers include Gordon Ramsay, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson, Bob Iger, Malcolm Gladwell, Frank Gehry, and many more.

**DEVICE:** Any internet-enabled device on a web browser. Supports Google Chromecast and Apple TV.

**PRICE:** HCA can support your Individual (\$120 annually) or Duo Plan (\$180, access on up to 2 devices, with download and offline capability) of content at any time on any device.



[www.creativelive.com](http://www.creativelive.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** CreativeLive is an online learning platform for creators of all kinds to grow their knowledge and skills with high-quality online courses. Classes are usually broadcast live in front of a small audience allowing students to ask questions or ask for more clarity from CreativeLive's hand-picked instructors.

**DEVICE:** Any internet-enabled device on a web browser or on the CreativeLive app for iOS.

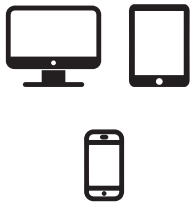
**PRICE:** HCA can support your Annual Pass (\$149).

# GENERAL EDUCATION



goskills

[www.goskills.com](http://www.goskills.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** GoSkills is an online learning platform that offers business skills to help users reach their personal and professional goals. With a GoSkills subscription, members receive personalized courses consisting of bite-sized and interactive content in Microsoft Office, finance, leadership, and more. Users also receive an accredited Certificate of Training for every course completed.

**DEVICE:** You can access GoSkills courses from various devices and platforms, on both PC and Mac desktops / laptops, as well as Android and iOS mobile devices. For some courses you will need specific software if you want to practice what you learn (such as Microsoft Word or Excel).

**PRICE:** HCA can support an annual Unlimited membership at GoSkills for roughly \$205.



[www.takelessons.com](http://www.takelessons.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** TakeLessons offers flexible classes in more than 300 subjects ranging from zoology to piano offered by over 5000 experts. Lessons can be 1-on-1 or in a group setting.

**DEVICE:** You can access TakeLessons from your web browser on both PC and Mac desktops / laptops. Android and iOS mobile devices can be used as well, but desktop or laptop is recommended for best performance.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the cost of Gift Membership valued at \$100 or more. These can be used to pay for any lessons offered on the platform. Keep in mind they expire in 6 months.

# GENERAL EDUCATION



[www.udemy.com](http://www.udemy.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Udemy is an online learning platform aimed at professional adults and students. Courses are offered across a breadth of categories, including business and entrepreneurship, academics, the arts, health and fitness, language, music, and technology. Most classes are in practical subjects such as Excel software or using an iPhone camera.

**DEVICE:** You can access Udemy courses from various devices and platforms, on both PC and Mac desktops / laptops, as well as Android and iOS mobile devices.

**PRICE:** Users pay a one-time fee for each course. The prices per course range from \$10 - \$200. HCA can support any class or combination of classes valued at \$100 or more.





# LANGUAGE & WRITING



[www.rosettastone.com](http://www.rosettastone.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** This language learning software has been around since 1992, making it one of the oldest computer-assisted language learning (CALL) tools. Rosetta Stone’s approach to teaching is called Dynamic Immersion, which involves gradually introducing sights and sounds, words, sentences, conversations, and concepts in a way that’s supposed to accelerate the learning process. It currently offers lessons in 28 languages.

**DEVICE:** Rosetta Stone is available on Windows, Mac, and iOS devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support an online lifetime subscription for unlimited languages, currently priced at \$299.



[www.pimsleur.com](http://www.pimsleur.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Founded by Dr. Paul Pimsleur and owned by Simon & Schuster, Pimsleur Language Programs have been on the market in various forms since 1963. Pimsleur stresses conversational skills, introducing grammar and vocabulary through context. There are no lists of words to memorize, no conjugation charts, and almost no interaction with your screen. If you have ever tried learning a language with a language tape, this method will probably feel familiar.

**DEVICE:** Pimsleur is available on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android devices as well as Amazon Echo devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support your annual, all-access subscription (\$200).

# LANGUAGE & WRITING



GOTHAM WRITERS

[www.writingclasses.com](http://www.writingclasses.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Gotham Writers Workshop is the United States's largest adult-education writing school and one of the first schools to offer online education, launching its online creative writing classes in 1997. The workshop offers courses in most of the major genres including fiction and novel writing, screenwriting and television, poetry, and several forms of creative nonfiction, including essay writing and memoir.

**DEVICE:** Gotham Writers is available on web browsers on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the registration fee and cost of a 6-week Online or Zoom class (\$345 combined) or a 10-week Online or Zoom Workshop (\$445 combined). Returning Gotham Writers are given a lifetime \$30 "Returning Student Discount" for any 10-week class in the future.





# HEALTH & WELLNESS



[www.vitality-society.com](http://www.vitality-society.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Intended for residents aged 60 and better, Vitality Society offers unlimited live and recorded fitness, wellness and enrichment classes taught by top-tier coaches. 20 classes are held each week and are “designed for every body and everybody.” There is also a robust online community for sharing experiences and meeting other users.

**DEVICE:** Vitality Society is accessible through compatible web browsers including Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support an annual membership for access to all classes (\$299).



[www.99walks.fit](http://www.99walks.fit)



**DESCRIPTION:** 99 Walks is an app that allows you to set monthly walking goals, track your progress, take motivational classes, and connect with a community of like-minded women looking to improve their physical and mental health. The app also rewards users with real bracelets each month for completing goals.

**DEVICE:** 99 Walks is available for download on iOS, and Android devices and also syncs with Fitbit and Apple Watch.

**PRICE:** HCA can support your Annual subscription (\$149).

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

glo

[www.glo.com](http://www.glo.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Glo allows users to explore a wide array of courses in the form of live and recorded videos. It has a vast network of teachers who have produced hundreds of yoga, pilates and meditation classes. Friendly for all skill levels, Glo also lets you choose your session by the length of the class (from five minutes to two hours), the level of practice, area of anatomical focus, or the teacher.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled devices. Glo is also integrated into many popular viewing devices, including Roku, Apple TV, and Google Play.

**PRICE:** HCA can support a 12-month membership (\$360). It gives you unlimited access to new classes and their extensive archive of over 4,000 videos.



# MUSIC



**YOUSICIAN**

[www.yousician.com](http://www.yousician.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Yousician is an interactive music service helping users learn and play a musical instrument. It currently supports guitar, piano, ukulele, bass, and voice.

**DEVICE:** Available on internet-enabled iOS, Android, PC, and MAC devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support an annual subscription with Yousician Premium (\$140).

**Lessonface**

[www.lessonface.com](http://www.lessonface.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Lessonface connects students with qualified teachers for one-on-one and group classes over video conference. The site offers instruction for a wide variety of musical instruments and production.

**DEVICE:** Available on internet-enabled tablets and computers. Lessonface uses Zoom for conferencing.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the cost of a class or combination of classes valued at \$100 or more.



**SOUNDFLY**

[www.soundfly.com](http://www.soundfly.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Soundfly is geared towards progressing users' musical careers through access to lessons via subscription videos or a specialized mentorship.

**DEVICE:** An internet-enabled browser or device is required.

**PRICE:** HCA can support an annual Soundfly subscription (\$312).

# FOOD & COOKING

## ROUXBE

[www.rouxbe.com](http://www.rouxbe.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Widely recognized as the leading online culinary school among industry professionals, Rouxbe offers a wide array of individual lessons, in addition to their professional certificate programs. Membership grants you access to 75 video lessons and hundreds of recipes with personalized instructor support. This allows you to learn about specific topics related to cooking, which you can do at your own pace.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support classes priced at \$100 and up. Sample classes include The Cook's Roadmap: An Introduction (\$239), Plant-Based Cooking: An Introduction (\$239), Seafood Literacy (\$299), Cake Baking and Decorating Arts (\$699) to name a few.



[www.thechefandthedish.com](http://www.thechefandthedish.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** The Chef and the Dish is a different kind of class that pairs users with an internationally renowned chef in a private, 1-on-1 chat setting to prepare a specialty dish. There are a wide variety of international meals to choose from and a detailed shopping list provided ahead of time so you can purchase everything beforehand. Users then coordinate a time with their chef to prepare and enjoy their dish!

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled devices. The Chef and the Dish is also integrated into many popular viewing devices, including Roku, Apple TV, and Google Play.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the What's in Your Fridge class (\$149) or the Cooking Class for 2 (\$299). Ingredients are extra and purchased by the student.

# FOOD & COOKING



[www.cakeflix.com](http://www.cakeflix.com)



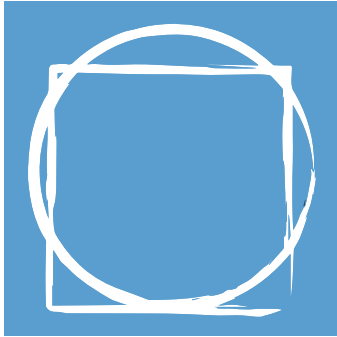
**DESCRIPTION:** CakeFlix is an online cake tutorial school that produces high quality video courses for a range of skills from beginner to professional. Learn how to bake and decorate cakes from professionals around the world. Users can join as Free, Premium or Pro Members and also have the option to buy courses individually.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled devices via their website or the Cakeflix app.

**PRICE:** HCA can support your CakeFlix annual pro membership (\$149).



# VISUAL ARTS



Vitruvian Studio

[www.vitruvianstudio.com](http://www.vitruvianstudio.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Vitruvian studio is a traditional drawing studio whose programs are designed to cover all aspects of realist drawing, from basic rendering to advanced facial anatomy. They offer livestream and pre-recorded classes.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled web browsers.

**PRICE:** HCA can support The Portrait in Color Livestream Class (\$275) as well as pre-recorded classes: Portrait Drawing (\$150), Drawing Basics (\$200), Still Life Painting (\$200), Anatomy of the Face (\$100), and Cast Drawing (\$100). Supplies are not included and are the student's responsibility.



[willkempartschool.com](http://willkempartschool.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** The Will Kemp Art School provides step-by-step online acrylic video lessons and written articles based on classical painting fundamentals. Users purchase a course and then download the videos (mp4) to watch at their own convenience.

**DEVICE:** Classes videos are downloadable so a laptop or desktop PC is recommended.

**PRICE:** Classes start around \$50. HCA can support the cost of classes with a combined value of \$100 or more. Supplies are not included and are the student's responsibility.

# VISUAL ARTS



**schoolism**  
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[www.schoolism.com](http://www.schoolism.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Schoolism is an online platform created by artists featuring a variety of pre-recorded art classes including watercolor, sculpture, digital art and much more. Schoolism also offers critiqued sessions and classes are taught by contemporary artists and illustrators.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled devices.

**PRICE:** HCA can support a 6-month Subscription (\$179.70) or an annual Subscription (\$299.40).





# THEATER ARTS



[www.keepitrealacting.com](http://www.keepitrealacting.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Keep It Real Acting Studios offers virtual classes training students in contemporary acting trends and techniques. Instructors are working, industry professionals and they also offer private coaching. While they cannot guarantee placement, The Studio does assist with introductions to agents, managers, and casting directors.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled browsers and devices that support video chat.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the cost of virtual classes like Commercial Improv (\$225), Pilot Season Prep (\$295), A-Z Commercial Technique (\$449) as well as up to 3 hours of private coaching (\$125/hour).



[www.killiansworkshop.com](http://www.killiansworkshop.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** Killian's Workshop is a casting course helping users land roles in commercials and advertisements. Courses are centered around auditioning and booking roles including workshops, commercial improv, booking, branding and more.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled browsers and devices that support Zoom.

**PRICE:** HCA can support the cost of their live Zoom workshops: Adult Commercial Workshop (\$300)

# THEATER ARTS



[www.theonlineactor.com](http://www.theonlineactor.com)



**DESCRIPTION:** The O.A. Training Studio is an entirely online studio that offers Film/TV acting classes and workshops for all skill and experience levels. They also offer private career coaching, private audition coaching, self-tape and demo reel feedback, and a free industry-focused video series.

**DEVICE:** Available on most internet-enabled browsers and devices that Zoom.

**PRICE:** HCA can support \$100+ towards the cost of your classes.

