SCHOLARSHIP NEWS
2026-2027

As you are preparing for college, continue to be diligent in your quest to earn funds!

1. Seniors, you may start working on your 2027-2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) beginning October 1, 2026. Although some families may not qualify for federal or state aid, it is a free form. It can help make you eligible for grants and the federal work study program on your college campus. The work study program ensures that you will have a job where you attend college. Money earned can be directly sent to the school's financial aid office to be used toward tuition. Note: Some of you may not be eligible to earn some college scholarships and grant money, unless you complete the 2027-2028 FAFSA. Go to https://studentaid.gov/ to create your FSA ID (username/password) and for more information.

2. Another way to earn money is through merit awards. These are scholarships most colleges offer and students are automatically eligible for, as long as they apply before the college's deadline. Typically, they are based on a combination of grade point average and SAT/ACT test scores. Colleges notify students directly if they are eligible for these types of financial awards. Keep in mind that applying to an honors college can also increase your eligibility for more money too.

3. Once you have been accepted at a college/university, you may also be eligible for departmental awards or private scholarships from the academic institution. They have separate applications and likely different deadlines. For example, Grand Valley is well known for having many scholarship offerings for their incoming students at https://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/myscholarships-163.htm.

4. Scholarship databases are another great way to search for scholarships. Websites like https://scholarshipamerica.org/ or bigfuture.collegeboard.org ask you to complete a personal questionnaire. Once completed, you will be given a list of scholarships for which you qualify to apply. There are too many scholarship databases to count, so our advice is to choose one (see the chart below) and cross reference your results with a second database. Some results may be the same.

5. SHS has a list of scholarships available solely for our students (see below). This list changes periodically throughout the year. Keep checking it! As a reminder, when you earn a scholarship, ALWAYS write a sincere thank you note to the scholarship donor.

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION	GRADE
Paul C. Miller Scholarship to GVSU	OPENS NOV. 1 APPLY TO GVSU. DEADLINE MARCH 1.	For SHS seniors who have been accepted into GVSU. Using your GVSU student network ID and password, log into myScholarships. Create your student profile. Apply and if you match the scholarship requirements, contact your school counselor. Must show need on the 2027-2028 FAFSA and have a school counselor's recommendation. Renewable scholarship (up to 3 additional years). See Mrs. Pfeffer for more information.	12
Compass Credit Union - Andrew Sharp Memorial Scholarship	April 2028 (Date TBD)	Must be a member of Compass Credit Union by Feb. 28. Must be a senior in high school in good standing.Must have a minimum 2.50 GPA. Applications must be postmarked by March 2, 2026 or can be dropped at the credit union by March 3.Scholarship Application	12
Choice One Bank	MARCH 2028 (Date TBD)	Write a 500-word or less essay, share one of your community service experiences and why you got involved, who benefited and how they benefited. ***12 scholarships*** For details, see Mrs. Pfeffer. http://choiceone.bank/scholarship	12
Sparta Lions Club and Walt Hill Memorial Scholarship	MARCH 22	Must be a senior and have a 3.0 GPA or better, demonstrate good citizenship and financial need. 2- $1000 Scholarships are given. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application. Application must be typed. Submit it to Mrs. Pfeffer prior to the due date.	12
Ruth VanEck Scholarship	MARCH 22	Sponsored by North Kent Eagles. Named in honor of Ruth VanEck who started North Kent Ambulance service. Scholarship initiated in memory of Corky Kik! Students with a 2.50 – 3.50 are encouraged to apply for this $1,000 scholarship. The selection committee prefers a senior who is pursuing a college degree in the medical field. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the office for an application.	12
Eary Scholarship	APRIL 12	Scholarships for students graduating with the highest GPA ($2,000) and second highest GPA ($1,000). Use for college tuition only.	12
Ethel Mary Lamoreaux Ebers Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 12	This very generous $5,000 scholarship is awarded to 1 female who demonstrates outstanding spirit. Ethelmary Lamoreaux was ahead of her times! To her, women could accomplish anything and go anywhere! She was a fantastic mother and wanted all of her children to experience college. She worked within the Sparta High School system for many years! See Mrs. Pfeffer	12

		in the guidance office for an application. Submit completed form to her prior to the due date.	
Sparta Alumni Scholarship	APRIL12	This is a $350 scholarship to GRCC. Must have taken English 12. Based on GPA and letters of recommendation. See Mrs. Pfeffer and submit the completed form prior to the deadline.	12
Sparta Community Works	APRIL 12	Based on scholarship, leadership, citizenship and letters of recommendation. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application and submit the completed form to her prior to the due date.	12
Sparta Education Foundation/Glenn Burgett Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 12	This is a $1000 scholarship for a Male or female athlete pursuing a degree or trade. Students must participate in athletics with outstanding citizenship involvement. Glenn Burgett was a Sparta graduate and an athlete in Football and Track. He was a teacher and Principal and very involved in his community! See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application. Complete and submit the form to her prior to the due date.	12
Sparta Education Foundation / Catherine Richmond - Health Sciences Scholarship	APRIL 12	This is a $1,000 scholarship for students interested in a health-related field. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application and submit the completed form to her prior to the due date.	12
Sparta Education Foundation / Maggie Brown Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 12	This is a $500 scholarship for students who are interested in pursuing a degree in the field of education. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application and submit the completed form to her prior to the due date.	12
Sparta Education Foundation / Debbie Tramper Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 12	This is a $1500 scholarship for students who are interested in pursuing a degree in a "Helping Field" such as teaching, nursing, social work, etc. Debbie Tramper was an employee of Sparta Area Schools for many years and filled many students and staff hearts with love and kindness	12
Sparta Education Foundation / Debbie Tramper Memorial Scholarship for a Trade	APRIL 12	There also is an additional $500 scholarship available to those students interested in pursuing a trade. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application.	12
Sparta Sports Boosters Scholarship	APRIL 12	This $500 scholarship is awarded to one male and one female senior athlete. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application.	12
"Friends of Roni" - Veronica (Horter) Mutchler Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 12	A $1000 scholarship for students touched directly or indirectly by cancer and who have an interest in the field of biology, and/or research science and ideally attending Kalamazoo College or a College/University.. Roni was a graduate of Sparta High School Class of 87. She graduated from Kalamazoo College and was a talented Research Scientist. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application.	12
Community West Credit Union	TBD	Several scholarships are available at Community West Credit Union. The Legacy Scholarship, Vern Hyde Scholarship and a laptop raffle!! Please take a look at the link provided!! https://www.communitywestcu.org/?s=scholarship	12
Rockford Sportsman's Club Scholarship	TBD	The Rockford Sportsman's Scholarship is available to any Kent County High School Senior or College student enrolled full-time in an accredited Michigan Post secondary institution. Students pursuing degrees in Environmental Protection, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries MGMT, Parks and Red., Park Management, Environmental Law or Law Enforcement are urged to apply. 3.0 GPA The Scholarship is for $2000!	

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

REGIONAL & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION	GRADE
FAFSA Estimator	ANYTIME (JAN. 1- DEC. 31)	Resource to help you understand options to pay for college. Provides basic information and will estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. For details, visit: https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/	9-12 and college students
College Board - BigFuture Scholarships	*VARIES (END OF EACH MONTH)	Earn entries in monthly drawings for $500 and $40,000 scholarships. Log in to your account and complete steps to earn entries to win. Scholarship drawings are January of sophomore year through February of your senior year. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships	10-12
Scholarship America (Scholarship Database)	VARIES (AUG. 1- DEC. 31)	This scholarship database supports over 13,000 scholarship and education assistance programs. Visit www.scholarshipamerica.org	9-12 and college students
Michigan College Alliance (MCA Scholarships)	VARIES (AUG. 1- DEC. 31)	To be eligible, students must be enrolled at one of the 9 Michigan Colleges Alliance member colleges or universities. Contact the financial aid office of the MCA member college or university you plan to attend for a scholarship application. For a list of participating colleges, visit: https://michigancolleges.org/scholarships/	12 grade and college students

Michigan Achievement Scholarship	AUG. 31 (OPENS DEC. 15)	Students who graduate from high school in Michigan in 2023 or later may be eligible for this new scholarship program. GPA and SAT scores are not considered. For details, visit https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid	12+
Michigan Student Aid	VARIES (AUG. 1- MAY 1)	State of Michigan site to help plan for college, as well as provide scholarship and grant information. For more information, go to: http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid	9 - 12
Career One Stop (Scholarship Database)	VARIES (JAN. 1- DEC. 31)	Search nearly 9,000 scholarships, fellowships, grants, and other financial aid award opportunities in this scholarship database. For details, visit https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx	9-12 and college students
College Board Scholarship Search Tool	VARIES (JAN. 1- DEC. 31)	Scholarship database through the College Board. For details, visit: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search	9 - 12
Fastweb (Scholarship Database)	VARIES (JAN. 1- DEC. 31)	The largest scholarship database for U.S. students, high school through college, to find free money to pay for school. Visit https://www.fastweb.com/	9 - 12+
Studentscholarships.org (Scholarship Database)	VARIES (JAN. 1- DEC. 31)	Scholarship database. Numerous scholarships ranging $500 to $10,000. For details, visit: www.studentscholarships.org	9 - 12+
Gates Millennium Scholarship	SEPTEMBER 15 (OPENS JULY 15)	Promotes academic excellence and provides an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential. Applicants must be eligible for a Pell Grant. Visit: https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship	12
Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship	SEPTEMBER 15 (OPENS AUG. 1)	Scholarships awarded to students facing/overcoming obstacles. Must pursue a technical education at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution. Visit https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/	12
Coca Cola Scholarship	SEPTEMBER 30 (OPENS AUG. 1)	There are 150 scholars who will be awarded $20,000. For details, visit: http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/	12
Dr. Pepper Scholarship Giveaway	SEPTEMBER 30	Up to 20 awards given for $100,000. For details, visit https://www.drpeppertuition.com Applicants must be at least 18 years old to apply.	Ages 18-24
AES Engineers Scholarship	OCTOBER 8	This $500 scholarship is for students pursuing higher education Visit: http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm for details.	12
Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)	OCT. 15 - MAY 1	The TIP program helps eligible Medicaid recipients who earn their high school diploma, with tuition assistance to pursue a qualifying certificate or 2-year degree program, as well as an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree. Contact your student's high school counselor (Mrs. Converse or Mr. Ray) for more information.	12
American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship	OCTOBER 31 (OPENS SEPT. 15)	Awards range from $1000 to $5000. Essay on "Why College is Important to Me." For details, visit: https://americancollegefoundation.org/college-planning-visionary-scholarship-details/	9 - 12
Ayn Rand Institute – *Atlas Shrugged* Essay Contest	OCTOBER 31	Essay contest on the book by Ayn Rand. Up to $10,000. Go to https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/atlas-shrugged/	12 and college students
Aquinas College Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	Seniors with 3.0+ GPA and outstanding leadership qualities are considered for $1,000 - $15,000 scholarships. Details at https://www.aquinas.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/index.html	12
Calvin University (formerly Calvin College) Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	This university offers many scholarship opportunities. For details, visit https://calvin.edu/offices-services/financial-aid/types/scholarships/	12
Central Michigan University (CMU) Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1 (SOME DEC. 1)	CMU has various scholarship opportunities. For details, visit https://www.cmich .edu/offices-departments/office-scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships	12
Cornerstone University Scholarships	NOV. 1 & JAN. 15	Offering a variety of scholarships to admitted students. For details, visit: https://www.cornerstone.edu/tuition-financial-aid/apply-for-aid/scholarships-grants/	12
Davenport University Scholarships	NOV. 1, DEC. 1, JAN 19 & MAR. 15	Davenport awards more than $15 million each year. For details, visit https://www.davenport.edu/financial-aid/scholarships	12
Eastern Michigan University Scholarships	NOV. 1 & DEC. 1 & MAR. 15	EMU offers various scholarships to their admitted students. Visit: https://www.emich.edu/finaid/types/scholarships/index.php	12
Ferris State University Scholarships	NOV. 1 & DEC. 1	Scholarship opportunities are offered to incoming freshmen. For details, visit: https://www.ferris.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarship/Incoming/incoming-freshmen.htm	12
Grand Valley State University Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1 (SOME DEC. 31)	For incoming GVSU students. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/scholarships	12
Michigan State University Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	MSU offers a variety of scholarships to admitted students. For details, visit: https://admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid/merit-based- aid/freshman/default.aspx	12
Michigan Tech University Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	The university offers various scholarships to their admitted students. For details, visit: https://www.mtu.edu/admissions/financial/scholarships/	12

Northern Michigan University Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	NMU offers a variety of scholarships and awards to admitted students who will be enrolled on campus. For details, visit: https://www.nmu.edu/financialaid/nmugrants	12
Oakland University Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	Oakland offers a variety of scholarships to admitted students who will be enrolled on campus. For details, visit: https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/available-financial-assistance/	12
Saginaw Valley State University Scholarships	NOV. 1 & DEC. 1	Scholarships for admitted students living on campus. Visit: http://www.svsu.edu/financialaid/typesoffinancialaid/scholarships/	12
University of Michigan Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	U of M offers a variety of scholarship opportunities. For details, visit: https://finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/undergraduate	12
Western Michigan University (WMU) Scholarships	NOVEMBER 1	WMU provides various scholarship opportunities. For details, visit: https://wmich.edu/admissions/scholarships/firstyearscholarships	12
Hispanic Heritage Award	NOVEMBER 1 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	This $3,500 award honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community. For more information, visit https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org	12
Prudential Emerging Visionaries Award	NOVEMBER 2 (OPENS SEPT. 7)	A financial award recognizing young people, ages 14 – 18, for their inspiring commitment to change. To apply and for details about awards up to $15,000, visit: https://www.prudential.com/links/about/emergingvisionaries	9 - 12
Central Michigan University (CMU) Centralis Scholarship	NOVEMBER 3	Students applying to CMU should apply if they have a 3.7+ GPA; top awards are for full tuition. For details, visit: https://www.cmich.edu/academics/honors-program/future-students/centralis-competition	12
Elk National Foundation – Most Valuable Student Scholarship	NOVEMBER 12	There are 500, four-year scholarships ranging $1,000-$12,500. Scholarships are for full-time students pursuing a 4-year degree. For details, visit: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm	12
LMCU/Hutt Scholarship	NOVEMBER 30 (OPENS OCT. 1)	Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) offers 15, $2,000. For details, visit https://www.lmcu.org/about/community-relations/hutt-scholarship/ **Topic**: "Influencers" aren't just online: people we know, experiences we've had, books, beliefs, quotes, and communities can all influence us. Tell us about someone or something that has had a lasting influence on you and your future plans.	12
Coolidge Scholarship	DECEMBER 1 (by 5 P.M.)	The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride (~$120,000), 4-year, academic scholarship. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2028. A complete description of the scholarship's criteria is available here. Visit coolidgescholars.org to access the scholarship application.	11
Hagan Scholarship	DECEMBER 1 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	A need-based ($60,000) merit scholarship that seniors can apply for if they have a 3.50 or better GPA. Free workshops, free Schwab Brokerage accounts, and free study abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. For details and the application, visit https://haganscholarships.org/application/.	12
MLK - Inherit the Dream Scholarship (Davenport University)	DECEMBER 1	This scholarship provides financial assistance to students who have a commitment to civic engagement and promise to contribute to advance Davenport's values of diversity, equity and inclusion. For details, visit https://www.davenport.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/MLK-inherit-the-dream#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20this%20scholarship,Martin%20Luther%20King%2C%20Jr.	12
Horatio Alger National Scholarships (for Juniors)	DEC. 1 - MAR. 1 (VARIES)	Offering 105, $25,000 scholarships. Be committed to completing a 4-year college degree. Demonstrate financial need ($55,000 or less family income). Maintain a 2.0 GPA or better. For details, visit https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/.	11
Horatio Alger National Scholarships (for Seniors)	DEC. 1 - FEB. 15 (VARIES)	The program assists students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives. Visit https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/ for more information.	12
Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Scholarship	DECEMBER 4 @ 4 P.M. (OPENS SEPT. 28)	If you have at least a 3.50 GPA and earned at least one varsity letter in an MHSAA sport, you are eligible to enter the scholars' competition for 2,000. For details, visit: http://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Students/Scholar-Athlete-Award	12
Burger King Scholarship	DECEMBER 15 (OPENS OCT. 15)	Burger King is committed to funding scholarships of $1,000 - $60,000 to qualified applicants. Students must have a 2.0 GPA or better to apply. For details, visit https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/login.php.	12
Equitable Essence Scholarship	DECEMBER 15 by 3 P.M. CST	This scholarship is for current high school seniors planning to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the U. S. for the entire upcoming 2027-2028 academic year. Seniors must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better. For additional details and the application, visit https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/equitableexcellence/#awards and follow the directions to apply to the scholarship.	12
AFSA (American Fire Sprinkler's Association)	DECEMBER 31 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	This contest offers the applicant an opportunity to earn a $2,000 scholarship. Visit https://www.afsascholarship.org/high-school-contest/	12

Fostering Futures Scholarship	DECEMBER 31	This scholarship is designed to assist former foster care students with upcoming college expenses (up to $3,000 per year / up to 4 years). Qualified students must complete an application annually during the open enrollment period. For details, visit: https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs.	12
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship	JANUARY 5 (OPENS OCT. 16)	For students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship with $10,000 (renewable scholarship). Visit	12
Live Más - Taco Bell Foundation Scholarship	JANUARY 6 (OPENS NOV. 1)	The **Live Más Scholarship** is designed for students **ages 16-26** who are pursuing higher education, preparing for the workforce, or using their passion to ignite change in their communities and beyond. Scholarships range from $5,000 - $25,000. For details, visit https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/	Ages 16 - 26 years old
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	JANUARY 10 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	This scholarship (up to $30,000) opportunity is for students who have financial need and aspire to earn a 4-year college degree in the U.S. For details and the application, visit https://jackierobinson.org/apply/	12
National FFA Scholarship Program (various scholarships)	JANUARY 11	Scholarships ($1,000-$5,000) support students' awareness of diverse career opportunities in agriculture, animal health and a variety of majors. For details, visit: https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/	12 and college students
John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest	JANUARY 12 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	Write an original essay demonstrating your understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*. For details, visit: https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest	9-12
NALS of West Michigan Scholarship	JANUARY 12	This $1,000 scholarship is for students pursuing a career in legal services. For details, visit https://www.nalsofmichigan.org/scholarship. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application.	12
Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship	JANUARY 15 (By 3 P.M. CST)	Seniors can earn up to $40,000 and internship opportunities with Amazon. Must have a 2.3 GPA or better, commitment to his/her studies and be in need of financial assistance. Must be planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university in the U.S. (or an accredited 2-year college with the intent to transfer to a 4-year institution) and be eligible to work in the U.S. for at least 2 years. Experience needed in computer science or tech and have taken computer science classes in high school, currently be enrolled in one computer science course or taken one through dual enrollment. Examples include: AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Computer Programming Computer Science Principles Java Programming PLTW Computer Science Essentials Must plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science or other computer science related field of study in one of the following majors: Cognitive Science Computer Engineering Computer Info. Science Computer Info. Systems Computer Programming Computer Science Data Science Electrical Engineering Informatics Information Technologies Math (Mathematics; Applied Math) Software Engineering Transportation Technology For additional details, visit https://start.scholarsapply.org and follow the directions to apply to the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship.	12
Penguin Random House Creative Writing Award	JANUARY 15 (By 3 P.M. CST)	Seniors can earn up to a $10,000 scholarship. Must be planning to enroll in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university or approved vocational-technical school for the Fall of 2026. For details about submitting an original literary essay, visit https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/penguinrandomhouse/.	12
University Club of Grand Rapids	JANUARY 16	This $1,000 scholarship assists students who express a strong desire to attend any college or accredited vocational school. For details, visit: https://universityclubgr.com/membership/scholarship-foundation/	12
Sí Se Puede César E. Chávez Scholarship (for Davenport University only)	JANUARY 19	May cover up to full tuition and routine fees after other financial awards are applied to recipients' Davenport student accounts. Students from migrant, farmworker or undocumented families are encouraged to apply. For details, visit https://www.davenport.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/Cesar-Chavez#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20this%20scholarship,during%20their%20time%20at%20Davenport.	12

Carl C. Yount Charitable Scholarship	JANUARY 20 (by 3 P.M. CST)	This $5,000 scholarship may be earned by a current high school senior or graduate, current college undergraduate or graduate level student. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university or vocational school for the entire 2026-2027 academic year and must be pursuing medical courses, orthopedics or research in orthopedic surgery and allied fields or pursuing theatrical arts or music. Create a profile for Scholarship America (https://start.scholarsapply.org) or sign in if you already have an account, and then follow the directions to apply for this scholarship.	12 and college students
The American Legion: Oratorical Scholarship	JANUARY 21	This $1000 to $25,000 scholarship is for the child or grandchild of a veteran who is planning to attend a Michigan college. For details, visit: https://michiganlegion.org/oratorical/	12
The American Legion: William D. Brewer Scholarship	JANUARY 22	This $500 scholarship is for the child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran planning to or currently attending any nationally accredited college or trade school. For details, visit: https://michiganlegion.org/wp-content/programs/2024/2024BrewerWilsonAppV.7.19.23.pdf?aa8385&aa8385	12 and college students
The American Legion: Guy M. Wilson Scholarship	JANUARY 22	A $500 scholarship for seniors planning to attend a nationally accredited college or trade school. Must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran. For details, visit: https://michiganlegion.org/wp-content/programs/2024/2024BrewerWilsonAppV.7.19.23.pdf?aa8385&aa8385	12
Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	JANUARY 31	Over 30 scholarships are available. For more information, visit https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/scholarship-faqs. Review all qualifications before applying.	12
Get to Scholarship	FEBRUARY 1 (OPENS OCT. 15)	Scholarship opportunity in memory of Benjamin Jones, former athlete and coach. Up to 16 renewable scholarship opportunities are awarded. For details, visit https://www.gettofoundation.org/scholarships#eWoRLq	12
Michelle Obama Award for Memoir	FEBRUARY 1 (OPENS OCT.)	This award grants one promising writer a $10,000 college scholarship and the opportunity to learn more about the publishing industry. For details, visit https://social-impact.penguinrandomhouse.com/our-awards/u-s-creative-writing-awards/	12
Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation (PMAEF)	FEBRUARY 1 (OPENS OCT. 1)	A $1,000 scholarship is offered to those seeking a career in manufacturing. A $500 scholarship is offered to apprentices for tools and supplies. For details and an application, visit: https://www.pma.org/foundation/educational-scholarships.asp	12
Elks Legacy Award	FEBRUARY 2	For any high school senior who is a child or grandchild of an Elk member. For more information, visit: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm	12
GRCC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Inherit the Dream" Scholarship	FEBRUARY 4	A $1000 award for students of Latino or African-American descent involved in community service and/or activities supporting diversity and inclusion. Visit https://www.grcc.edu/about-grcc/office-diversity-equity-inclusion/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration	12
HACER National Scholarship	FEBRUARY 6 (OPENS OCT. 1)	The McDonald's HACER National Scholarship Program is for Hispanic high school students. Each year, it awards 30 scholars ($5000 - $100,000) who intend to pursue an undergraduate degree at accredited institutions. Visit: https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html	11-12 and college students
MEA (Michigan Education Association) Scholarship	FEBRUARY 6	This is a $500 scholarship. Eligibility requirements: 2.0 GPA or above, parent/guardian is an MEA member, attend Michigan public college/university and completed application. Visit https://mea.org/mea-scholarship/	12
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	FEBRUARY 15 (OPENS JAN. 1)	The nation's leading Hispanic higher education fund, HSF works to address the barriers that keep many Latinos from earning a college degree. For details, visit:	12
Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship (Senior Application)	FEBRUARY 15 (OPENS DEC. 1)	For applicants pursuing a specific degree or attending a specific university. Family must earn $55,000 or less. Students must be able to write about their integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Visit: https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/	12
Journalism Education Association Scholarship	FEBRUARY 15	Scholarships range $850-$3,000. For applicants interested in journalism. Must submit a portfolio of journalistic skills. Visit: http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/journalist-of-the-year/	12
Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship	FEBRUARY 20	1 award of $10,000 and 2 awards of $5,000 will be given to graduating U.S. 12th graders who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. Visit https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm	12
Mary Jane Dockeray Scholarship	FEBRUARY 28 (OPENS NOV. 1)	This $1,500 award is in honor of Ms. Dockeray. Applicants must plan to pursue a career in science. For details, visit: https://www.gvsu.edu/rmsc/mary-jane-dockeray-scholarship-24.htm	12

American Chemical Society - ACS Scholars Award	MARCH 1 (OPENS DEC. 1)	This $2,500 is for African American, Native American and Hispanic/Latino students for pursuing a degree in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemical technology or another chemistry-related science. For more details, visit https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/acs-scholars/apply.html	12 and college students
Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship	MARCH 1	This $5,000 award for students related to a veteran who served in the military. Discharge papers necessary. Details: https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors-National-Presidents--Scholarship/	12
GRCC Foundation Scholarships	MARCH 1 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	Various scholarship opportunities at www.http://grcc.edu/financialaidscholarships/scholarshipopportunities	12
Grand Rapids Community Foundation Scholarships	MARCH 1 (OPENS DEC. 1)	Completing the application enters you in the selection process for over 70 scholarships. Applications are available 12/1 - 3/1. Visit https://www.grfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarships/general-application	12
Fred and Lena Meijer Scholarship	MARCH 1	There are 2, $10,000 and 100, $2,500 scholarships awarded. Applicants must be children of full or part-time Meijer team members or full or part-time Meijer team members.	12
Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship (Junior Application)	MARCH 1 (OPENS DEC. 1)	Up to $25,000 scholarship for a high school senior planning to pursue a bachelor's degree. For more details, visit: https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/	11
Rockford Sportsman's Club Scholarship	MARCH 1	The scholarship awards $2,000 to a student pursuing degrees in Environmental Protection, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries MGMT, Parks and Recreation, Park Management, Environmental Law and Public Policy, or Law Enforcement should apply. visit http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarship/	12
Compass Credit Union	MARCH 3 (OPENS NOV. 1)	Students must be a current member of the bank (as of Feb. 28). Applications may be picked up at the Sparta branch office or visit https://compasscu.com/scholarship/	12
Gerald R. Ford Student Essay Challenge	MARCH 3 (OPENS NOV. 1)	Essay contest: *Reflecting on a Life of Courage.* First place award of $1,000. For details, visit: https://geraldrfordfoundation.org/student-writing-challenge/	9 - 12
Rosa L. Parks Scholarship	MARCH 3 (OPENS JAN. 1)	This $2,000 scholarship is based on leadership, financial need and dedication to the civil rights principles of Rosa L. Parks. Visit www.rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org	12
Cancer Unwrapped Writing Contest	MARCH 4 (OPENS NOV. 13)	**Cancer Unwrapped Writing Contest (link)**that is open to high school students in grades 9-12. Winners will be awarded with $1,000. Direct questions to Mary Nicholas at **Mary@cancerpathways.org**.	9 - 12
American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Scholarships	MARCH 11 (OPENS OCT.)	Open to children of Foreign Service employees whose parents are members of the AFSA. Employees may be active-duty or retired. For details, visit https://afsa.org/afsa-scholarships	12
Courageous Persuaders Video Scholarship Competition	MARCH 11 (OPENS NOV. 1)	Make a 30-second long (or more) commercial, sharing a message about the dangers of underage drinking or dangers of texting while driving. Students can enter separate videos in both categories. Visit https://courageouspersuaders.com	9 - 12
Maggie Miller Scholarship	March 14 (OPENS JAN. 1)	Read, "The Life Story of Maggie Miller" and respond to an essay. High school counselor must submit your application. Visit: https://macac.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=262200&module_id=198504	12
Sandy Wilson KCEA Dependent Scholarship	MARCH 14	Parent must be a KCEA member. This $500 scholarship is based on scholarship, leadership and letters of recommendation. Fill out form: https://forms.gle/s7whirH2gwqnDyeE6	12
Horatio Alger Career & Tech Education Scholarships	MAR. 15 - JUNE 15 (VARIES)	The program assists students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives. Visit https://horatioalger.org/career-technical-education-scholarships/ for more information.	12
Community West Credit Union - Legacy Scholarship	MARCH 20	Must be a senior who is living in Allegan, Kent or Ottawa County. Does not need to be a member of this bank to earn the $2,000 scholarship. Funds may only be used for an undergraduate college/university, trade or vocational program. For additional details and the application, visit https://www.communitywestcu.org/scholarships/.	12 and college/trade school student
Community West Credit Union - Vern Hyde Scholarship	MARCH 20	Must be a senior who is a member of Community West Credit Union and living in Allegan, Kent or Ottawa County. Account verification is required after entry. If awarded the $3,000 scholarship, funds may only be used for an undergraduate college/university, trad, or vocational program. For additional details and the application, visit: https://www.communitywestcu.org/vern-hyde-scholarship/.	12 and college/trade school students
Kelsey's Law - Distracted Driving Awareness Scholarship	MARCH 23 (OPENS SEPT. 15)	Scholarships ranging from $500-$2,000. They are in honor of Kelsey Raffaele to inspire change in teens who drive distracted and help prevent car accidents. For details and the application, visit: https://www.michiganautolaw.com/scholarships/kelseys-law/#REG	11 - 12
Bridging the Dream Scholarship for High School Students	MARCH 25 (OPENS FEB. 5)	Seniors who are facing financial challenges may apply to win 1 of 25, $10,000 scholarships to help them attend college or a vocational-technical school. Visit https://www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream/	12

Mary Free Bed Minority Scholarship	MARCH 25	Scholarship offered for a student pursuing a medical-related degree. For addition details, visit: https://www.maryfreebed.com/careers/scholarships/	12
Agribusiness Talent Council scholarship	MARCH 28	**FFA** High School seniors and college students receive one of three $1,000 scholarships to support their education in agribusiness. Agribusiness is defined as: Animal Science, Horticulture or another agribusiness-related field and/or industry. https://www.wegrowmi.org/scholarship	12 and college students
Jim and Katherine Brown Scholarship	MARCH 31 (OPENS OCT.)	A $4,000+ scholarship for students who have been accepted to Michigan State University. See Mrs. Converse for the application and essay prompt.	12
AFA Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship	APRIL 1 (OPENS NOV. 6)	A $5,000 scholarship offered for seniors who have a family member affected by dementia. Write an essay (maximum 1500 words) or create a video (up to 4 minutes in mp4 or m4v format. Answer 3 questions when sharing their story: 1. How has Alzheimer's Disease impacted your life? 2. What have you learned about yourself, your family and your community from this experience? 3. What are your plans to bring awareness to Alzheimer's Disease in the future? For details, visit HERE.	12
Golden Apple Award and Scholarship (for prospective educators)	APRIL 1 (OPENS SEPT. 15)	For high school seniors, as well as college freshmen and sophomores, this scholarship program is a teacher preparation program supporting students who commit to earning an education degree, teaching license from a Michigan college or university and teach for 5 years in a school-of-need. Scholars receive up to $15,000 in financial assistance, extensive classroom teaching experience, academic and social-emotional support, job placement assistance and mentoring from Golden Apple's award-winning teaching faculty. For application details, visit: https://goldenapple-9672.app451.sites.451.io/	12+ freshmen & sophomore college students
Project Yellow Light Hunter Garner Scholarship	APRIL 1 (Radio competition deadline)	A $2,000 scholarship designed to bring about change. Create a PSA (Personal Service Announcement) to encourage friends to avoid distracted driving, specifically texting and driving. For details, visit: https://www.projectyellowlight.com	Ages 14-20
Sandy Wilson KCEA Dependent Scholarship	APRIL 9	A parent must be a KCEA member. This $500 scholarship is based on scholarship, leadership and letters of recommendation. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application.	12
Northern Rocket Football League, Inc. Scholarship	APRIL 18	Nine (9) scholarships of $300 will be awarded. Applicants must have participated in some NRFL activity (football player, cheerleader or volunteer referee). See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance.	12
UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program	APRIL 28	UCB will award 33, $5,000 scholarships to people living with epilepsy, their family members and caregivers pursuing higher education. For details, visit: https://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com	12
Ayn Rand Institute – *Anthem* Essay Contest	APRIL 28	Essay contest on the book by Ayn Rand. Up to $2,000. Go to https://aynrand.org/students/	8 - 12
Ayn Rand Institute – *Fountainhead* Essay Contest	APRIL 28	Essay contest on the book by Ayn Rand. Up to $2,000. Go to https://aynrand.org/students/	11 - 12
Rockford Sportsman's Club Scholarship	MAY 1	This $1,000 scholarship for a graduating senior. Based on GPA and interest in pursuing a career in natural resources. Go to: http://www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarship/	12
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program	JUNE 7 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	This $1,000 scholarship is for a student pursuing a college degree. For more details, visit www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm	11-12 and college students
Horatio Alger Career and Technical Scholarship	JUNE 15 (OPENS MARCH 15)	TBA	12
BigSun Scholarship	JUNE 19 (OPENS SEPT. 1)	This scholarship supports young athletes to succeed in their academic pursuits. For details, visit: www.bigsunathletics.com	12 and college students
Michigan Future Educator Stipend	JULY 15 (OPENS MAY 1)	This is a $9,600 stipend to support Michigan's hardworking student teachers as they continue their journey to being in the classroom full-time. For details, visit https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/-/media/Project/Websites/mistudentaid/Publications/Fact-Sheets/StipendFactSheet.pdf?rev=424cd3f7341943f78ae79b13e9f1843e&hash=32B86DCA3E35B4B43360EE5282AD926B	12 and college students
Education Dynamics Minority First Generation Scholarship	JULY 30 (OPENS MAR. 15)	Education Dynamics will award one $10,000 scholarship! It iis open to all minority applicants who are the first in their families to go to college, are at least 17 years of age and are pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree at an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning or a certificate program. For details, visit https://www.myscholarship.app/EDDY	12
Michigan Cerebral Palsy Attorneys "Achievements and Abilities" Scholarship	JULY 31	This $1,000 scholarship is to increase awareness about cerebral palsy (CP) and celebrate the achievements. Visit: https://www.michigancerebralpalsyattorneys.com/scholarship/	12 and college students

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