

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

2024-2025

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

1. Seniors, you may start working on your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) beginning December 1, 2024. 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 2025-2026 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://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/>.
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 <u>and</u> if you match the scholarship requirements , contact your school counselor. Must show need on the 2025-2026 FAFSA and have a school counselor's recommendation. Renewable scholarship (up to 3 additional years). See Mrs. Pfeffer for more information.	12
Sparta Lions Club Scholarship	MARCH 14	Must be a senior and have a 3.0 GPA or better, demonstrate good citizenship and financial need. See Mrs. Pfeffer for an application. Application must be <u>typed</u> . Submit it to Mrs. Pfeffer prior to the due date.	12
Choice One Bank	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. For details, go to https://ww2.choiceone.com/scholarship .	12
Ruth VanEck Scholarship	MARCH 28	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 for an application.	12
Sparta Alumni Scholarship	APRIL 18	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 18	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 / Catherine Richmond Health Sciences Scholarship	APRIL 18	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

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Sparta Education Foundation / Maggie Brown Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 18	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
Ethel Mary Ebers Scholarship	APRIL 18	This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to 1 female who demonstrates outstanding spirit. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application. Submit completed form to her prior to the due date.	12
Sparta Education Foundation / Debbie Trampler Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 18	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. 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 Education Foundation / Debbie Trampler Memorial Scholarship for a Trade			
Sparta Sports Boosters Scholarship	APRIL 18	This \$500 scholarship is awarded to one male and one female senior athlete. See Mrs. Pfeffer in the guidance office for an application.	12
Eary Scholarship	Senior Awards Ceremony (May)	Scholarships for students graduating with the highest GPA (\$2,000) and second highest GPA (\$1,000). Use for college tuition only.	12
"Friends of Roni" - Veronica (Horter) Mutchler Memorial Scholarship	APRIL 18	This is a 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

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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FAFSA4caster	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
Fostering Futures Scholarship	AUGUST 1	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. The application can be completed at michigan.gov/missg .	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 14 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+

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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
Burger King Scholarship	SEPTEMBER 30	Your local Burger King franchise is committed to funding scholarships of \$1,000 to qualified applicants. Visit https://www.burgerkingscholarship.com/	12
Sallie Mae Scholarship	SEPTEMBER 30	A \$2,000 scholarship for juniors or seniors who plan to go to an accredited college in the U.S. Also for current college students.	11-12+
Coca Cola Scholarship	OCTOBER 2 (OPENS AUG. 1)	There are 150 scholars who will be awarded \$20,000. For details, visit: http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/	12
AES Engineers Scholarship	OCTOBER 8	This \$500 scholarship is for students pursuing higher education Visit: http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm for details.	12
Dr. Pepper Scholarship Giveaway	OCTOBER 11	Up to 20 awards given for \$100,000. For details, visit https://www.drpeppertuition.com	Ages 18-24
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. Schanski) for more information.	12
Central Michigan University (CMU) Centralis Scholarship	OCTOBER 31	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/centralis-competition	12
Tobacco-Free Life Award	OCTOBER 31	This \$2,000 scholarship is for students committed to preventing the suffering and death caused by smoking. If you share this vision, visit: https://tobaccofreelife.org/scholarship/	9-12 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/undergraduate/costs-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/	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

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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
Prudential Emerging Visionaries Award	NOVEMBER 2	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
Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation (PMAEF)	NOVEMBER 3 (@ 11:55 p.m.)	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
Ayn Rand Institute – Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest	NOVEMBER 6	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
Opportunity for Black Women Scholarship	NOVEMBER 10	This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a black woman pursuing any field of study. For details, visit: https://bold.org/scholarships/opportunity-for-black-women-scholarship/	12 and college students
Elk National Foundation – Most Valuable Student Scholarship	NOVEMBER 13	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
Hispanic Heritage Award	NOVEMBER 13	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
GRCC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Inherit the Dream” Scholarship	NOVEMBER 15	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-ir-celebration	12
American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship	DECEMBER 1 (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
Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Scholarship	DECEMBER 1 @ 4 p.m.	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
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	DEC. 1 - MAR. 15 (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 State Scholarships	DEC. 1 - MAR. 15 (VARIES)	The program assists students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives. Visit https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/ for more information.	12
Coolidge Scholarship	DEC. 11 (@ 12 p.m.)	The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride (~\$120,000), 4-year, academic scholarship that recipients may use for undergraduate study at any U.S. accredited college or university. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2026 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply. Academic excellence is the primary criteria considered. Secondary criteria includes an interest in public policy and an appreciation of the values President Coolidge championed. Successful candidates will also demonstrate humility and have a record of genuine service to their communities. A complete description of the scholarship's criteria is available here . Visit coolidgescholars.org to access the scholarship application.	11
Lawrence Technological University Scholarships	VARIES (JAN. 1 - MAR. 15)	Merit-based scholarship opportunities at Lawrence Technological University. For more details: https://www.ltu.edu/futurestudents/scholarshipopportunities.asp	12
AFSA (American Fire Sprinkler's Association)	JANUARY 1 (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

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 www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFscholarships.aspx	12
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 <i>Profiles in Courage</i> . For details, visit: https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest	9-12
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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
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
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	12
Hutt Scholarship	JANUARY 31 (OPENS OCT.)	Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) offers 15, \$2,000. For details, visit https://www.lmcu.org/about/communityrelations/huttscholarship	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
Elks Legacy Award	FEBRUARY 5	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
HACER National Scholarship	FEBRUARY 5 (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 12	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: www.hsf.net	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
Groth Associates Back and Better Scholarship	FEBRUARY 28	The scholarship is open to any high school senior, vocational student, college student, or graduate student who is a legal resident of the U.S. For details, visit: https://getgroth.com/2023-back-and-better-scholarship/	12 and college students
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
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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. https://meijerscholarship.egrant.net/login.aspx?PIID=147&OID=107	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: <i>Reflecting on a Life of Courage</i> . First place award of \$1,000. For details, visit: https://geraldfordfoundation.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
Horatio Alger State Scholarship	MARCH 15 (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://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/	11
Horatio Alger Targeted Scholarships	MARCH 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://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/	12 and college students
Vern Hyde Scholarship	MARCH 22 (OPENS JAN. 1)	A scholarship designed to acknowledge and reward efforts in leadership, volunteerism, and community involvement. For details, visit: https://www.communitywestcu.org/vern-hyde-scholarship-application/	12 and college 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/kelsevs-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
Sandy Wilson KCEA Dependent Scholarship	MARCH 28	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
Jim and Katherine Brown Scholarship	MARCH 31 (OPENS OCT.)	A \$3,000 scholarship for students who have been accepted to Michigan State University. See Mrs. Pfeffer 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
REGIONAL & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION	GRADE
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
Maggie Miller Scholarship	JUNE 1 (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
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
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 is 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

