



Weekly Agenda

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Site Meeting Locations/ Google Classroom Codes		
Monday Sites	Wednesday Sites	Thursday Sites
Sherwood (4jkypa6) Arena Stage (7dbbcba) The Temple (je6istao) Monday Site Cancelled This Week Due the Inclement Weather	SHAW Library (un7qupd) Beacon House (sswnpzv) CB on M Street (eqbxnqy)	MLK Library (tmaq5vw) Catholic University (6enijtx3) Walker Memorial (pepp7l4)
Site Start Times		
Sites Starting at 5:30 pm 5:30 - 5:45 pm: Site Opening 5:45 - 6:00 pm: Artist of the Week & Journaling 6:00 - 7:15 pm: Mentoring Activities (CB Pair Packet - for all pairs) 7:10 - 7:25 pm: Student News & Partner Sharing 7:25 - 7:30 pm: Closing Reminders	Sites Starting at 6:00 pm 6:00 - 6:15 pm: Site Opening 6:15 - 6:30 pm: Artist of the Week & Journaling 6:30 - 7:45 pm: Mentoring Activities (CB Pair Packet - for all pairs) 7:45 - 7:55 pm: Student News & Partner Sharing 7:55 - 8:00 pm: Closing Reminders	Sites Starting at 6:30 pm 6:30 - 6:45 pm: Site Opening 6:45 - 7:00 pm: Artist of the Week & Journaling 7:00 - 8:10 pm: Mentoring Activities (CB Pair Packet - for all pairs) 8:10 - 8:25 pm: Student News & Partner Sharing 8:25 - 8:30 pm: Closing Reminders

COLLEGE BOUND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

College Bound Shout Out: Shout out to the **Beacon House** site for having the highest attendance last week!

Arena Stage	Sherwood	The Temple	Shaw	CB on M	Beacon House	MLK	Catholic University	Walker Memorial
N/A	N/A	N/A	64%	76%	88%	68%	65%	73%

College Bound Scholarship: The College Bound Scholarship has opened! To apply for this College Bound-exclusive scholarship, click the [link in the agenda](#), or visit the [College Bound website](#). The College Bound Scholarship is open to high school seniors in the Academic Mentoring Program. For more information, seniors should check their College Bound folder on Google Drive or reach out to a staff member. **Applications will close on March 10th.**

Spring SAT PREP: Deloitte and College Bound are sponsoring an 8-week SAT prep course. In this class, students will learn test-taking strategies to conquer the SAT reading, writing, and math sections. Registration for all 8 weeks is \$25. If you have already taken the group course, you can sign up for the one on one tutoring at no cost. The course will begin Tuesday, February 17th. To register, please visit the link in the agenda.

Site Ambassador Elections: College Bound's annual site ambassador elections will take place the week of February 2nd at site! Any student interested in running should prepare a speech to give during site about why they should be site ambassador. For more information about being a site ambassador, please click on the link to attend the **interest meeting this Tuesday, January 27th from 5:30- 7:00 pm.**

Junior Retreat: Our Junior program will begin with a weekend retreat to orient all junior students, mentors and parents. The retreat will now take place on **Saturday, February 7th (updated), 2026 at the Westminster Church.** The event is being held in-person. Students and mentors will learn about the resources available to them in the preparation for college. The event is mandatory for all juniors, so please let a College Bound staff member know if you will not be able to attend.

Career Night Interest Form (Mentors): Career Night 2026 is rapidly approaching, and we wanted to gauge your availability to participate in this upcoming event. Please fill out this form if you are interested in attending our virtual Career Night as a volunteer. Career Night will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 6-8 pm. Hope to see you there!

Radiant and Ready: Unleash Your Inner Beauty: Led by Coach and former CB mentor Patrice Vailes-Macarie, this empowering four-part series helps young ladies explore the connection between inner beauty, confidence, and personal style. Through conversations and activities focused on self-worth, mindset, and authenticity, participants will learn to embrace their uniqueness and present themselves with confidence and grace.

We would like for more young ladies to show interest before we resume sessions. The program will meet twice a month on Saturdays, which started on November 8th from 10:00am - 11:00am. **Attendance for these sessions have been low.** Any young lady interested in joining the conversations is encouraged to complete the interest form linked [HERE](#) in the agenda. Community Service hours will be granted to all ladies in attendance.



STEM In Your Hood: STEM in your Hood is Back! It continues from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. It is being held on Mondays and Wednesdays in person at the College Bound Office. STEM in your Hood is open to ALL students in grades 5-12. If you need assistance with your homework, to improve in a class, or would like additional enrichment while learning about opportunities in STEM, please be sure to join a session! Check the agenda for links and instructions on how to join!

Writing Tutoring: College Bound offers extra support for students seeking to improve their writing grades. Have an essay due and not sure where to start? Need an extra set of eyes to review your work? Go to the agenda to email our writing tutor and schedule a meeting! ([Click here to send email](#))

JOURNAL WRITING PROMPT:

"I take a stand when I _____."

****NOTE: Journal writing is NOT optional for students NOR mentors. You should write a minimum of FIVE complete sentences (not bullet points). You may freely write or choose another topic if the weekly journal topic does not appeal to you. Students and mentors, please remember to share your journal entries with each other upon completion.***

ARTIST OF THE WEEK:

Buena Vista Social Club



Buena Vista Social Club is a group of Cuban musicians who came together in the 1990s to share traditional Cuban music with the world. Many of the artists were older musicians who had been overlooked, despite being extremely talented. Their music blends styles like son, jazz, and Afro-Cuban rhythms, creating songs that celebrate culture, history, and community. Son music (often called son cubano) is a traditional style of music from Cuba that blends African rhythms with Spanish melodies and instruments.

Through a successful album and documentary, Buena Vista Social Club helped bring global attention to Cuban music and the stories of the people behind it. The story of Buena Vista Social Club shows the power of culture, creativity, and perseverance. Many of the musicians grew up in working-class neighborhoods and learned music through their communities, not fancy schools or expensive training. Their success proves that talent can come from anywhere and that your background does not limit your ability to be heard. It also shows the importance of honoring elders and learning from those who came before you.

Buena Vista Social Club represents the idea that music and art can be tools for identity and pride. Their work shows how staying connected to your roots can create opportunities and

build bridges across countries and cultures. Learning about their journey encourages young people to value their own cultural traditions, express themselves creatively, and see how local stories can have a global impact.

📺 Buena Vista Social Club - Chan Chan (Official HD Video) – A smooth, laid-back song with an easy rhythm and simple storytelling. It's a great introduction to Cuban son music and shows how music can paint pictures of everyday life.

📺 Buena Vista Social Club - El Cuarto De Tula (Official Video) – An energetic, fun song driven by strong percussion and group vocals. It feels like a celebration and shows the power of rhythm and community in music.

RESOURCES

Communication Tools Google Classroom and Gmail Instructions for College Bound Core Curriculum Take Stock in Children 8th & 9th Grade Curriculum Calendar 8th-9th Grade AMP Curriculum Weekly Breakdown 10th Grade Curriculum Calendar 11th Grade Curriculum Calendar College Board Workbook for 7th & 8th Graders: Student Edition & Partner Edition College Board Workbook for 9th & 10th Graders: Student Edition & Partner Edition College Board Workbook for 11th Graders: Student Edition & Partner Edition	Academic Supports Khan Academy (Various grades & subjects) Newsela (Various grades & subjects) Resources for Typing UNC Writing Center (Writing Tips & Tools) Georgia Tech - STEAM from a distance (Various grades) STEM - The Concord Consortium (Various grades) Reading & Writing Manual: Student Edition & Partner Edition
College & Career Senior Program Materials (Worksheets & Presentations & Fee Waivers) (View only, make a copy to edit) SCOIR (College Research) College Coaches (link) ACT Test Prep - ACT Academy	Contact Information: Site Contact Information - Click Here College Coaches - Click Here Writing Tutors - Katherine Coleman, katherine.s.coleman@gmail.com Jonah Gutterman, jg7236a@american.edu Dr. Julie Fisher, julie.fisher.mentors@collegebound.org Michael Kott, mhkott@gmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW! [Washington Auto Show](#): Join the buzz whenever it works for you! From live events to special showcases, the Washington DC Auto Show is packed with excitement every day it's open. With an Any Day Ticket, you have the flexibility to choose the day that fits your schedule—so you never miss a moment of the action. The Washington, D.C. Auto Show opens Friday, January 23, and runs through Sunday, February 1, 2026.

NEW! [Launch your Future: NASA OSTEM Internships Webinar](#): Join this NASA Internship webinar to explore internship opportunities, learn about eligibility and application requirements, and discover how to apply. Learn firsthand experiences from current interns and tips to make your application stand out. This session will guide you through everything you need to know to kickstart your NASA journey. Q&A included!

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 from 3-4 pm ET.

Registration will close on Monday February 2nd.

NEW! [NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation- Summer Immersion Experience in Biotech](#): This two-week residential program is for rising 11th- and 12th-grade high school students who are enthusiastic about pursuing a career in the biological sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, clinical research, biotechnology, math, engineering, or any STEM subject. Participants will engage in hands-on lab experiments, explore college and career readiness, connect with scientists, tour the Biotechnology company, and earn a \$1,000 stipend. There will be two sessions: June 14-26 / July 12-24, 2026

Deadline: March 20, 2026

NEW! [2026 Hampton University High School Day Trip](#): High School students interested in attending Hampton University or learning about the HBCU experience are invited to a day trip to campus! The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., invites DMV High School students in grades 9-12 to experience college life at the [annual Hampton University High School Day](#). It's time to Rock the Blue & White!!

Registration is \$100 and includes round-trip transportation to Hampton University and back to the DMV, lunch, and plenty of refreshments for the bus ride. Students should bring money for bookstore purchases and dinner. Several options are available on campus, including vegan options.

Registration closes at 11:59p on Sunday March 8th. Register now - space is limited!

NEW! [The Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program](#): The Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) is a locally funded initiative sponsored by the Department of Employment Services (DOES) that provides District youth ages 14 to 24 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences through subsidized placements in the private and government sectors. Mayor Bowser signed the Mayor's Order 2015-037 on January 14, 2015, to rename the program the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program in honor of former Mayor and MBSYEP founder Marion Barry.

Through MBSYEP, we strive to provide young people with the opportunity to earn money and gain meaningful work experience; learn and develop the skills, attitudes, and commitment necessary to succeed in today's world of work; gain exposure to various exciting career industries; and, interact with dynamic working professionals in a positive work environment.

NEW! [Career Ready Early Scholars Program](#): The Career Ready Early Scholars Program (CRESP) is a locally funded initiative sponsored by the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES). CRESP provides District scholars ages 9 to 13 with a chance to engage in comprehensive college and career exploration programming. The program provides a diverse and hands-on learning experience during the summer, gaining exposure to various topics such as financial literacy, college readiness, communications, healthcare, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Utility and Construction, entrepreneurship and more.

NEW! Annual DC/Maryland Black College Expo: 23rd Annual DC/Maryland Black College Expo™ GET Accepted on the SPOT! Scholarships!

Join us for the 23rd Annual DC/Maryland Black College Expo™ at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, USA. 10-3pm is the Expo. Come meet with colleges, including HBCUs. Students and College Transfer Students bring plenty of copies of your Transcript to Get Accepted on The Spot!

Attend informative seminars on Financial Aid and Scholarships. HOW to START a BUSINESS! The 411 for the Student Athlete, REAL TALK.... College vs High School. Whether you're a High School Student or a COLLEGE Transfer Student, or an underclassman, this expo is for the whole family. Even if you are an Adult Learner looking for opportunities, you can find it at the Black College Expo. For questions email us info@ncrfoundation.org.

Seniors: Become a Doctor or Dentist With Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College: Any high school seniors who are interested in becoming doctors or dentists, Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College have an amazing 7-year accelerated program that helps students earn both their B.S. and M.D./D.D.S. degrees faster.

It's part of the Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Institute and was created to increase representation for underrepresented physicians and dentists. The scholarship covers tuition, housing, and meals during undergrad at TSU!

While I'm so proud of the growing representation of Black women in medicine, there's been a stark decline in Black men entering the field. So if you know any young Black boys interested in medicine or dentistry, please make sure to share this opportunity with them! However, everyone is encouraged and welcome to apply!

Deadline: March 30, 2026

Apply here: https://tnstateu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_oesrq6x0Fz3m0Iu

Learn more: <https://www.tnstate.edu/watkins/scholarship.aspx>

NEW! Credit Worthy Scholarship Contest: This scholarship is for students between the ages of 13-19 who are US citizens/lawful permanent residents. Applicants must complete the Build: Credit Fundamentals course or at least three modules of a course offered in the Credit Worthy program presented by OneMain Financial and write an essay.

Deadline: **April 30, 2026**

Amount: \$1,000

GPA Requirement: N/A

INTERNSHIPS:

NEW! CURE Program Summer Internship at Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center: The Williams-Franklin Foundation in partnership with the CURE Program at the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) in Boston, MA is offering a full-time summer research training initiative for undergraduate students interested in a career in science. Students will learn about and participate in scientific research while being mentored by DF/HCC faculty. Students will acquire scientific knowledge and technical skills, and increase their understanding of how to conduct biomedical cancer research. To be eligible, you must be a high school sophomore, junior or senior OR be a college freshman, sophomore, or junior. (NOTE: The website will say that you must be a MA Student in order to be accepted. College Bound students have received an exception to this requirement). If accepted, students would receive airfare, housing, and meals included in the program. **Applications are due February 6, 2026. The Program will start June 18, 2025 for High-Schoolers.**

NEW! NASA Internship: The NASA Internship is available to high school through graduate-level students attending full-time accredited programs appropriate to the NASA internship. You must be a U.S. citizen, majoring in a wide variety of majors ranging from business to science and engineering to be considered for this internship. College-level interns must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. You

will engage in scientific or engineering research, development, and operations activities as an intern. In addition, there are non-technical internship opportunities to engage in professional activities that support NASA's business and administrative processes. For More information, [CLICK HERE](#). **Applications are due February 27, 2026. The Program will start June 18, 2025 for High-Schoolers.**

Urban Alliance - Greater DC: The Urban Alliance High School Internship Program is a paid nine-month program for high school seniors that includes professional development training, paid internships, and one-on-one support.

Advance Internship Program (AIP) - DCPS/OSSE: OSSE's Advanced Internship Program (AIP) is an opportunity for Career and Technical Education (CTE) students to participate in paid and credit-bearing internships aligned with their CTE program of study during the school year. Through AIP, students can gain valuable real-world work experience, receive professional mentorship, and are supported to develop transferable workplace skills.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

P.E.O. Sisterhood District of Columbia Chapter Educational Recognition Award (ERA) Scholarship: The District of Columbia Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood (Philanthropic Educational Organization) is proud to support women's education through our local scholarship program, the Educational Recognition Award. The Educational Recognition Award was established in 1986 to provide a one-time scholarship to promising women who are college-bound high school seniors. Applicants must be D.C. residents who attend a D.C. public high school or charter school.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is an international organization committed to providing educational opportunities for women. For this purpose, we provide loans and award grants for women's education. We have given this award to some exceptional applicants in the past and look forward to assisting additional students from our community.

Deadline: **January 26, 2026** Amount: Varies GPA Requirement: 2.5

NEW! The Federal City Alumnae Chapter Scholarships: The FCAC Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to African-American, District of Columbia high school (public, private, or charter) students in the pursuit of a post-secondary education. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic excellence, leadership, and community service.

The following scholarships benefit students who have graduated from high school per the criteria. Here is the link to access the scholarship application for the following scholarships:

<https://form.jotform.com/251972396382165>

- **The Torch of Wisdom Scholarship**
- **The Renewable Heritage Scholarship**

The following scholarships benefit students who are attending a DC public, private or charter high school per the criteria. Here is the link to access the scholarship application for the following scholarships:

<https://form.jotform.com/251971500534150>

- **The Pearl Scholarship**
- **The Heritage Scholarship**
- **The Aspiring Scholarship (Delta GEMS or FCAC High School Program Participant)**
- **The Presidential Scholarship**
- **The Rising Scholar Scholarship**

Applications are now open and will be due at 11:59 PM on Thursday, January 29.

Join The FCAC Scholarship Committee at the "[How to Apply](#)" webinar on Monday, November 17, at 6:30 PM, to learn best practices when applying for the 2026 FCAC Scholarship.

Deadline: **January 29, 2026** Amount: Varies GPA Requirement: 2.5

Economic Club Scholarship: Graduating DCPS high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and plan to attend a college or university in the U.S. in the fall of 2025 are eligible to apply. Applicants should demonstrate college preparedness as well as interest and participation in extracurricular activities and community service. Scholarships are awarded primarily for academic achievement. Recipients access mentoring, internships, networking, and fellowship funding in addition to the \$20,000 scholarship.

Deadline: **January 31, 2026** Amount: \$20,000 (over four years) GPA Requirement: 2.5

Dr. E.B. Henderson Essay Contest: This contest is sponsored by the Washington Wizards to celebrate and honor Dr. E.B. Henderson's legacy, invites high school seniors in the DMV area to apply. Applicants must write an essay between 350 to 500 words discussing how personal interests (art, sports, coding, music, etc.) can be used to educate and uplift others in your community.

Deadline: **February 1, 2026** Amount: Up to \$5,000 (Multiple awards) GPA Requirement: N/A

Doris B. Lowrie Scholarship: The Doris B. Lowrie Scholarship was established by Soror Doris B. Lowrie to assist a student who is attending a District of Columbia school (i.e. public/charter/college/university) and is pursuing studies for a career as a registered nurse. To this end, this scholarship will be awarded by a designee of Alpha Chapter, Incorporated, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated. The completed application, along with all supporting documents, should be submitted electronically to <https://form.jotform.com/252987609572170>. Please be aware that the applicant selected to receive the scholarship must be available to attend the scholarship luncheon in order to receive the scholarship funds.

Deadline: **February 22, 2026** Amount: Varies GPA Requirement: 2.8

2026 OLA Charitable Foundation Scholarship Application: The OLA Charitable Foundation High School Senior Leadership and Scholarship Award is awarded to a high school senior attending school in Washington, DC. The high school senior must demonstrate a sincere commitment to academic success, leadership development, and community service. He or she must exemplify good character and a willingness to help others in need. All applicants must submit a 500-word essay that highlights their commitment to academic success, leadership, and community service. It is expected that the scholarship be applied toward tuition, room, board, or books. The scholarship check will be made payable to the institution upon commencement of the upcoming Fall 2026 semester. Financial need will be taken into consideration. Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and candidates should be prepared to sit for a short interview and provide proof of GPA, if they are selected as a finalist. Award: \$1,000.

Deadline: **February 27, 2026** Amount: \$1,000 GPA Requirement: 3.0

Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Scholarship Program: The Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Scholarship is open to all high school seniors (graduating or completing their program in the 2025-2026 academic year) currently enrolled in a Washington, D.C. or surrounding metro area high school; who are accepted at an accredited U.S. college for the 2026 – 2027 school year or other educational program. The student must be on track to graduate or complete their high school program, be in good standing, and exhibit behavior that permits them to attend school events such as prom and graduation.

Deadline: **February 27, 2026** Amount: \$500 GPA Requirement: N/A

DC Student Leader Awards: Hosted annually for nearly 30 years by the Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C., the DC Student Leader Awards is a prestigious program that celebrates local high school students' exceptional achievements and leadership. All high school seniors are encouraged to apply, including those with nontraditional backgrounds and those who would be first-generation college students. And all future educational pathways are considered for part of over \$70,000 in scholarship awards!

All applications require a letter of recommendation, FAFSA/financial data, and an essay, among other information - so it's important to start your application early! All submissions are due by Sunday, March 8th at 11:59 pm ET.

Deadline: **March 8, 2026** Amount: \$1,000- \$20,000 GPA Requirement: N/A

The Alpha Omega Chapter Academic Achievement Scholarship 2026: The Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., recognized the importance of the intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. As such, they made scholarship, the foremost of the Fraternity's four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Scholarship is an integral and deep-rooted component of this organization. Every member, chapter, and district of the Fraternity is dedicated to scholarship.

In Washington, DC, the Alpha Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. aims to help high school males by providing financial assistance for their pursuit of a college education/degree. Each year, the Chapter awards over \$20,000 in scholarships. The application for the 2026 scholarship awards is now open! Scholarship Applications Are Now Open! Applicants must be male graduating seniors, attend high school (i.e., charter, Independent, parochial, private, or public) in Washington, DC, and intend to enroll full-time in a degree-granting program at a college or university.

Deadline: **April 7, 2026** Amount: \$4,000- \$5,000 GPA Requirement: N/A

Marjay D. Anderson Trailblazer Scholarship: The Marjay D. Anderson Trailblazer Scholarship (MDATS) is awarded annually to a graduating female high school senior entering an accredited U.S. college or university full-time for training in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) career in the fall of the year. The applicant must be a US citizen or lawful permanent resident and a permanent resident of the Washington, District of Columbia area (including neighboring Maryland and Virginia). The student must attend a college or university in the United States. Awards may only be used for undergraduate study and are limited to those seeking a first bachelor's degree.

Deadline: **April 15, 2026** Amount: \$5,000 GPA Requirement: 3.0

Ms. G's Class Acts/Fleet Scholarship: Applications are available January 11, 2026, for submission. Ms. G's Class Acts will grant advocates for change with a Class Acts Care Package as well as a \$50 gift card. ONE applicant will receive a \$500 Fleet Scholarship. The world will always be in need of people who are willing to be bold as well as outspoken. As global leaders within our community, we must be willing to impart reform through community outreach.

****Important Note**** You are developing a community service/volunteer project, NOT explaining the importance of community service

Deadline: **April 20, 2026** Amount: \$500 GPA Requirement: N/A

DMV Tuition Assistance (Bay Atlantic University) (Seniors)

Description: Bay Atlantic University believes in high-quality, affordable education and wants to be part of the solution towards debt-free education. This tuition assistance is earned by submitting an additional scholarship essay with your application, which is then reviewed/verified by the Scholarship Committee.

Deadline: **April 30, 2026.** Amount: At most 60% or more of Tuition. GPA Requirement: N/A

National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y): The U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) is a merit-based scholarship program for U.S. high school students to study languages critical to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness. Students (grades 9-12) can spend a summer or academic year studying Arabic, Chinese, Korean, or Russian in one of the NSLI-Y

host locations (Morocco, Jordan, Taiwan, South Korea, Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan). The scholarship covers all participation costs and applicants do not have to have any prior language experience. Eligibility requirements include 1) applicants must be U.S. citizens (permanent residents are not eligible) 2) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher 3) be 15-18 years of age at the start of the program 4) must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of application.

Deadline: **November 11, 2026**

Amount: \$500

GPA Requirement: N/A

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS:

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1st! FAFSA® forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central time (CT) on June 30, 2026.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships: College Board Opportunity Scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$40,000, are awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action. This program is open to students regardless of their family income and citizenship status. Students don't have to write an essay, fill out an application, or have a specific GPA or test scores.

Amount: \$500-\$40,000

Start Your Career List: *February 28, 2026*

Start Your Scholarship List: *February 28, 2026*

Fidelity Scholars Program: The bachelor's program is open to under-resourced students ages 16-24 who are permanent residents of Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, New Hampshire Utah, and Texas.

Deadline: **January 29, 2026**

Amount: Varies

GPA Requirement: 3.0

NEW! FOSSI Scholarship: FOSSI (Future of STEM Scholars Initiative) Scholarship is a four-year scholarship that supports students who plan to major in a STEM field and attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Selected students can receive up to \$40,000 toward college costs, along with mentoring, leadership development, and internship opportunities with STEM industry partners. [See preferred majors](#)

Deadline: **January 31, 2026**

Amount: \$40,000 (over four years)

GPA Requirement: 3.0

ZNEF: HBCU Scholarship: This scholarship is available to 2 current full-time undergraduate or graduate HBCU students only, with an academic GPA of 3.0+ who demonstrate exemplary leadership experience (school and/or community setting) as documented by official transcripts, in letters of recommendation, and on the application. This scholarship is also available to high school seniors who will matriculate as a full time student into an accredited undergraduate degree granting program at an HBCU in the fall of the award year. The award is for full-time study for one academic year and is payable to the college or university.

Deadline: **February 1, 2026**

Amount: \$7,000

GPA Requirement: 3.0

ZNEF: Chairman's Scholarship: The ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship offers financial assistance to a female high school student to cover educational cost up to and not to exceed \$150,000 total. The student must demonstrate a moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining her educational goals.

Deadline: **February 1, 2026**

Amount: up to \$150,000

GPA Requirement: 3.0

Dell Scholars Program: This scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who participated in an [approved college readiness](#) program in grades 11 and 12. Applicants must be eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant in their first year of college and enroll full-time at an accredited higher education institution in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree in the fall directly following high school graduation.

Deadline: **February 15, 2026**

Amount: \$20,000

GPA Requirement: 2.4

NEW! Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Contest: Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Contest recognizes and rewards (with college scholarships) students who submit artwork for use on a greeting card.

Deadline: **February 15, 2026**

Amount: \$20,000

GPA Requirement: 2.4

NEW! Gordon A. Rich Scholarship: The Gordon A. Rich Scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors whose parent is or has been employed in the financial services industry. Students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply.

Deadline: **February 19, 2026**

Amount: \$15,000

GPA Requirement: 3.5

Animal Welfare Institute Scholarship: High school seniors in the United States are eligible to apply for this scholarship if they (1) have demonstrated a commitment to animal welfare through volunteer work and/or advocacy and (2) intend to pursue a career that will seek to reduce animal suffering and protect vulnerable species. Applicants will be required to submit a letter of recommendation from someone (not a family member) who is involved with or directly aware of efforts by the student to help protect animals. If selected as a finalist, the applicant will be required to supply confirmation of acceptance to a college or university prior to scholarship distribution.

Deadline: **March 15, 2026**

Amount: \$3,000

GPA Requirement: 2.4

Seniors: Become a Doctor or Dentist With Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College:

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Learn more: <https://www.tnstate.edu/watkins/scholarship.aspx>

Deadline: **March 30, 2026**

College JumpStart Show Grit Scholarship Application (10th - 12th graders): Rewards students who demonstrate grit and who continue to push themselves in spite of obstacles or challenges. Attending college is not an easy feat and takes years of commitment to achieve. This is your time to tell us what challenges you have faced and how you've demonstrated grit to get to where you are. (If this topic doesn't speak to you, you may also write about any topic of your choice.)

Personal Statement

Please answer ONE of the following questions in 250 words or less.

(1) What is a challenge or setback you have faced and what did you learn from the experience? -OR-

(2) Write about a time when "hard work" paid off. -OR-

(3) Write about the topic of your choice.

Deadline: **March 31, 2026**

Amount: \$1,000

GPA Requirement: N/A

College JumpStart Gratitude Scholarship Application (10th - 12th graders): Allows you to share your thanks for when someone has done something kind for you. Along your life's path, there have probably been people who have supported you or helped you. Now is the time to describe the help that they've provided and how it has shaped who you are. (If this topic doesn't speak to you, you may also write about any topic of your choice.)

Personal Statement

Please answer ONE of the following questions in 250 words or less.

- (1) Describe a time someone has done something for you and how this has helped you grow. -OR-
- (2) Write about something that you are thankful for and its significance in shaping who you are. -OR-
- (3) Write about the topic of your choice.

Deadline: **June 30, 2026** Amount: \$1,000 GPA Requirement: N/A

College JumpStart Gratitude Scholarship Application (10th - 12th graders): allows you to share a time that you have paid it forward. In other words, has there been a time that someone has done something kind for you and this has motivated you to do something kind for someone else? We'd love to hear about this experience and how it has affected you. (If this topic doesn't speak to you, you may also write about any topic of your choice.)

Personal Statement

Please answer ONE of the following questions in 250 words or less.

- (1) Reflect on a time that you've paid it forward and how it has affected you and what you've learned from the experience.

-OR-

- (2) Write about the topic of your choice.

Deadline: **September 30, 2026** Amount: \$1,000 GPA Requirement: N/A

LOCAL/NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 8-11TH GRADERS:

College JumpStart Show Grit Scholarship Application (10th - 12th graders): Rewards students who demonstrate grit and who continue to push themselves in spite of obstacles or challenges. Attending college is not an easy feat and takes years of commitment to achieve. This is your time to tell us what challenges you have faced and how you've demonstrated grit to get to where you are. (If this topic doesn't speak to you, you may also write about any topic of your choice.)

Personal Statement

Please answer ONE of the following questions in 250 words or less.

- (1) What is a challenge or setback you have faced and what did you learn from the experience? -OR-
- (2) Write about a time when "hard work" paid off. -OR-
- (3) Write about the topic of your choice.

Deadline: **March 31, 2026** Amount: \$1,000 GPA Requirement: N/A

National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y): The U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) is a merit-based scholarship program for U.S. high school students to study languages critical to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness. Students (grades 9-12) can spend a summer or academic year studying Arabic, Chinese, Korean, or Russian in one of the NSLI-Y host locations (Morocco, Jordan, Taiwan, South Korea, Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan). The scholarship covers all participation costs and applicants do not have to have any prior language experience. Eligibility requirements include 1) applicants must be U.S. citizens (permanent residents are not eligible) 2) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher 3) be 15-18 years of age at the start of the program 4) must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of application.

Deadline: **November 11, 2026** Amount: Fully funded scholarship program for high school study abroad.
GPA Requirement: 2.5

Additional Resources:

- For scholarships geared towards **DCPS** students, visit: <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/scholarships> and sign up for the DCPS Dollars4College Newsletter [here](#).
- Visit <https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/> for other scholarship opportunities.
- Sign up on <http://www.fastweb.com/> and create a profile to find scholarships for you.
- Sign up for <http://www.makemeafreshman.com>.
- Download the MOS, available on both Android (Google play) and iPhones (iTunes store).
- <https://www.collegeraptor.com/paying-for-college/articles/scholarships/7-scholarships-high-school-juniors/>

**Students in the event that you cannot make it to a STEM in Your Hood session, utilize Study Buddy, a free online tutoring website primarily for math and science; to sign up visit studdybuddyhelp.org.

Math Problems of the Week:

Question 1: Algebra

If $3x - 7 = 2(x + 5)$, what is the value of x ?

- A. 3
- B. 7
- C. 17
- D. 27

Question 2: Graph Question

A line is shown on a coordinate plane. The line passes through the points (2,5) and (6,17).

Which equation represents this line?

- A. $y = 3x - 1$
- B. $y = 4x - 3$
- C. $y = 2x + 1$
- D. $y = 6x - 7$

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Jr Day CB Scholarship Opens NO SITES TODAY	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Junior Retreat 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Partner Sharing Prompt: Think of a time when you joined a protest or spoke out about something that mattered to you—what action did you take, and what impact did it have?

Quote of the week:

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”
– *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

In honor of our theme this year, “Community” on 3!

