

Scholarship Opportunities for Mattoon High School Students

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Abbott and Fenner Scholarship:

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship-Students are required to submit an essay on the topic that appears on the page attached to this link:

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> .

Application: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Deadline is in June

Ada Mucklestone Memorial Scholarship: ** UPDATED APPLICATION

Applicants for this \$1,000 award shall be children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. (a) April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI); (b) December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 (WWII); (c) June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 (Korea); (d) February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 (Vietnam); (e) August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984 (Grenada & Lebanon); (f) December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (Panama Canal); (g) August 2, 1990 through cessation (Persian Gulf). APPLICANTS MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OR A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in March

American Legion Auxiliary:

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship: This scholarship provides funds to assist children of those who have served. This award will be presented to 15 students annually who excel in academics and volunteer in their communities.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must study only at a 4-year accredited college or university and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room and board. Candidates shall be daughters, stepdaughters, sons, stepsons, grandsons, step-grandsons, granddaughters, step-granddaughters, great-granddaughters, step-great granddaughters, great-grandsons, step-great grandsons of veterans who served in the armed forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years.

Application: www.alaforveterans.org

The Spirit of the Youth Scholarship Fund: This fund supports three separate scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs:

ALA Girls Nation Program Scholarships, Honorary National Junior President Scholarship, and Spirit of the Youth Scholarship for Junior Members. Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Eligibility Requirements: Review the website for requirements for each program.

Application: www.alaforveterans.org

Samsung American Legion Scholarship: Every year, \$300,000 in Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded to nearly 100 American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State participants. These scholarships are for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room and board.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be high school juniors who attend either American Legion Auxiliary Girls State or American Legion Boys State, be direct descendants of a U.S. wartime veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the periods of war designated as eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion, and direct descendants of Korean War veterans will receive special consideration.

Application: www.alaforveterans.org

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship: This scholarship program allows people who are part of the American Legion family to pursue a degree later in life or to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. The award is \$1,000 given annually per Auxiliary geographic division.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must (1) be a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, (2) have dues been paid for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made, and (3) be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.

Application: www.alaforveterans.org

Norma Williams Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2 installments (\$500), one at the beginning of first semester, and the other at the beginning of second semester pending passing grades and proof of enrollment.

Eligibility: The applicant shall be a female Junior or Senior Member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary, Lawrence Riddle Unit #88 of Mattoon, IL. Applicant should have a "C" average.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#) and must include three letters of recommendation, certified transcript, proof of financial need, and a biographical statement. Biographical statement should include educational

background, school and community activities, along with other pertinent information.

Deadline is April 1

Junior Members Scholarship: Applicants for this \$1,000 scholarship shall be/shall have been Junior members of the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary; said Junior to have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years, and must now hold a membership card for the year 2020. Junior members may be daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, or sisters of the veteran. Applicant must be in her senior year, or a graduate of an accredited high school, but not yet attended an institute of higher learning. THOSE PURSUING A NURSING CAREER ARE NOT ELIGIBLE, AND MUST APPLY TO OUR NURSES SCHOLARSHIP.

Applications: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline April 1

AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST-

The essay must be no more than 500 words in length. See detailed contest rules in the application and this year's essay topic that can be picked-up in the Student Services Office. There will be a small monetary award for 2 local winners, but 1st place at the next level is \$1200.00. Contest rules can be picked-up in Student Services.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Application and Essay must be turned in to Student Services by deadline.

American Legion Legacy Scholarship:

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is possible for children whose parents have been killed while serving the country. The amount of aid and number of awards depends upon the income derived from the trust.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must (1) a high school senior and (2) be a child, legally adopted child or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States Military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Application: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

American Legion Ruth Easton Scholarship Application-

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2 installments (\$500), one at the beginning of first semester, and the other at the beginning of second semester pending passing grades and proof of enrollment.

Eligibility: The applicant shall be a female in the Senior Class at Mattoon High School and/or a member of the American Legion Post #88 in good standing. She shall be a direct descendant of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Proof of veteran's eligibility is a DD214 form, or honorable discharge papers. Scholastic standing must be a "C" or above.

Applications: Application must include three letters of recommendation, certified transcript, proof of financial need, and a biographical statement. Biographical statement should include education background, school and community activities, along with other pertinent information. Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline April 1

AMVETS Scholarship Program:

For each scholarship listed, preference will be given to all applicants who are a child or grandchild of a Veteran. The deadline for the following applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Please mail them to: AMVETS Department of Illinois State Headquarters, 2200 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Applications:

<http://www.ilamvets.org/WhatWeDo/Programs/Scholarships/tabid/120/Default.aspx>

Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation:

One year \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

Eligibility Requirements: The Applicant must (1) be an Illinois high school senior and (2) must have taken the ACT or SAT.

Illinois AMVETS Sad Sacks Nursing:

(One year scholarship, amount to be determined.) Priorities will be given to dependents of a deceased or disabled veteran.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must (1) be an Illinois high school senior who has been accepted into a pre-approved nursing program (A copy of the acceptance letter must accompany the application) and (2) prove satisfactory in academic record, character, interest and activity record, and financial need.

Illinois AMVETS Junior ROTC:

One year \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

Eligibility Requirements: The Applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior
(2) have taken the ACT or SAT, and (3) Participate in the Junior ROTC program.

Illinois AMVETS Trade School Scholarship: One year, \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior which has been accepted in a pre-approved trade school program (a copy of an acceptance letter must accompany the application)

Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Memorial:

One year scholarship for \$500.00

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior, (2) a child or grandchild of a Veteran of the United States of America who served after September 15, 1940, and was Honorably Discharged or who is presently serving in the military and (3) have taken the ACT or SAT.

Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Warchild:

One year scholarship for \$500.00

Eligibility Requirements: The Applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior, (2) be a child of a deceased father or mother who was a Veteran of the United States of America who served after September 1940, and was Honorable Discharged. They need not be killed in action or died as a result of a service-connected disability, and (3) have taken the ACT or SAT.

The Arland D. Williams, Jr. Memorial Scholarship:

This scholarship was established to honor the late Mattoon native whose heroic actions saved lives in a 1982 plane crash. Questions about this scholarship can be addressed by contacting Audra Clodfelter at 217.342.4988

Qualifications: The scholarship will be awarded to a Mattoon High School graduate studying finance, banking, accounting, economics, or computer science.

Application: can be found at www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Scholarships and by filling out the "common application"

Deadline : February 28.

AXA Achievement Scholarship

If you are a high school senior, active in your community, have led a project that benefits others, or have overcome personal challenges, this scholarship might be for you. The selection committee is looking for seniors who have proved that they can lead others by starting something within their school or community. There are 11 scholarships earmarked for Illinois. Scholarships available in the amounts of \$2,500, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Application: Apply early at www.axa.com/achievers

Deadline is December

Barger Family Charitable Foundation:

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements include: applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon, Charleston, Cumberland or Neoga High School and must have been admitted to or attending an accredited college in the field of agriculture.

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

Beta Sigma Psi- Lutheran Male Scholarship

This is a scholarship application for a \$1,500 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Please complete all required fields. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. If you have any questions email UIUCscholarship@betasigmapsi.org.

Application:

<https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/> There are several applications for various Universities and a non college specific application.

Deadline: February or March depending on Scholarship applying for

Big Sun Athletics Scholarship:

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part we are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in.

Eligibility Requirements: All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.

Application: <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/>

Burgess/Osborne (Emily) Scholarship Fund:

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon High School and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

Birkey's Service Technician Scholarship:

We are currently accepting scholarship applications for the Case/New Holland technician training program through Parkland College. Birkey's has partnered with Parkland College to create a program designed specifically for the student pursuing a career as an agriculture or construction diesel technician. In addition to receiving top training and education through Parkland, Birkey's is offering tuition assistance of \$500 per semester the first year, \$1000 per semester the second year, paid internships at the dealer, paid uniforms, and \$6000 in tools. Contact Travis McClure at tmccclure@birkeys.com with questions.

Application: Pick up application in Student Services. Application, transcripts and reference letters should be sent to: Curt Carter - Birkey's Farm Store – 2102 W. Park Ct. – Champaign, IL 61821

Deadline : They only give out 10 scholarships total. Get application in as soon as possible.

Brockman Scholarship

The Brockman Scholarship is a merit based full scholarship that covers five years at Texas A&M University. The scholarship supports a four year undergraduate degree in designated areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics ("STEM") as well as a one-year Master of Science in Business degree at A&M's Mays Business School.

Application: Can be found at www.brockmanfoundation.org

Deadline is in September

CareeRx Club:

This Health Care Career Club sponsors activities that help students to explore career in health care.

Eligibility Requirements: Must join and attend 2 club meetings August-December. Open to students grades 9-12 who live in the Lake Land College District.

Application: Not available Spring 2021. Check again 2022!

Cargill Community Scholarship Program:

Each year, Cargill offers three, one-time scholarship opportunities, of \$1,000 for U.S. high school students.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be a high school senior living communities near Cargill operations in the U.S.

Application available:

<http://www.cargillglobalscholars.com/scholarship/#.UOxgauTAeSo>

CBAI Foundation for Community Banking 2019 Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the student who submits a paper based on the three application questions. Applications may only be submitted to one bank, or you will be disqualified. The application questions are as follows: The impact/importance of community banking to me or someone I know, the impact/importance of community banking to a business or agricultural concern in my area, and the impact/importance of community banking to my community in general.

Application Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in January

See Student Services for current year's details

Coca-Cola Scholars:

Since 1986, Coca Cola has been able to support over 1,400 college students per year, with scholarships totaling up to \$3.4 million.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be (1) a current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States, (2) U.S. citizens, (3) anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application, (4) planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution, and (5) carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Applicants may NOT be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies.

Application: www.coca-colascholars.org

Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships:

The Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation will be awarding scholarships this spring to students who plan to or are studying agriculture or a related academic field in college.

- Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation (CCFBF) Scholarship
- Ann Bareither Memorial Scholarship
- James & Evelyn Metzger Memorial Scholarship
- Jim Shrader Memorial Scholarship
- Lincoln & Iva (Hanna) Woodyard Memorial Scholarship
- Lori Oakley Memorial Scholarship
- Robert M. and Virginia C. Moore Scholarships
- Farmers Grain of Dorans Scholarship
- The first 6 scholarships require you to be a Coles County Farm Bureau member- or a child of a Coles County Farm Bureau member. The Moore Scholarships require the applicant to be a Coles County member

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident of Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

Application: For additional criteria information and an application, please contact the Coles County Farm Bureau at 217-345-3276.

Deadline is in March

Coles County Soil and Water Scholarship:

Applicant must be a high school senior planning on enrolling in a college, university, or vocational school as a full-time student in a field related to conservation of natural resources.

Application: must be completed and submitted to the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District Office by 4:00 pm on the due date. Visit their website for an application packet:

<http://www.colescountyswcd.org/education/scholarships/>

Deadline : In March

Coles Moultrie Electric Cooperative Scholarships:

Coles Moultrie is giving away six (6) \$500 scholarships to assist members or dependents with their college education. To qualify, an applicant must be either a Coles-Moultrie Electric Coop member or under 21 years of age and a legal dependent of a Coles-Moultrie member. The applicant must be enrolled in either a 2 or 4-year degree program at an accredited institution in Illinois. Applicant cannot have previously received a Coles- Moultrie scholarship. Coles Moultrie employees, directors, and any of their dependents are ineligible. Priority will be given to one applicant who is specializing in Electrical Engineering.

Applications can be viewed online at

<https://www.cmec.coop/community/educational-programs/>

Deadline is April 30

Daily (Elgin and Genevieve) Scholarship Fund: (Coles or Moultrie county students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education.

Eligibility Requirements include: applicants must (1) be enrolled in an agricultural field of study at either Lake Land College or the University of Illinois OR a music major at Millikin University in Decatur (2) a resident of either Coles or Moultrie county and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours)

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

Dole (Emily Oblinger) Scholarship Trust:

This scholarship is awarded to graduates attending the University of Illinois. The applicant must be in good academic standing and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a “C” average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

Applications: First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

Eastern Illinois University Scholarships:

EIU maintains a database of 500+ scholarships and is constantly growing and being updated. Please contact Christine Edwards at 217-581-7424 for applications or additional questions. You may also use **EIU Scholarship Search** or <http://eiu.edu/scholarships>

Note: EIU presidential scholarship is due in January

Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):

The Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) offers a scholarship for income eligible students.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must (1) meet CSBG income guidelines (2) attend an Illinois college or university during the fall semester (3) submit a letter of acceptance and fall schedule (4) have at least a “C” average (5) submit grades with application for proof of GPA (6) provide documentation of income as required (7) provide parent’s federal income tax return and (8) provide copies of all household Social Security cards.

Application: Available at your local county ERBA Outreach Office.

Exchange Club of Mattoon Scholarships-

Open to all Mattoon High School seniors. The scholarship is intended to assist with the cost of a program of higher education at either a 2 or 4-year institution only.

Scholarship applications must include a completed and signed application form, an essay, 2 letters of recommendation, and a current transcript.

Applications Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in April

First Mid Bank Scholarships

Only one application required

- Anna B. Welch- medical field
- Barger Family - agriculture
- Emily Burgess/Osborne and John and Daisy Mason- must be a graduate of Mattoon High School or obtained a GED from Lake Land college
- Myrna Johnson and Irene Storey Scholarship- Nursing field
- Elgin and Genevieve Daily- agriculture field at Lake Land or U of I
- J. Logan Gover Family- preference given to those currently in the workforce, nursing students, or agriculture students

Deadline In April

The First National Bank

Numerous scholarships available- one application

- Mattoon Chamber- attending traditional or vocational (essay required)
- Jacob and Clara Mae Stump- Mattoon graduates attending an Illinois public school
- Stephen Dexter and Emily Tipton Dole- graduate attending University of Illinois
- Florence Ramsey- High school graduate attending Illinois public school
- Fraternal Order of Eagles- must have a parent or grandparent in good standing with Mattoon Eagles
- Mattoon V.F.W Post #4325- must have a parent or grandparent in good standing with Mattoon Post #4325

Eligibility: General requirements of all bank scholarships: Maintain at least a “C “ average and be enrolled as a full time student in the fall.

Application: Pick up at The First National Bank

Deadline April 15

First Neighbor Bank Scholarship:

The First Neighbor Bank offers a \$500 scholarship to graduating high school seniors who aspire to continue their education at the college level.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be (1) a senior at Cumberland, Neoga, Casey, Mattoon, Charleston or Shiloh high school, (2) have good academic standing, (3) have school involvement (work experience may be considered) and (4) have a good citizenship/behavior.

Application: www.firstneighbor.com/scholarships/

Fraternal Order of Mattoon Eagles:

This scholarship is awarded to graduates in good standing from various high schools.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must: (1) be a son/daughter of a Fraternal Order of Eagles in good standing of three or more years, (2) be attending an Illinois tax supported University or college and (3) demonstrate financial need.

Application: First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

Golden Apple Scholarship:

Any strong academic student interested in becoming a teacher should apply for the Golden Apple scholarship. As a way of “giving back” Golden Apple winners must be willing to teach at a school of need for a few years after graduation.

Application: Interested students should go to goldenapple.org to learn more and apply.

Deadline : March 1

Gover (J. Logan) Family Scholarship Fund: (Coles County Students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements include: applicants must have attended a high school located in Coles County and graduated or have obtained a GED and may be part-time but must indicate hours. Preferences are given to: (1) those currently in the work force, (2) those in the nursing field (i.e. CNA, LPN, or RN) (3) those engaged in agriculture (4) those limited to vocational training/education and (5) students not seeking a 4-year degree.

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid Bank & Trust.

Graphic Communication Scholarships:

Scholarships for up to \$5,000 are available for students who are pursuing a career in graphic communications, technology or management at a technical school or college located within the U.S. Applicant must be a full time student, high school senior or high school graduate, and be able to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Application: Visit www.pgfsf.org to apply, or for more information.

Deadline: March 1

HALEY WILLIAMS LEGACY AWARD-

This is an award created in memory of Haley Williams- who lost her battle with mental illness in April of 2018. The \$200 award does not require receipts or an explanation of what the recipient will do with the money.

Qualifications: Qualified candidates will demonstrate Haley's spirit through interests she was passionate about and must themselves be fighting to overcome personal issues including (but not limited to): mental illness such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, personal self-concept issues etc.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is February 1

Hearst Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship program is in two parts, the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington D.C. and the Hearst Scholarship. Two students will be selected from Illinois to participate in the 50th Annual USSYP which is an all expense paid week in Washington D.C.. After participation, the delegates will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements: An applicant must (1) be a junior or senior in high school, (2) currently be serving in an elected or selected capacity in student government or a related organization, (3) be planning on taking government courses in college (4) be a permanent resident of the United States, (5) be currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Illinois and (6) have at least one parent or guardian who is a legal resident of Illinois.

Application: <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm>

HELENA ACRE HOME GROWN SCHOLARSHIP

The Helena Acre HomeGrown Scholarship is designed to encourage and support local families who share their goal of improving the agriculture industry. This scholarship program will award a \$1,000 scholarship to 60 high school seniors across the Midwest who will pursue a degree in agriculture or science.

Application: Apply online at www.helenahomegrown.com

Deadline in January. Winners notified in March

Hutton (Ann Hawkes) Memorial Scholarship:

The Washington Crossing Foundation offers a variety of national and regional college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for students planning a career in government service. Students who do not apply for specific scholarships are automatically considered in each category for which they qualify. Awards for those entering Armed Forces Colleges are eligible for one-year special awards.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be a high school senior, U.S. citizen, and planning a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government.

Application: www.gwcf.org

Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association Hospitality Scholarship:

This scholarship is offered to assist Illinois residents who have demonstrated a desire to make the hotel and hospitality industry a career. Awards range from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per academic year.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be (1) enrolled full time in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management program OR a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management program (2) a permanent resident in Illinois for at least six (6) months and (3) maintained a GPA of at least 2.5/4.0 or 3.5/5.0.

Application: <http://www.illinois-hotels.org/Scholarships>

The Illinois Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship: **UPDATED APPLICATION!!

Applicants need not be affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but must be a resident of Illinois and a citizen of the United States.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#) or online at www.ioof-il.org >Forms>Scholarship Application

Deadline : February 28

Illinois PTA (Lillian E. Glover) Scholarship:

Illinois PTA is offering two scholarships to graduating seniors planning to major in education. They are one-year, non-renewable awards, given to two students who are enrolling in a college or university in the FIELD OF EDUCATION or EDUCATION-RELATED DEGREE PROGRAM. First place will be awarded \$1,500 and second place \$1,000.

Eligibility requirements: The applicant must (1) must be a high school senior graduating from an Illinois public high school, (2) be in the upper 33% of class, (3) enrolling in a college or university in an education or education related degree program which may include: librarians, instructional media specialists, school nurses, school psychologists or social workers (all of which require certification from a State Board of Education).

Application: <https://illinoispta.org/scholarship/>

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation Scholarship:

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is awarding \$1,500 (\$750 for fall and \$750 for spring) to one full time student from each IRTA Foundation area to be used for educational expense.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program, reside and/or attend school in any state as long as the school attended maintains an accredited Teacher training program, must have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and furnish a copy of the university or college official transcript prior to receiving funds.

Application: www.irtaonline.org

Illinois Sheriffs Association Scholarship:

Each year the Illinois Sheriffs Association awards \$500 scholarships to each county. The number of awards varies based on membership and donations from each county.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be a permanent resident of Illinois and attend an Illinois college full time.

Application: www.ilsheriff.org

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW): A tuition waiver program for individuals pursuing initial certification in any area of special education as public, private, or parochial preschool, elementary, or secondary nonprofit school teachers in Illinois. The waiver exempts recipients from paying tuition and mandatory fees if they commit to begin teaching in the field of special education within 1 year of leaving college, and continue to teach at least 2 of the 5 years immediately following. If the teaching commitment is not fulfilled, recipients must repay a prorated amount, plus interest. Students scheduled to graduate from high school must have performed in the upper half of their high school graduating class; additionally, ACT and SAT scores are used in determining eligibility.

Application:

<http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/illinois-special-education-teacher-tuition-waiver-settw-program.html>

Kathryn G. Hansen Scholarship:

A \$500 scholarship is being awarded by the Secretariat in honor of Kathryn G. Hansen. Ms. Hansen was one of the founding members of the State Universities Civil Service System, and The Secretariat- an organization composed of employees in civil service classifications with qualifications that meet or exceed those of Office Support Associate. The scholarship is to be used for tuition, books, or other related educational expenses at any university within the State of Illinois.

Application: Available at:

<https://publish.illinois.edu/illinois-admin-professionals/secretariat-scholarship/about-the-scholarship/>

Deadline : March

Lakeview College of Nursing Scholarship:

The 'Next Generation of Caring Scholarship' has been established to provide financial assistance to an area high school student who wishes to pursue their bachelor of science in nursing degree at Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville, IL.

Qualifications: Applicants should be ranked in the top 50% of their high school class and be capable of meeting the Lakeview College of Nursing admission criteria.

Application: View Application on the Lakeview College Website:

<https://www.lakeviewcol.edu/scholarship>

Deadline : March 1

Mattoon High 12 Club:

Applicants must have a relative affiliated with the Masonic Lodge or an appended body. Students must have a B average if planning to attend college or a C average if attending a trade school.

Application not available yet

Deadline April 15

Mattoon Masonic Lodge #260 Scholarship:

Applicants for this award must have a relative with Masonic affiliation.

Application: not available yet

Deadline April 15

MATTOON ROTARY CLUB and SWEARINGEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP:

The Mattoon Rotary Club awards three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding graduates of Mattoon High school. Additionally, the Mattoon Rotary club will select the

recipient of the Swearingen Family scholarship for \$1,000 to a qualified student planning to attend Lake Land College. The Roy Sheppard and Alexander Family Rotary Scholarship will be awarded to two qualifying students attending the college of their choice. Each recipient can use the scholarships to meet educational expenses as deemed necessary.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in April

The Michael Allen Fuller Memorial Scholarship:

The Michael Allen Fuller Memorial Scholarship provides assistance for Mattoon High School seniors pursuing higher education. Scholarships are available to full-time students. See application for complete application requirements. Questions about this scholarship can be addressed by contacting Audra Clodfelter at 217.342.4988

Application: Applicant must go to www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Scholarships and complete online application, include 3 letters of reference, and a 500 word essay describing their character.

Deadline : In March

MEA Educational Scholarship:

The Mattoon Education Association (MEA) wishes to acknowledge those current seniors of Mattoon High School who wish to enter the teaching profession by awarding a one-year, one time scholarship. **If you are not planning on entering a teaching profession, you may still apply, however, you should be aware that preference will/may be given to candidates who plan on becoming teachers.

Application: can be found in the student services office of Mattoon High School.

Deadline is in March

Michael Hindman Teacher Education Scholarship:

This scholarship is available to any high school senior who is entering college with plans to pursue a career in education. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in the spring and paid when the student begins his/her student teaching assignment (within 3 to 5 years).

Applications: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is March 1

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship: A scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year for tuition, fees and room and board charges for students of African American/Black, Hispanic American, Native American, or Asian American origin who plan to become teachers. Recipients must sign a teaching commitment to teach (at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary, or secondary school with at least 30% minority enrollment) 1 year for each year assistance is received. If the

teaching commitment is not fulfilled, recipients must repay a prorated amount, plus interest. Enrollment requirements include: must be at least half time at the undergraduate or graduate level and attending an Illinois public, private 2-4 year college or university, or hospital school.

Application:

<http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/minority-teachers-of-illinois-mti-scholarship-program.html>

Jim Koester Memorial Scholarship:

Jim Koester was a young farmer from Watseka, Illinois who met a very untimely death in a farming accident. He truly loved farming with his father and grandfather. Jim had just bought his first farm prior to his death. This award is for High School Seniors who are going to study in the field of agriculture.

For additional information: call 1-800-879-2297.

Johnson (Myrna) Scholarship Fund: (Mattoon Students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must: (1) be a graduate of Mattoon High School, (2) enrolled in a nursing field of study and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship:

A \$1000 scholarship awarded to a Senior student who is furthering his or her education by attending college, university or trade school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolling as a full time student in an accredited college, university or trade school, minimum of 3.0/4.0 or 3.75/5.0 GPA, and be a 4-H member.

Application: Not available yet

Application must be postmarked by January 1

Lake Land College:

Lake Land College offers more than 500 scholarships to students who enroll in a specific area of study, graduate from a specific high school, demonstrate financial need, live in a specified geographic area, or whose parents are employed by specified businesses or organizations. Scholarships are funded through annual gifts or endowments made by individuals and corporations.

Lake Land College Presidential Scholarship:

Lake Land College is pleased to guarantee a Presidential Scholarship to all eligible in-district high school graduates who have demonstrated outstanding

academic performance. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition for up to two years.

Eligibility Requirements: Top 15% of students in senior class or ACT composite of 26 or higher or SAT total score of 1230 or higher. Must reside in LLC district, graduate from a school in LLC district

Application: Contact Student Services or visit LLC's Honors Experience page: www.lakelandcollege.edu/honors-program/

Lake Land College Foundation Scholarships:

Eligibility Requirements: Must complete Intent to Enroll Form and be registered for a minimum of 12 semester hours or be classified as full time by program of study. The scholarship application can be found by going to the student's Lake Hub account. You will receive a username and password for this account once you fill out your Intent to Enroll form. Students who would like assistance with this process should sign-up outside student services on the sign-up provided.

Application: www.lakelandcollege.edu/scholarship-opportunities/

Deadline is February 1

Little Illini JFL-Toby J. Jump Memorial Scholarship:

These one-time scholarships are available to students that played for the Little Illini JFL for three years, played at least two seasons of high school football, and are graduating from one of the Little Illini JFL host schools.

Application: www.littleillinijfl.com/SCHOLAR.html

The Lebovitz Lively Arts Scholarship:

This scholarship has been established to provide visual and performing arts scholarships for Mattoon High School seniors who plan to major in an art-related program. Questions about this scholarship can be addressed by contacting Audra Clodfelter at 217.342.4988

Application: can be found at www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Scholarships and by filling out the "common application"

Deadline : February 2021 (check website for date)

Mason (John & Daisy) Scholarship Fund: (Mattoon students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon High School and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

MATTOON BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:

The Mattoon Athletic Booster Club is giving three (3) MHS senior girls and three (3) MHS senior boys a \$500 scholarship.

Qualifications: Seniors planning to continue your formal education at either a 2-yr or 4-yr college or university, have a “C” average or better for your four years of high school, have good character and moral habits, and have earned two (2) or more IHSA varsity athletic letters your SENIOR year at Mattoon High School (exception: injured returning letterman).

Application: not available yet

Deadline is in March

Mattoon V.F.W.:

This scholarship is awarded to graduates in good standing from various high schools.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must: (1) have a qualified Mattoon V.F.W. member in his/her family, (2) be attending an Illinois tax supported University or college and (3) demonstrate financial need.

Application: First National Bank of Mattoon

McEntire (LaVern and Nola) Lineworker’s Scholarship: This \$2,000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be (1) a relative of an employee or director of an AIEC member electric cooperative OR (2) a son or daughter of an AIEC electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted) OR (3) a veteran.

Application:

<https://www.shelbyelectric.coop/content/lavern-and-nola-mcentire-lineworkers-scholarship>

Deadline is in April

Metzger (James) Memorial Scholarship:

The following scholarship is awarded to be split equally for Fall and Spring semesters by the Coles County Farm Bureau.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or an undergraduate or graduate student in a post-secondary school, (2) be a member or child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau, (3) be enrolled as a full time student at a post secondary school to study in a field of agriculture, (4) be a resident of Illinois and (5) exhibit the potential for successful completion of a degree.

Application: Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

The MHS Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship provides assistance for Mattoon High School graduates pursuing any type of higher education. Questions about this scholarship can be addressed by contacting Audra Clodfelter at 217.342.4988

Application can be found at www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Scholarships and by filling out the “common application”

Deadline: is in February

Moore (Robert M. and Virginia C.) Scholarship: (Coles County Students ONLY)

The Coles County Farm Bureau offers two scholarships to be awarded to be split equally for the Fall and Spring semesters.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident Coles county in Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

Application: Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

Past President's Parley Scholarship:

The applicant for this \$1,000 scholarship must be seeking a career in nursing, and currently accepted into an accredited nursing program as a full time student. Along with the application, applicant must include an essay stating their reason for choosing a nursing career, three letters of recommendation, a copy of most recent Federal Income Tax Return, transcript, and name and address of school or hospital applicant plans to attend.

Applications: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in April

P.E.O. Scholarship-

The PEO Scholarship is open to all graduating women with a desire to further their education. Emphasis will be placed on personal initiative, future goals, involvement with the community/school, and financial need. The selected applicant will be awarded \$1,000.00 which can be used to meet educational expenses.

Eligibility: The applicant must attend an accredited community college, technical/vocational school, or university. Should a recipient choose not to attend one of these accredited school choices in the fall after graduation, she will promptly return the money to the MF chapter of P.E.O.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is in April

Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) Educational Foundation:

The PDK Educational Foundation awards more than 30 scholarships each year to prospective educators who have a connection to PSK by having a family member or teacher who is a PDK member or through membership in the Future Educators Association.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be (1) a high school senior intending to major in education who is a member of a Future Educators Association chapter in good standing OR (2) a high school senior intending to major in education who is the child or grandchild of a Kappan in good standing OR (3) a high school senior intending to major in education who has one of his/her reference letters written by a Kappan in good standing OR (4) an undergraduate member of an FEA or PDK chapter who is enrolled in a college education program.

Application: <https://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/>

Ramsey (Florence) Memorial: (Mattoon students ONLY)

This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Mattoon High School in good academic standing. The applicant must attend an Illinois tax supported University or College and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must: (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a "C" average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

Application: First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

ROTC College Tuition Waiver Tryouts

Eastern Illinois University and University of Illinois are awarding Mattoon High School 1-year tuition waivers for the 2019-2020 academic year. To be eligible for a waiver, students must: (1) Be a US citizen and an Illinois resident (2) Score 20 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT (3) Have a high school unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher (4) Demonstrate leadership potential and/or volunteer experience in an interview with university faculty (5) Complete a physical fitness test (1 min pushups, 1 min sit-ups, timed 1 mile run). Students who earn waivers have no obligation beyond their freshman year and may compete for a second waiver during their sophomore year.

Application: Please sign-up to try out on the windows outside student services or contact Mrs. Jackley or Major Peterson. Information packet can be picked-up in student services office.

Deadline: See application for deadline - Usually in March

Sarah Bush Lincoln Guild Scholarship:

The Guild of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System annually awards several scholarships to qualified persons going into a hospital-based health care curriculum.

- Guild Scholarship
- Dr. CD Swickard Scholarship
- Vasudeo Shripad Joag Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements: Any person who has been accepted into an accredited program of studies may fill out an application form.

Application: Volunteer Services (GUILD) Office, Colleen Stoner, Volunteer Services Director, at cstoner@sblhs.org or pick up in the Student Services Office

Shrader (Jim) Memorial Scholarship: (Coles County Students ONLY)

The following scholarship is awarded to be split equally for Fall and Spring semesters by the Coles County Farm Bureau.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident Coles county in Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

Application: Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

South Central FS, Inc. Scholarship:

This scholarship application is for any high school senior that is interested in pursuing a two-year degree at a junior college in agronomy or related crop production, or closely related field. All tuition and expenses to a junior college of your choice based on scholastic achievement, leadership in agriculture, and a perceived ability to contribute to agriculture in the future.

Qualifications: Scholarship winners must work for South Central FS during any SOE programs.

Application: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline : March 15

Storey (Irene) Scholarship Fund: (Mattoon students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must: (1) be a graduate of Mattoon High School, (2) enrolled in a nursing field of study and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

Application: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust

Stump (Jacob and Clara Mae): (Mattoon and Charleston Students ONLY)

This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Mattoon or Charleston High School in good academic standing. The applicant must attend an Illinois tax supported University or College and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a “C” average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

Application: First National Bank of Mattoon

Teach Outdoors, Inc. Scholarship

TEACH Outdoors, Inc. is awarding an educational scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$500.00 The scholarship will be awarded directly to a student who is furthering his/her education by attending a college, university or trade school. Applicant must submit a 1-2 page essay describing a memorable outdoor experience with a tradition or lesson that was passed on to the applicant in which the applicant will pass on to future generations. Must have a 3.0/4.0 or 3.75/5.0 gpa.

Applications: Applications are available to print from this link [2021 MHS Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Deadline is January 1

UAW (MESPA) Scholarship:

The Mattoon Educational Support Personnel Association UAW Local 2384 is a union committed to dealing with the problems of all working people. This year, they are giving a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Mattoon High School. A 1000 word essay. See Student Services for this year’s topic.

Applications: not available yet

Deadline is in March

WATKINS BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP:

This \$500 scholarship is open to all Mattoon Senior High School seniors planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college or university. Applications must include the application, 2 letters of recommendation and a transcript.

Application not available yet

Deadline is in April

WAVE GRAPHICS SCHOLARSHIP:

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Mattoon High School senior attending a college or university in the Fall of 2019.

Eligibility: Applicant must have been in Graphic Arts I or Graphic Arts II at the high school.

Applications not available yet

Deadline is April 30

WAR OF 1812 HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST-

The Illinois Society War of 1812 is soliciting essays regarding the War of 1812. This contest is open to all students and must be original work. The essay must have a minimum of 800 words and not exceed 1,200 words. The winning essay will be awarded \$1,000, 2nd place winner will receive \$200, and the 3rd place winner will receive \$100. The essay will be submitted for publication in the Illinois Society War of 1812 newsletter "The Messenger" and on the Illinois Society War of 1812 web page under the Schweizer 1812 History Essay Contest.

Application: not available yet

Deadline is May 31

Mitch Webb Memorial Wrestling Scholarship:

This scholarship is a one-time grant for MHS senior wrestlers, payable to the recipient's college of acceptance.

Application not available yet

Deadline: is in April

Welch (Anna B.) Memorial Scholarship Trust: (Cumberland and Coles County Students ONLY) This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled in a medical field of study, a resident of Coles or Cumberland Counties for the last 5 years, and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

Application deadline: Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship

Any senior who has maintained at least a B average, participated in at least one school-sponsored sport, are a leader in your community and a role model at your school.

Application: Can be found at:

<https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/application/>

Deadline is in October

MIKE WITWICKI SCHOLARSHIP:

Several \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Mattoon High School seniors planning on attending a college or university in the Fall of 2020.

Eligibility: Applicant must have lettered in a varsity sport to be eligible.

Applications not available yet
Deadline is April 30

Additional Scholarship Information can be found at:

- <https://www.studentscholarships.org/>. This site has some of the largest national scholarships available. Deadlines vary.
- **Log into your College Board account for information on Scholarships and College/Trade/Tech School information.....this is a great free resource to you!!**
- 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards- The 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards will open for submissions on September 12, 2019! On this date, you can create an account and upload your work. Submission deadlines vary by region. Visit artandwriting.org for more information

Please note:

- *Deadlines listed are not verified - this should be done as soon as possible by the student.*
- *The Scholarship Awarding Agency has the right to change or remove their scholarship offering at any time without prior notification.*
- *This publication is not intended to be a complete listing of all scholarships and grants which are available. Students are urged to check with their high school counselor or the office of financial aid at the university or college they wish to attend. Many departments have special scholarships for students in that field of study and most schools have merit scholarships for academic achievement. To order free financial aid material, please contact the U.S. Department of Education.*
- *Student may qualify for other financial aid resources by completing the FAFSA*

Sources:

<https://roe11.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Scholarship-Booklet.pdf>
Mattoon HS Student Services Office
Lake Land College website

Please contact the HS Student Services Department or Laura Sullivan with any changes that need to be made at lsullivan@eiefes.k12.il.us

Public View: <https://bit.ly/2mldMCf>