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DEADLINE	NAME & DESCRIPTION
Ongoing	Big Future Scholarships There are no essays, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements. It's easy to enter scholarship drawings each month. Simply complete one of the steps before the deadline, and you'll be automatically entered to win $500 and $40,000! Open to Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores.
Application opens February 1 annually	Life Lessons Scholarship Program Due March 1 annually To apply you must meet eligibility requirements and submit an original 500 word essay OR 3 minute video discussing how the death of your parent or guardian affected your life financially and emotionally. Be sure to include: how the loss of your parent/guardian impacted your college plans, how the lack of adequate life insurance coverage (or no coverage at all) impacted your family's financial situation, and indicate what you have done to provide for yourself and/or other family members because of financial challenges your family has faced.
February 1	Elks National Legacy Award Award $4,000 HS senior who is a child or grandchild of an ELK member in good standing for the past two years. The 2027 contest and application opens on September 1, 2026.
February 3	Community Impact Scholarship Award: $2,500 Deadline for Spring 2027: February 3, 2027 Demonstrate active involvement in community service and exhibit strong leadership qualities. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. To complete your application, please submit a video (5 minutes or less) or an essay of approximately 1,000 words responding to the following prompt: Which efforts make the biggest difference in a community? How has the time you have dedicated to community service helped you to develop your own skills and grow as an

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	individual? Describe ways in which community service can enhance educational experiences, both for volunteers and those they serve.
Priority deadline for freshman is February 4	USC Topping Scholarship Open to USC-bound students with high financial need who demonstrate an extraordinary level of community awareness. Priority given to first-generation college bound and local area (OC is local area) students. Scholarship not limited to these populations. Freshman Applicant Regular Deadline: June 1 Transfer & Graduate Applicant Deadline: June 1
Opens December 2026	Military College Scholarship Award: $2,000 Must be a dependent of an active duty service member. Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited U.S college for the 2026-2027 academic year.
February 12 2027	Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation Scholarship The Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation is pleased to provide graduating seniors from all Santa Ana Unified School District high schools with the opportunity to apply for seven different scholarships. By applying for these scholarships, you increase your chances of being selected since you are competing locally for the scholarship, and not nationally. If selected, students will be notified in March and will receive the scholarship in April. Make sure to use your PERSONAL GMAIL to access the scholarship; school email blocks the application. Read about the 9 different scholarships below: 1. Alice Garcia Memorial $1,000 (1 scholarship awarded): a. This scholarship will be awarded to one student who had attended Lincoln Elementary School. Students must have an interest in entering a career in community service. (law-enforcement, fire, education, medical). To qualify, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. 2. Floyd and Phyllis Watson NJROTC $1,000 (2 scholarships awarded): a. This scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female student who has participated in NJROTC for one or more school years. Students must be enrolled in NJROTC during the senior year. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

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3. Achieve $1,000 (5 scholarships awarded)
    a. The "Achieve" scholarship will recognize the achievement of graduates with Individual Education Plans who wish to continue to pursue education at a college or university.
4. Nancy Diaz-Miller Memorial $1,500 (2 scholarships awarded)
    a. This scholarship is offered for students who may have had to overcome life challenges and have been actively involved in their school and/or in the local Santa Ana community.
    b. To qualify, students must have achieved a 2.5 grade point average or higher.
5. Merit $1,000 (5 scholarships awarded)
    a. This scholarship is designed to recognize students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.
    b. The student must be actively involved in school activities and community service.
    c. To qualify, students must have maintained a minimum 4.0 cumulative grade point average.
6. Rob Richardson Civic and Community $1,000 (1 scholarship awarded)
    a. To qualify, students must have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or higher
    b. The student must have served on ASB for a minimum of 4 semesters
    c. The student must have participated in Speech and Debate
    d. The student must have participated in Community/Civic Service
7. SAUSD Retired Administrators $1,000
    a. This scholarship is awarded to students who have been involved in community service and have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills,
    b. The student must plan to pursue a career in the field of education.
    c. The students must have achieved a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
8. Santa Ana Business $1,000 (1 scholarship awarded)
    a. This scholarship is awarded to one student who has worked or who has served in an internship while attending high school and plans to pursue the field of Business.
    b. To qualify, students must have achieved a minimum 3.00 cumulative high school grade point average or higher.
9. Visual and Performing Arts $1,000 (5 scholarships awarded)
    a. This scholarship will be awarded to five students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the arts and have participated in District Level

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	opportunities. To qualify the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
February 15	Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award: $500-$5,000 Must be of Hispanic Heritage, minimum 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale). Open to students planning to be enrolled at a four-year university in the 2026-2027 school year. Must submit a FAFSA application. Scholars are selected based on merit.
Every month on the 20th	Innovation In Education Scholarship Award: $500 Open to any high school senior or college student with a 3.0 GPA. Must complete the online application, letter or recommendation, self-photo, and an essay describing the goal of the particular project and provide supporting documentation (no min or max word/page count). All submissions must be uploaded no later than 11:59 pm PST on the 20th of each month. The submission window closes starting the 21st and will reopen on the 1st at 8:00 a.m. Students are welcome to reapply each month. Previous winners are not eligible to reapply.
February 23	Bill and Meredyth Stern Amigos de Bolsa Chica Scholarship Award: $5,000 scholarship Application requirements: • High school students on track to graduate by June 2026. • High school transcript or academic record with minimum a 3.0 GPA • Two essays: one detailing personal aspirations and goals, and one describing how this scholarship would help with financial needs for college/university. • Resume summarizing work experience, volunteer experience, awards and extra-curricular activities. • Volunteer experience related to wetland or marine ecosystems may be given priority.
February 23	Frontline Families Scholarship The Frontline Families Scholarship Fund was established by Dr. Michael Osterholm, world-renowned epidemiologist, to provide educational assistance to the surviving

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	children of frontline healthcare workers who lost their lives in the fight against COVID-19. All eligible applicants will receive awards ranging from $1,000 to $2,500, with the total amount depending on the applicant's demonstrated financial need. Eligibility: • A child of a deceased frontline healthcare worker who died from COVID-19 while employed at a medical facility. • High school seniors, high school graduates, or current college undergraduates. • Planning to enroll in full-time or part-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. Children are defined as biological, step- or legally adopted children age 26 and under as of the application date. Frontline healthcare workers are defined as the following occupations: nurse, physician, diagnosing clinician, health care support, medical first responder, healthcare technologist, community or social worker, administrator/administrative support, security personnel, cleaner, culinary/food service, coroner, and pharmacist.
February 24	McDonald's HACER National Scholarship The HACER scholarship winners are selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. The rigorous selection process includes a completed application, a personal questionnaire and interviews with a distinguished panel of judges representing academia, business, media, and McDonald's.
February 27	STEM Stars Actuarial Scholars Program Through this unique program, they promote access and opportunities for students skilled in math and interested in becoming actuaries. Our STEM Stars receive a $20,000 scholarship (distributed over four years at $5,000 annually) as well as mentorship from actuaries, exam resources, immersive in-person and virtual experiences, exposure to internship and industry opportunities, and guidance throughout a student's college experience. To qualify for the STEM Stars Actuarial Scholars Program, applicants must meet the

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	following criteria: • Current High School Seniors or College-Bound Students: Open to individuals in their senior year of high school or those who have graduated high school within the last two years and will enter a 4-year university as a freshman. • Academic Performance: Applicants should exhibit strong academic performance, with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, an SAT Math score of 600+, or an ACT score of 25+. • Math Proficiency: Has a demonstrated proficiency in mathematics, including Algebra, Calculus, state tests (Proficient or Advanced), and/or completion of Advanced Placement classes. • Recommendation: A recommendation provided by a principal, teacher, guidance counselor, or another qualified professional is required. • Actuarial Career Aspirations: Candidates must express a sincere intent to pursue a career in the actuarial field. • Work Eligibility: As part of this scholarship program, recipients may be connected with internships, or other opportunities that require legal employment eligibility in the United States. Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States. U.S. Citizenship is not required.
February 28	Orange County Hispanic Youth Chamber of Commerce OCHYCC This scholarship is provided by supporters of OCHYCC in order to encourage students to further their education. OCHYCC is dedicated to linking culturally diverse high school and college students to the professional world through career development, community involvement, and access to higher education. We are devoted to promoting leaders of tomorrow by extending our hands today. Eligibility: • Min 2.5 GPA • Any Major • Be currently enrolled as a college or senior high school student • Live or attend college or high school in Orange County • Submit an unofficial copy of transcript

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	• Be a member of the youth chamber by attending at least one event, or participating in other main chamber events, confirm this requirement with the youth chamber at this email address: ocyouthchamber@gmail.com • Be in attendance at the Annual Scholarship Banquet in TBD.
February 28	Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program Award $2,000 Students must be in the last year of high school and scheduled to attend college full-time during the subsequent year. Students must also be a dependent of a Coast Guard active duty, reserve, current civilian NAF and APF employees, or current Coast Guard Auxiliarists.
February 28 2026	Sweet and Simple Scholarship Award $1,500 Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you. (250 words or less)
Deadlines varies	National Parent Volunteer Association Scholarships Multiple scholarships available, apply early! Be a high school junior or senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student. B) Be currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled part-time or full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university, vocational/technical, two-year, four-year, or graduate institution.
February 28	Act of Kindness Scholarship Amount: $1,000 Please write an essay of 150 words or fewer describing how you have shown an act of kindness. You might address what inspired you to be kind or what impact your act has had on others. The act of kindness may be a one-time occasion or a series of ongoing actions. Open to Juniors, Seniors, undergraduate and graduate students with a 2.5 GPA or above. Students must also provide an official transcript.
Closed	Niche No Essay Scholarship

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	Award $50,000 Open to all current and prospective students. Entrants must be a legal resident of the United States. Only one (1) entry allowed per person/email address/household during the Promotion Period. Registered Niche.com users can apply at any time. However, once you have applied, you can no longer apply again. Duplicate entries will result in disqualification.

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