Juniors & Seniors –

Great College-Prep & Scholarship Programs For High-Achieving Students with Significant Financial Need



JUNIORS

LEDA Scholars: Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America

Application window: September-December of Junior Year

Helps 100 extremely high-achieving, low-income juniors with leadership experience to gain admission to highly selective colleges, succeed in their college career, and go on to their next step. Program seeks racial and ethnic diversity. Free.

College and career mentorship. 4-year program that includes a 5-week summer program at Princeton and Yale with leadership training, writing instruction, college guidance and visits, SAT/ACT prep, admission counseling, and funding for application fees and testing. Provides

ongoing support for college admissions, college navigation, and post-graduation planning. Applicants need a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5.

Bovard Scholars Program

Application window: October-January of Junior Year

Helps 50 extremely high-achieving, low-income juniors with leadership experience to gain admission to highly selective colleges. Program seeks racial and ethnic diversity. Free.

College and career mentorship. 1-year program that includes 3-week summer program at University of Southern California, career exploration, writing instruction, college guidance, SAT/ACT prep, admission and financial aid counseling. Provides senior-year college admissions support. Applicants need Algebra II, Trigonometry, or higher, a minimum weighted GPA of 4.0, IB and/or AP coursework.

Alexander Hamilton Scholars Program

Application window: November-January of Junior Year

Helps 35 extremely high-achieving, low-income juniors with leadership and community service experience to gain admission to highly selective colleges, succeed in their college career, and go on to their next step. Program seeks racial and ethnic diversity. Free.

College and career mentorship. 5-year program that includes 3 weeklong summer programs in different U.S. cities which focus on college readiness, the transition to college, leadership and service, and workplace readiness. Program also includes ongoing workshops, mentoring, check-ins, and webinars, as well as funding for application fees, testing and internships.

Horatio Alger: State Scholarship - Oregon (LOCAL)

Application window: December-March of Junior Year

Awards $10,000 scholarships to low-income Oregon juniors with community service experience who have succeeded in spite of hardships. The Horatio Alger Association oversees over 70 different scholarships. Students may be eligible for Horatio Alger scholarships other than this one.

QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program for Juniors

Application window: February to March of Junior Year

Helps 3,000+ extremely high-achieving, low-income juniors to gain admission to highly selective colleges. Free.

College admission resources. May include attendance at an academic summer program, cash for a laptop, attendance at a college admissions conference, college admissions mentoring, and college visits. College Prep Scholars are nearly five times more likely than other applicants to receive full four-year scholarships through the National College Match (below).

SENIORS

Beat the Odds Scholarship (LOCAL)

Application window: Early summer to September of Senior Year

Awards multiple renewable scholarships ($4000/year) to low-income Oregon seniors with a 3.0+ GPA (2.50-2.99 considered if transcript shows marked improvement) who have succeeded in spite of hardships. Priority given to applicants who will be the ***first person in their immediate family to earn a bachelor's degree.*** *Requires public appearance and other publicity by winners.*

Gates Scholarship

Application window for phase I: July to September of Senior Year

Awards 300 full-ride scholarships to high-achieving, low-income, minority seniors with leadership experience.

Scholars receive funding for the full cost of attendance, not already covered by other financial aid and their Expected Family Contribution (determined by FAFSA). Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and transportation and may include other personal costs.

QuestBridge National College Match for Seniors

Application window: Late summer to September of Senior Year

Helps 1,600+ high-achieving, low-income seniors gain admission and full-ride scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. Finalists also receive some benefits. Free.

College and scholarship application mentorship. Scholarships cover tuition, room, and board. Award values do not include loans or parental contributions.

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program

Application window: August-November of Senior Year

Awards around 100 scholarships worth up to $55,000 per year for 4-years to high-achieving, low-income seniors with leadership experience.

Also provides mentoring re: college selection, financial aid, transitioning to college and maximizing the college experience. Applicants need a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5.

Hagan Scholarship

Application window: September-December of Senior Year

Provides high-achieving, low-income seniors with up to $7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters.

Also offers workshops to learn life skills, funds to purchase college essentials, an HSF Schwab Brokerage Account to manage, funds to study and travel abroad, and the opportunity to extend the Hagan Scholarship to obtain a graduate or professional degree. Applicants need a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Golden Door Scholars

Application window: September-December of Senior Year

Awards funding for a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools. (Students who have applied to or are interested in other colleges should also apply.) Helps DACA, TPS or undocumented senior students with high GPA and low income interested in pursuing one of the following career paths: software engineering, nursing, data analytics, business analytics, and digital marketing.

Also assigns 1:1 career coach to assist with career path and provide networking opportunities. Invited to annual programming that includes the Golden Door Tech Fellowship; the Golden Door Summit; Thrive; Ignite; financial workshops; resume, cover letter, and LinkedIn workshops; and networking events.

Ron Brown Scholarship

Application window: August to December of Senior Year

Awards 45-50 scholarships worth up to $10,000 per year for 4-years to high-achieving, low-income, Black/African-American seniors with interest in community and global engagement and business entrepreneurship. Finalists are flown to Washington D.C. in March for interviews, activities, and final selection process.

Bonus opportunities: The Ron Brown – Ruth and Norman Rales Leaders Network provides professional development to the top 2-3% of scholarship applicants. No additional application is required. The Ron Brown Scholar Fund's Guided Pathway Support Program (GPS) is a free innovative college access initiative for African-American high school juniors and seniors (as well as their parents and counselors).

Ford Family Foundation: Ford Scholars Program (LOCAL)

Application window: Nov to Mar 1 of Senior Year

Awards up to 130 scholarships to high-achieving, low-income seniors from Oregon and Siskiyou County, CA with a 3.0+ GPA (or a special counselor recommendation). Covers 90% of unmet college costs with a limit of $40,000 per year. Renewable for up to 4 years.

Ford Scholars also receive academic guidance, leadership development, personal and professional support, and access to the Ford Family alumni network. Undocumented students invited to apply.

Renaissance Scholars Program (LOCAL)

Application window: Oct to Feb 1 or Mar to May 1 (2 separate application windows)

Awards scholarships worth up to $5,000 per year for 4-years to high-achieving, low-income seniors from Oregon or Illinois who will be the very first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree and who show leadership potential, a concern for others, and a strong work ethic. Minimum GPA of 3.0, DACA and undocumented students eligible.

Also connects students with mentoring organizations on their college campuses and provides additional growth opportunities and resources for scholars, including in-person and virtual events.