



Class of 2025 Senior Scholarship Opportunities

Application Opens: December 16, 2024
Application Deadline: February 17, 2025 at 11:59pm

To Apply Visit:

<https://edfoundationac.awardspring.com>

Please create an account on the above portal. All your answers will be saved.

Please be sure to make note of your username and password!

- All applicants must be high school seniors attending an Alachua County Public School.
- As part of the online application process, students will be required to:
 - o Answer a general questionnaire detailing general academic and financial information.
 - o Upload a personal resume detailing academic and extracurricular activities.
 - o Submit a Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, employer, or community leader.
 - o The students must upload their full high school transcript to their Award Spring Application. This can be downloaded from Skyward and does not have to be official. The applicant's College Placement Test scores (ACT, SAT, and PERT) can be found towards the end of their transcript and be included.
 - o Answer the following short essay questions in less than 600 words:
 - Describe your plans for college education and your future career goals.
 - Describe a special attribute, accomplishment or experience that you believe sets you apart.
- Please note: some scholarships require applicants to submit additional information.

Please be careful to correctly check all of the application questions as these are what will determine your qualifications for certain scholarships.

For more information visit:
www.EdFoundationAC.org

Artificial Intelligence (ChatGPT, Gemini, etc) is NOT allowed in creating essay responses and students using it will be disqualified from receiving scholarships.

Scholarship Opportunities Available:

Alachua Business League Scholarship (*SFHS students only*): Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to aspiring business professionals or business owners. Students must have *attended* Santa Fe High School for at least two years and plan to attend Santa Fe College full-time to be eligible for this scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by the Alachua Business League.

Alachua County Retired Educators Association Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student planning a career in teaching and who plans to major in education in college. The student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and plan to attend a college or university in the state of Florida. Preference will be given to a student with an SAT score of 1150+ or ACT score of 26+.

Barbara Finlayson Memorial Scholarship: (*EHS Institute of Culinary Arts students only*): A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an EHS Culinary Arts Institute student who is planning to continue their education in culinary arts. This memorial scholarship was established to honor Barbara Finlayson, a former teacher and professional chef who generously volunteered her time and talents to improve the EHS program.

Believe, Achieve, Succeed Salvamoser Family Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a worthy and deserving high school senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher who wish to attend college. This is a financial need-based scholarship.

Betty Benedict JumpStart Scholarship: The Education Foundation is offering JumpStart Scholarships for graduating students [who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements](#). Recipients receive a 2-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$6,000 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college. The JumpStart scholarship was established by Mary Benedict.

Brother Thomas Coward Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who have at least a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate leadership skills, outstanding academic achievement, dedication, teamwork, and a commitment to public service. The student must have completed 100 community service hours. Students wanting to apply will need to write an additional brief essay responding to the topic, "An original essay on one of the founders of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and their impact on society." This scholarship requires two additional letters of recommendation. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Omicron Sigma chapter offers two annual scholarships to young men graduating from high school in Alachua/Marion County. The scholarship was named after Brother Thomas Caward, the first black Alachua County Commissioner and Lincoln High School Educator.

Campbell Spellicy Engineering Community Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a worthy and deserving high school senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher who will attend Santa Fe College or the University of Florida with a major in Engineering. The student must demonstrate a financial need and meet the income eligibility requirements. The recipient must be a Take Stock in Children scholar and have a commitment to public service. This scholarship was established by the Campbell Spellicy Engineering Inc.

Carol Mattox Memorial Scholarship (*NHS students only*): A \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to a student at Newberry High School in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and demonstrate dedication and teamwork. Her family and friends established this scholarship in memory of Carol Mattox.

Clyde Beal & Ed Roberts - Rotary Club of Gainesville Scholarships: Two students will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Gainesville. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher. These scholarships were established in honor of Clyde Beal & Ed Roberts.

Craig S. Oransky Memorial Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a member of the tennis team and who has demonstrated qualities of leadership, dedication and teamwork.

Dr. Dan and Susan McKinnon Memorial Scholarships (*LHS students only*): Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to Lofton High School seniors who plan to continue their education at Santa Fe College in a career/technical education program. This scholarship is in memory of Dr. McKinnon, a dedicated educator who influenced countless lives with his passion for vocational education and genuine kind, caring nature.

Dr. E. A. Cosby - Gainesville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship: Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a student who has at least a 2.5 GPA and demonstrates leadership skills, outstanding academic achievement, dedication, teamwork, and a commitment to public service. Preference will be given to students who are not receiving other scholarships.

Dr. Eva A. Dimitrov Memorial Scholarship (*BHS Students Only*): Dr. Dimitrov, a Gainesville physician and Buchholz parent, established a tradition and legacy of community service in our area and abroad. A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in her memory to a Buchholz High School senior with financial need. Students will be required to submit an additional letter of recommendation for a total of two letters submitted.

Dr. Simon Otis Johnson Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student with a 3.0 Unweighted GPA, demonstrating financial need and attending Florida A&M University (FAMU) for the 2024-2025 academic year. The student must score a minimum of 21 on ACT or 1060 on SAT assessments. The senior will demonstrate leadership skills and outstanding academic achievement. The FAMU Alachua County Alumni Association announces the Dr. Simon Otis Johnson Memorial Scholarship. A dedicated educator, he and his wife, Verna Johnson co-founded the Caring and Sharing Learning School in Gainesville, Florida. This Scholarship honors his achievements and lifelong commitment to education and community. This Scholarship is dedicated in memory of Dr. Simon Otis Johnson by his family.

Eastside High School Class of 1984 (*EHS Students Only*): One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Eastside High School senior who plans to study any major. The student must demonstrate a financial need and meet the income eligibility requirements. The scholarship was established by the Eastside High School Class of 1984.

Eastside High School Class of 1984 Keith McCray Dare to Dream Big Memorial Scholarship (*EHS Students Only*): To remember the legacy of Keith Leonard McCray, a \$1,800 scholarship will be awarded to an Eastside High School senior who plans to study Engineering, Information Technology, or Nursing at a HBCU. The senior must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, have at least 100 hours of volunteerism or extra-curricular activity (sports, social club, ROTC, Student Body), and write an additional 500 word essay on the topic "Recount a time when you faced a challenge, set back or failure and what you learned from it". Keith Leonard McCray was born on September 11, 1966. He was a proud graduate of "The Mighty Rams" of Eastside High School Class of 1984 and Florida A&M University College of Electrical Engineering Class of 1991. After graduating from FAMU, Keith

returned home to Gainesville where he began working with the Alachua County School District as a Math teacher. Some years later, he began working as Computer and Cyber Security Engineer where his passion for educating young African American men at local high schools about the field of engineering began. Keith never got to continue his career in Engineering, or expand on his passion for educating the younger generation. Therefore, The Keith McCray "Dare to Dream Big" Memorial Scholarship fund was established in his name to ensure that the legacy he left behind will go on, and others may have the opportunity to carry on Keith's legacy. As he completed his journey, he left a wealth of knowledge with many, and he will always be remembered for making a positive impact on those who had the pleasure to know him.

Ernest M Lee Visual Arts Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Alachua County Public School senior who plans to major in visual arts in college. Preference will be given to a student who participated in visual arts including drama and theatre during their high school career. The scholarship was established by friends of the Star Center Theatre.

Eula L. Williams FAMU Alachua County Alumni Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student with a 3.0 Unweighted GPA, demonstrating financial need and attending Florida A&M University (FAMU) for the 2024-2025 academic year. The student must score a minimum of 21 on ACT or 1060 on SAT assessments. The senior will demonstrate leadership skills and outstanding academic achievement. This scholarship is dedicated in memory of Eula Williams by her family. She was a special Education teacher in the Alachua County School System until her retirement in 1999 after 32 years of service. She was highly active in the FAMU Alachua County Alumni Association and Retired Educators.

FAMU Alachua County Alumni Scholarship: Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who have a 3.0 Unweighted GPA, demonstrate financial need and who will attend Florida A&M University (FAMU) for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Frankie W. and Robert B. Ayer Jr. Memorial Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher. The student must be planning to attend one of these state of Florida HBCU college/university (Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters University, Florida A&M University, Florida Memorial University); studying K-12 teacher education, science, technology, engineering, arts, or math (STEAM). The student must demonstrate leadership, dedication and teamwork. This student is requested to be a Take Stock in Children Scholar with outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to public service. This scholarship requires 2 letters of recommendation. This scholarship is dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ayer Jr., who together, served over 60 years, teaching, leading, mentoring, and inspiring students of Alachua County Public Schools.

Fred Sivia and Beverly Cannon Memorial Scholarship: One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior. The student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher, score above a 26 on the ACT **OR** 1250 on the SAT and submit an additional essay. This scholarship was established in memory of Fred Sivia Jr. and Beverly Cannon, two long-term Alachua County Public School system employees who functioned as an outstanding team in providing leadership for our school system's facilities department.

There is an additional essay (approx. 500 words): Please research the cultural impact of any one of the following and discuss your findings while also selecting one song and describing how and why it appeals to you.

1. Early Motown on the Civil Rights and anti-war movements (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berry_Gordy; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standing_in_the_Shadows_of_Motown; https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/hitsville_the_making_of_motown)
2. Stax Records (artists included: Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes, Sam and Dave, Booker T and the MG's) on the Civil Rights movement. Stax: Soulsville USA (<https://www.hbo.com/stax-soulsville-usa> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stax:_Soulsville_U.S.A.)
3. Early Bob Dylan on the Civil Rights and anti-war movements (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Dylan)
4. John Denver on the peace and environmental movements (<https://johndenver.com/about/biography/>; <https://johndenver.com/about/philanthropy/>) [A Song's Best Friend: John Denver Remembered \(2005\) - A Song's Best Friend: John Denver Remembered \(2005\) - User Reviews - IMDb](#)

Fred Sivia and Beverly Cannon Memorial JumpStart Scholarship: Two JumpStart Scholarships for graduating students [who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements](#). Recipients receive a 1-Year (30 credit hours) Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$3,100 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college to pursue a career in a technical education program. Preference will be given to students enrolling in the Construction and Technical Programs of study offered at Santa Fe College.

Future Educator JumpStart Scholarship: The Education Foundation is offering JumpStart Scholarships for graduating students [who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements](#). Recipients receive a 1-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$3,100 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college. The Future Educator JumpStart Scholarship is for a student who must be entering the educational field, broadly defined, and can include fields such as school paraprofessionals and school-related employment. Preference will be given for graduates from the Academy of Future Teachers at Gainesville High School. The JumpStart scholarship was established by Henrietta and Nelson Logan.

Gainesville Charitable Foundation Scholarship: The 10th Masonic District will award 6 \$1,000 Santa Fe College scholarships to at least one hardworking student from each school in the district.

GFWC Alachua Woman's Club Scholarship (*SFHS students only*): One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one female graduate of Santa Fe High School. Student must have been taking classes on Santa Fe High School campus for 2 years and be receiving their high school diploma from SFHS.

GFWC Alachua Woman's Club Michele Lee Scholarship (*SFHS students only*): One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one female graduate of Santa Fe High School. Student must have been taking classes on Santa Fe High School campus for 2 years and be receiving their high school diploma from SFHS. This scholarship is sponsored by Michelle Lee with Optimal Station and Good Life Station.

GFWC Alachua Woman's Club Reagan K. Potts Scholarship (*SFHS students only*): One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one female graduate of Santa Fe High School. Student must have been taking classes on Santa Fe High School campus for 2 years and be receiving their high school diploma from SFHS. This scholarship is sponsored by Reagan K Potts CSP of Edward Jones.

Greg Schol Cross Country/Track Memorial Scholarship (*BHS Students only*): A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Buchholz Cross Country/Track Team Member with demonstrated leadership and teamwork qualities. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or above. This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Greg Schol, an outstanding 1992 BHS graduate and team leader.

GRU Brighter Tomorrow Scholarship: This \$4000 (\$1,000 each year) scholarship will be awarded to qualified applicants aspiring to become an engineer or be pursuing any energy related career such as welder, transmission operator, technician, electrician, nuclear power reactor operator, solar panel installer, Geologist, etc. Preference will be given to applicants who can be identified as first generation college students and whose family may have financial challenges that hinder their ability to pay for school. Strong preference will be given to applicants who are a part of underrepresented populations as related to energy related career fields.

HCA Florida North Florida Hospital Unlock Possibilities Scholarship: Two \$2,350 scholarships will be awarded to two students planning to major in nursing. The student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher and participation in one of the healthcare academies highly recommended. This scholarship was established by HCA Florida North Florida Hospital.

Herman J.W. Gauggel and Evelyn H. Gauggel Scholarship: Two students will receive a \$3000 financial need-based scholarship for worthy and deserving high school seniors in Alachua County who wish to attend college and study scientific and related fields preferably engineering.

Infotech STEM Career Support Scholarship: Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to seniors who have a 2.5 GPA or above and who plan to pursue a career in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) field. The student should have a financial need. This scholarship was established by Infotech in 2023.

Jean McCall Memorial Scholarship (*GHS students only*): One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a part of the Gainesville High School Academy of Future Teachers and completes the program. The student must have a 2.0 GPA and be planning to major in education. Priority will be given to students who are not receiving other scholarships.

Jon Howard Snyder, Jr. Thespian Troupe 3614 Scholarship (*GHS students only*): This \$1,000 scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior who is, and has been for at least two years, a member of the Theatre Department of Gainesville High School. The student should demonstrate qualities of dedication and teamwork, to honor the memory of Jon H. Snyder, Jr., a 1996 GHS graduate and passionate thespian. This is a financial need-based scholarship sponsored by Jon H. Snyder, Sr. and Sheri' Snyder.

Joseph A. Domenech, III Memorial Scholarship (*GHS Cross Country/Track Team Members only*): A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Gainesville High School Cross Country or track team. The student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher. This scholarship was established in memory of Joseph Domenech, a 1994 GHS graduate.

Katie's Foundation Scholarship (*BHS students only*): This scholarship was established in memory of Katie Beth Morgan, a Buchholz graduate who was passionate about working with children. One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Buchholz High School student who represent Katie's Foundation motto, "Dedicated to caring, sharing and making the world a brighter place." The student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be planning to attend Santa Fe College or The University of Florida. Priority will be given to students who are not receiving other scholarships.

Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, Florida Foundation (*Key Club students only*): Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to Key Club students who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service to the school community and/or nation at one of the following high schools: Buchholz,

Eastside and Gainesville High School. These scholarships are named in honor of Ned Cannon and Sam Butz.

Lenton & Marie Herring \$1,000 Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student in honor of two educators who retired in 2007 with more than 70 years of combined service to Alachua County students. Preference will be given to a student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and plans to attend a 4-Year College. The student demonstrates dedication and teamwork, leadership skills, and a commitment to public service with outstanding academic achievement. This student has an SAT score at 1,000 or above or an ACT score at 21 or above. Lenton Herring worked at Hawthorne High School as a teacher and dean for 37 years while Marie Herring taught math at both Hawthorne and Eastside High School.

Martha Stark Memorial Scholarship (*GHS Band Members only*): One Gainesville High School band student will be selected for this \$4,000 award in memory of former band director Martha Stark. Field of study is not limited to music and **two** letters of recommendation from people other than GHS band directors must be included with application. The selected student will receive \$1,000 each year for a maximum of four years if enrolled in college full time with a minimum 2.50 GPA.

Medical Skills JumpStart Scholarship: The Education Foundation in partnership with HCA Florida North Florida Hospital is offering a JumpStart Scholarship for a graduating senior [who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements](#). Recipients receive a 1-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$3,100 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college. The Medical Skills JumpStart Scholarship is for a student who must be entering the medical field, broadly defined, can include fields such as medical technicians, CNAs, equipment sterilization, patient transport, food service or medical supply chain. Preference will be given for graduates from the Medical Skills Program at Eastside High School.

Mr. John Dukes Jr. Memorial \$1,000 Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who plans to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and plans to major in an Education, Math or Science field. The student should demonstrate financial need and have completed community service hours. This scholarship is in memory of John Dukes, Jr. who dedicated 50 years of service to the Alachua County Public Schools system. Mr. Dukes Jr. was the principal at the old Lincoln High, the first principal at Eastside High, and served his remaining time as the assistant Superintendent.

Peg Nattress Memorial \$1,000 Senior Scholarship: A student will be awarded a 1,000 scholarship in honor of Peg Nattress. Peg was a school board member and Education Foundation of Alachua County board member for many years. She was very involved in the community and valued education.

Pinkoson Scholarship (*LHS Students Only*): One \$2,000 scholarships will be given to deserving students from Loften High School who plan to continue their education in a technical field.

Rachel Morrison Memorial Scholarship: A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has a 3.0 GPA or above and plans to pursue a career in engineering or mental health related fields. The student should have a financial need and have an ACT score of more than 25. The student should demonstrate dedication and teamwork. This scholarship was established by Rachel's family in 2023 to honor her memory.

Rays of Hope Vocational Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior attending a 2-Year Community College or Technical school with two letters of recommendation. The

student must demonstrate dedication and teamwork. Preference will be given to a student not receiving other scholarships. This scholarship is sponsored by Rays of Hope Foundation.

Robert Alan Eubank Memorial Scholarship (*GHS students only*): The Robert Alan Eubank Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded annually to a GHS student who has demonstrated through their actions a genuine concern for others above self and who reflect Rob's outlook on life: to live each day to the fullest, to choose to be positive in all situations, to forgive easily and to work to improve the lives of others.

Rose Morgan and Tina Pinkoson Scholarship: Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to seniors studying music with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. The student must have participated in a church music program and be a part of a music, band, or chorus program. Preference will be given to a student with low to middle income. There is an additional essay for this scholarship opportunity (approx. 500 words): How has music impacted your life? Covenant Church has sponsored this scholarship to recognize Rose Morgan (20 years) and Tina Pinkoson (30 years) of dedication to the church's music programs.

Schafer Family Merit Scholarship: (*BHS Students Only*) This is a \$1,000 merit-based scholarship for a Buchholz High School senior planning to attend an accredited University. The senior must have a minimum 3.6 GPA (4.4 Weighted), a minimum of 200 community service hours, and involvement in extracurricular activities with a leadership role.

The Daphne Duval Williams Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Gainesville High School senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA. The student demonstrates dedication and teamwork, leadership skills, and a commitment to public service with outstanding academic achievement. Students wanting to apply will need to write an additional brief essay responding to the topic, "Describe your involvement in community service." This scholarship requires two additional letters of recommendation.

The Judy Edwards Memorial Scholarship: A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a member of the Take Stock in Children Program. The selected student will receive \$1,000 each year for a maximum of 2 years if enrolled in college.

The Linda Hoosier Memorial Scholarship: A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a member of the Take Stock in Children Program. The selected student will receive \$1,000 each year for a maximum of 2 years if enrolled in college.

The Pursuit of Knowledge Scholarship: One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Alachua County Public School student who has at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a financial need.

The Shirley Hughes Memorial Scholarship: A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a member of the Take Stock in Children Program. The selected student will receive \$1,000 each year for a maximum of 2 years if enrolled in college.

The Visionaires Scholarship: (*GHS Students Only*) A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Gainesville High School senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA. The student demonstrates dedication and teamwork, leadership skills, and a commitment to public service with outstanding academic achievement. Students wanting to apply will need to write an additional brief essay responding to the

topic, "Describe your involvement in community service." This scholarship requires two additional letters of recommendation.

Twila Robinson-Browder Legacy of Love Scholarship: This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is graduating with a 3.2 or higher GPA. The student can use the scholarship at any two-year or four-year college, university or technical school. Students wanting to apply will need to write an additional essay using the topic, "What is the importance of love and the need to love?" Essays should be at least 500 words.

1992 Rams Black Alumni Scholarship \$1,000 Scholarships: *(EHS Students Only)* The Eastside High School Class of 1992 will award two \$1,000 scholarships to Eastside seniors who demonstrate leadership and teamwork. The students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and plan to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).