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Carthage High School

Scholarship Book

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A Few Financial Aid Facts and Figures

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out your FAFSA online.

To receive federal student aid, you must have earned a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled at least half time, be a U.S. Citizen, have a Social Security number, make satisfactory academic progress, and (for males) register with the Selective Service. If you are a male and at least 17, it's best to log on to: www.sss.gov where you can get a jump on mandatory registration. This is a good benefit when you consider registering can help you obtain future job training or federal employment. Congress has made several changes in how monies will be distributed to students nationwide. To qualify as an independent student you must meet one of the following criteria: (1) veteran, (2) ward of the court, (3) married, (4) have a dependent child and show income to support the dependent child, (5) at least 24 years old, (6) graduate student. Homeowners of family farms (if they reside on their farm property) don't have to report those assets to the government when applying for their student's financial aid. Congress has also increased the federal loan eligibility limits, which should help the bottom line of what a family must pay to put their son or daughter through college.

A. You will need to use your parent's 2023 tax forms to complete the FAFSA. The state deadline for the FAFSA is February 1st; however, some schools have earlier deadlines for financial aid offered strictly through their college/university. Check the college/university's website or call its financial aid office for further details.

B. Benefits of the Online FAFSA:

1. It's free! You don't have to pay to apply for federal student aid. Free help completing your application is available from the FAFSA website www.fafsa.ed.gov or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID.

2. It's easy! The website is easy to navigate. Extensive online help is available, and you can skip questions that don't apply to you.

3. It's accurate! Filing online allows you to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which transfers tax return information directly from the IRS website into your FAFSA! This is the best way to ensure that your FAFSA has accurate tax information.

If you would like help filing your FAFSA, you may contact any of the following resources, regardless of where you plan to attend:

- **Kaitlin Riner, Financial Aid Officer at Carthage Technical Center (North) RinerK@CarthageTigers.org or 417-359-7095**
- **Missouri Southern State University Financial Aid Office FinAid@MSSU.edu or 417-625-9325**
- **Crowder College Education Opportunity Center (Joplin or Webb City Campus) DonnaClemons@Crowder.edu or 417-673-2345**

How to Apply for Scholarships

1. The applications for the following scholarships listed are to be completed and returned to the Counselors' Office or the indicated address by the due date shown.

2. Apply for all scholarships for which you may be eligible. **DO NOT rule yourself out!**

3. You want to create a good impression to the selection committee with your application form. Therefore, give careful attention to how you complete the application form.

   - **Type applications** – Do not hand write (except "Scholarship Name" at the top).
   - **Use standard size, white paper** when printing applications and **staple** all pages together (including references) in the upper **left hand** corner.
   - **Do not put applications in folders, envelopes, or binding.**
   - **Fill in all spaces**. If a space does not apply to your situation, you should use "N/A" to indicate this is not applicable. DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS BLANK.
   - **Be honest.** If you are undecided about something, say so. However, it is to your advantage to have some fairly definite answers to the questions.

4. **IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP THAT USES THE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FORM:** Fill out Section I **before** giving Section II to your counselor (**Counselors cannot fill out Section II until January**). Counselors will need to see a copy of your completed resume and page one of your SAR prior to completing Section II. Have your counselor fill out Section II **before** you make copies of your application; do not wait until the deadline to get this done. Your counselor will only fill out the original form; do not expect her to complete every copy you make. Leave the name of the scholarship blank until after your counselor has filled out Section II and **then** make copies.

5. After a student has completed the General Application form, including the counselors' section, it will be the student's responsibility to photocopy the application and resume. This can be done either outside of school or in the media center. **Due to the large number of applicants and the large number of scholarships, the Counseling Office copier cannot accommodate students' application photocopy needs.**

6. As specified on the General Application, **a resume is REQUIRED for all scholarships** that use the General Application. You must include a copy of your resume with each General Application that you submit.

7. If you ask someone to write a recommendation letter for you, you must give the person at least two weeks' notice to write a good letter. **Provide them with a resume or LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM, which can be found on the Counselors' website.** Staple the letter(s) to the rest of your application in the upper left hand corner.

8. Be sure to meet all deadlines so that you can receive full consideration. The **MAJORITY** of these scholarships (unless otherwise stated) are due **Thursday, February 6**. Applications due to the Counseling Office will **not** be accepted after 3:30 p.m. on this date.

9. You may want to save a copy of the General Scholarship application for use in completing additional scholarship applications in the future.

10. Scholarships are an ongoing process – Visit the CHS Counseling web page and Facebook page and listen carefully to the announcements concerning the latest offerings. Also, be sure to listen for details regarding the Annual Boylan Art and Writing Contests and the Flanigan Speech Contest in the spring.

11. There are many scholarships available from specific college/university programs. Call or check the website of the college/university you are interested in to find out about financial aid and scholarships available through that school. Take the initiative to know what is available for you and apply.

12. **<u>DISCLAIMER</u>: Every effort has been made for the information listed in this booklet to be as up-to-date and accurate as possible at the time of publication. However, some amounts may vary according to interest rates on available funds, and deadlines set by outside organizations may change. Additionally, the availability of some scholarships may change due to economic factors.**

13. **REMEMBER:** Be prepared, ask questions, take initiative, and be neat! **Good Luck!!!**

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Scholarships

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Name	Amount	Selection Criteria	Application Process
ALL in Memorial Scholarship	$1000	1. Graduating CHS senior who demonstrates Financial need 2. Students should be planning to enroll in post secondary education / training in a specific trade. 3. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate leadership and volunteerism and are involved in school clubs	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa	$200	1. Graduating CHS Female Senior 2. Planning to major in education	Complete General Application 2. Provide two letters of recommendation, one being from a former teacher. 3. Write an essay (2 page, double space, and 1" margins) that will: a. Tell why you want to go into education. b. Tell your most memorable educational experience. c. Tell how you think you can make an educational impact on students of the future.
The Mr. and Mrs. Arch L. Harris Music Scholarship Sponsored by the Carthage Kiwanis Club	$1,000 Awarded over two semesters	1. Graduating CHS Senior with a minimum of 2.5 GPA 2. Participating in some form of music at an accredited college 3. Demonstrate financial need 4. Participates in extracurricular activities or holds a part-time job 5. Demonstrates good moral character, citizenship, and motivation 6. Not eligible if other gifts pay all tuition, books, fees, room & board, etc.	1. Complete General Application. 2. A written statement on how you plan to participate in music during college. 3. 2 Letters of recommendation - 1 from an educator - 1 from a source outside of school. ** Should NOT be a family member 4. Selection made by Kiwanis.

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Autumn Lawrence Palmer Science Scholarship	$1,000 (1)	1. Preference to chemistry students 2. 3.50 GPA and graduating with honors 3. Attendance at a Missouri University 4. Scholarship may be renewable in subsequent years if no qualified applicant is selected	1. Complete the General Application 2. Recommendation letter from senior year science teacher 3. Essay outlining when you knew science would influence your future and how that led you to your career/choice of majors 4. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Betty Bell Dramatic Arts Scholarship Sponsored by Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre	$250-$1000	1. Volunteer Experience at Stone's Throw Theatre preferred 2. Participated in theater arts, drama, or music performance 3. Pursuing a career in performance arts or performance arts education 4. Graduating CHS Senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5	1. Complete General Application. 2. Include a list of volunteer experience at Stone's Throw Theatre 3. Selection made by Sponsoring Organization.
Beulah G. Kirksey Memorial Scholarship	$1,500 (multiple)	1. Graduating senior with "B" average or higher 2. Must enroll full-time in college 3. In-state school only 4. Must be used for tuition and/or room and board	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Blaize DeCrescenzo Memorial Scholarship	$400 (1)	1. Preference given to a student majoring in either conservation, natural resources, or ministry 2. Demonstrate financial need 3. Should possess personal characteristics of charitability, honesty, morality, and citizenship 4. Funds may be used for room, board, tuition, books, and then incidentals	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Booster Club Scholarship	$500 (minimum 1 male and 1 female)	1. Graduating CHS senior involved in athletics 2. Enrolling in college in the fall 3. Minimum GPA of 2.50 4. Must have lettered in at least one varsity sport	1. Complete General Application 2. Complete a **<u>SPECIAL</u>** application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Selection made by Booster Club Scholarship Committee

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Carthage Area United Way, Inc. Scholarship	$500 (up to four)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Demonstrates financial need 3. Enrolls in a college, university or vocation school 4. "B" Average 5. Preference given to applicants who volunteer, fundraise, or have benefited from a Carthage Area United Way Agency	1. Complete General Application 2. Complete **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Include an Academic Resume 4. Preference given to students with active community volunteerism. 5. Selection made by Carthage Area United Way Officials
Carthage Community Teachers Association Scholarship	$2000 Awarded over two semesters (Renewable) Given at the end of each semester with proof of GPA and next semester's class schedule.	1. Graduating CHS senior planning a career in education. 2. ACT score of 20 or more. 3. GPA of 2.75. 4. Upon entering college, must enroll in at least 12 hours per semester in an accredited teacher training program.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Must write an essay (200 word minimum) describing "Why I am choosing Education As a Career" (Applications without an essay will not be considered.) 3. Letter of recommendation (recommended). 4. Selection made by CCTA scholarship committee. 5. Renewable if student stays in a teacher education program.
Carthage FFA Alumni Scholarship	$400 (1)	1. Must be a Carthage FFA Member 2. Your college major needs to be in agriculture 3. Rank in class or ACT score NOT a priority	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Carthage Kiwanis Club Scholarship	$1000 Awarded over two semesters	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Enrolling in a college or university of student's choice in the fall 3. Must maintain "C" average	1. Complete General Application. 2. 2 Letters of recommendation: - 1 from an educator - 1 from a source outside of school. ** Should NOT be a family member 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization

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Carthage Rotary Scholarship	$1,000 (multiple)	1. Graduating CHS senior planning to attend a two or four-year college/university or technical/vocational school. 2. Rank in upper 35% of class 3. Participation in community service activities 4. Participation in school activities 5. Demonstrate financial need	1. Complete General Application PLUS a **SPECIAL** application, available in the Counselors' Office 2. Write a 1-page essay on the "Importance of service or giving back to your community" 3. Two letters of recommendation 4. Resume including community service, school activities, and work experience 5. Copy of your transcript
Clara Mae Chitwood Scholarship	$100	1. Graduating CHS senior planning to study public health, nursing, medicine or similar field. 2. Financial need. 3. Personality and capability considered.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by CHS officials.
Class of 1938 Memorial Scholarship	$500 awarded over 2 semesters	1. Financial need 2. Graduating CHS senior 3. Enroll in a college, university, or vocational school of student's choice 4. Have the ability to be successful in the chosen vocation 5. Good character 6. Consider society's need for chosen occupation	1. Complete General Application 2. Complete **SPECIAL** Application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Letter of recommendation required 4. Selection made by CHS officials
Class of 1973 Scholarship	$1000	1. Graduating CHS Senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA. 2. Must enroll full-time in college. 3. Preference will be given (but not restricted) to students planning to enter a STEM field.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Provide an Essay (200 word minimum) on why I have chosen my particular major and what my career goals are. 3. Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer. 4. Provide an academic resume. * Selection will be made by sponsoring organization

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Community National Bank Scholarship	$1,000 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior. 2. Student should be planning to enroll in post-secondary education/training. 3. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate leadership and volunteerism, both in and out of school 4. Paid Directly to school after enrollment confirmed	1. Complete General Application 2. Obtain one letter of recommendation 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization.
Daniel Feather Memorial Scholarship	$500 (1)	1. Graduating senior pursuing a career in Computer Science 2. Enrolled in higher-level math and physics courses during senior year 3. GPA 3.50 or higher and ACT 25 or higher 4. Financial need, extracurricular activities, community service, and personal characteristics considered 5. Funds may be used for tuition and books 6. May not accept this award if already receiving awards that cover all tuition	1. Complete General Application 2. Attach essay detailing why you are interested in Math or Physical Science 3. Letter of recommendation from counselor, math department head or science department head required 4. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee 5. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria
Dominic C. LaFerla Memorial Scholarship	$1,000 (1)	1. Graduating senior enrolling in a post-secondary program at a community college or university 2. Majoring in Machine Technology, Industrial Engineering, Manufacturing Technology, or a closely-related field 3. Demonstrate financial need	1. Complete General Application 2. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Donna Aronson Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Priority given to students with GPA between 2.0-3.49	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by CHS committee

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Dr. W. Russell and Betty R. Smith Memorial Scholarship	$1,000 (multiple)	1. Graduating senior pursuing a career in a science field 2. 3.00 GPA and ACT score of 21 or higher 3. Scholarship award money may be used for tuition, books, fees, etc.	1. Complete General Application 2. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Dwaine and Judy Crigger Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Planning to pursue a degree in the area of Fine Arts (music, theater, visual arts, etc.) or Education	1. Complete General Application 2. 2 Letters of Recommendation: a. 1 from a CHS teacher b. 1 applicant's choice 3. Essay (minimum 500 words) addressing the following topics: a. Describe the educator who inspired you to pursue a degree in the Fine Arts or Education. b. What are your future plans with a Fine Arts or Education degree?
The Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Scholarship (Psalm 139:14)	$1,391.40 (1)	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Planning to enroll in Post-secondary Education/Training.	1. Complete the General Application. 2. Write a one-page essay (300-500 words) describing how you have personally witnessed or experienced the Lord's handiwork, leading to a confident affirmation of faith. 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization.

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Family Literacy Council Scholarship	$2,500 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. GPA of 3.0 3. Involvement in school and community activities 4. Must be an Education major, preferable in Elementary Education	1. Complete General Application 2. Get a letter of recommendation from a school representative 3. Write and submit an essay up to 250 words telling why you are interested in Elementary Education Selection made by sponsoring organization.
Haffner Family Scholarship	$1,500 (1)	1. Graduating Senior (male or female) 2. One-time award 3. Secondary screening criteria is GPA 4. Award may be used toward tuition, room, board, and books 5. Award will not be given to a student already receiving awards that cover all tuition expenses.	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Hannah Smallwood Memorial Friendship Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating senior with a 3.00 GPA or higher 2. Involved in extracurricular activities 3. Financial need considered	1. Complete General Application 2. Attach a 50-word essay written by a friend on the following topic, "Why do you feel like your friend deserves this scholarship award?" 3. Attach a 50-word essay describing the qualities you possess that make you a good friend. 4. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 5. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee

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Helen Daphne Cornell Evans Memorial Scholarship	$1,500 (1)	1. GPA of 2.50 or higher 2. Demonstrate financial need 3. Should display personal characteristics of motivation and moral character 4. Must be a full-time student 5. Funds to be used for tuition only. 6. Student not eligible for application if already receiving full tuition reimbursement.	1. Complete General Application 2. Letter of recommendation from teacher required 3. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 4. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Hight-Jackson Associates	$500	1. Graduating CHS senior planning to attend college or technical school to pursue an architectural degree. 2. Priority will be given to a candidate pursuing a career in Architecture, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, or related fields. 3. Minimum GPA of 3.0 and ACT score of 21 or higher required. 4. Financial need.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Letter of recommendation by a school official is required. 3. Include copy of transcripts. 4. Selection made by sponsoring organization and CHS officials.
Hispanic Connection Scholarship	$1000 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Enrolling in a college or university of student's choice in the fall of 2026. 3. Participation in community outreach.	1. Complete General application. 2. Selection made by the Hispanic Connections committee. 3. **$500 will be given at awards assembly** 4. **Winner(s) will need to volunteer at Hispanic Heritage Event on 09/27/2026 to obtain the remaining $500**
Hough Elliff Journalism Scholarship	$250	1. Carthage resident attending University of Missouri School of Journalism and/or attending Missouri Southern State University majoring in Communications 2. Demonstrate Merit	1. Complete General Application 2. Provide 2 Letters of Recommendation 3. Submit a 500-word essay addressing how your receipt of the scholarship will matter and benefit both self and the Carthage Community 4. Submit high school transcript 5. Selection made by the R-9 Foundation

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Inez Hudson Agriculture Scholarship	$2,500 (multiple)	1. High school senior pursuing higher education in the field of Agriculture 2. Student must have completed at least two courses in the Agriculture Department 3. GPA of 3.00 or better 4. Must enroll in college, university or trade school as a full time student 5. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room/board 6. Personal characteristics of good moral character, personality, citizenship, leadership, and motivation considered 7. Community service and involvement in student activities considered 8. May not accept this award if already receiving awards that cover all tuition expenses	1. General application 2. Three letters of recommendation required, with one from current agriculture teacher 3. Cover letter of application required 4. Interview of top three candidates required 5. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Inez Hudson Business Scholarship	$2,500 (multiple)	1. High School senior pursuing higher education in the field of Business 2. GPA of 3.00 or better 3. Must enroll in college or university as a full time student 4. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room/board 5. Personal characteristics of good moral character, personality, citizenship, leadership, and motivation considered 6. Community service and involvement in student activities considered 7. May not accept this award if already receiving awards that cover all tuition expenses	1. General application 2. Three letters of recommendation required, with one from current business teacher 3. Cover letter of application required 4. Interview of top three candidates required 5. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Ivan Hager Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the Carthage Kiwanis Club	$1,000 Awarded over two semesters	1. Graduating CHS senior. 2. Enrolling in a college or university of student's choice in the fall. 3. Must maintain "C" average. 4. Must complete 21 volunteer hours at Kiwanis Kiddieland Park during the Summer of 2026 5. *1st check will not be awarded until volunteer hours are complete.	1. Complete General Application. 2. 2 Letters of recommendation: - 1 from an educator - 1 from a source outside of school. * Should NOT be a family member 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization

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Jasper County Farm Bureau	$1,000 (2*) **2 scholarships available: 1 for Agriculture majors and 1 for Non-Agriculture majors. Students may apply for only ONE; must be designated on application*	1. Must live in Jasper County 2. Student or immediate family member must be a current member of the Jasper County Farm Bureau 3. Graduating senior planning to attend an accredited college, university, community college, or technical school 4. Demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and above-average academic ability 5. Demonstrate financial need	1. Complete a **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 2. Deliver or mail completed application packet to: *Jasper County Farm Bureau* *Attn: Scholarship Committee* *106 E. 4th* *Carthage, MO 64836* **Deadline is February 27th at 4:00 pm** **Must be postmarked no later than February 27th at 4:00 pm if mailing** 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Kenny Sutton Memorial Scholarship sponsored by CEA	$500 - $1000 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior planning on majoring in Education. 2. Preferred GPA of at least 3.00 and 21 or above on the ACT.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by CEA
Kent & Mary Steadley Memorial Scholarship	$1,000 (multiple)	1. Graduating senior with a "C" average or above 2. Use for post-secondary training in pursuit of a two-year or four-year program at a college, university, or technical school 3. Demonstrate financial need 4. Must show acceptance to the post-secondary institution before scholarship is awarded	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee 3. **RENEWABLE** for up to 3 years following initial award at high school graduation (possible 4 years total at $1,000 per year) upon maintenance of a "C" average each year and Foundation receipt of each semester's transcripts.
KHAD (Knowledge, Humor, and Determination) Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS senior	1. Complete the Google form: https://forms.gle/wJKCmgUmRAYT42gS9 2. Selection made by sponsoring individuals **3. Deadline February 6th**

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Kitty Estes Memorial Scholarship	$400 (1)	1. Rank in upper 50% of class 2. Demonstrate financial need 3. Graduating senior planning to attend college or technical school	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee 3. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria
Knell Family Memorial Scholarship	$250 (1)	1. Student must currently have at least a "C" average 2. Be involved in at least one varsity sport 3. Demonstrate good character, outgoing, and involved in school activities	1. Complete General Application 2. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Knights of Pythias Scholarship	$1,000 (4)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Demonstrate financial need 3. Personal interview of finalists may be required	1. Must submit a TYPED essay (500 words) on the subjects of friendship, charity, and benevolence 2. Complete General Application form and attach the required essay 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Kristine M. Wells Memorial Scholarship	$500 (2)	1. Graduate of CHS 2. Planning to become a teacher 3. Financial need not necessarily a prerequisite 4. Attach one-page essay covering desire to teach	1. Complete General Application 2. Desire to teach essay 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee

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Kyran Addington Memorial Scholarship	$2000 (2)	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Funds to be used for educational expenses at a postsecondary college, university, or vocational school 3. GPA of 2.0 or above	1. Fill out application and submit via link: To be sent out at a later date in the google classroom. 2. Submit an essay to help better understand you as a person and student deserving of a scholarship (add major influences in your life or lifetime goals) 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization. 4. Deadline March 1, 2026 5. Attach a copy of your transcript *Checks written to students' school of choice
Larry Higgins Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating senior pursuing a career in the field of engineering 2. Attach a one-page essay on your goals and the reasons you have chosen to study engineering	1. Complete General Application 2. Engineering Essay 3. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 4. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Larry L Hillyard Memorial Scholarship	$1000	1. Graduating CHS Senior pursuing a career in Criminal Justice	1. Complete the General Application 2. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Malcolm Rosenthal Memorial Scholarship	$250	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Student will attend a college/university or trade/technical school	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Maple Leaf Car Show Scholarship	$1000 ($500 awarded at Senior Academic Awards; $500 awarded after the Car Show)	1. Graduating CHS Senior 2. Attending a college, university or trade/technical school in the fall 3. Majoring in engineering, auto body, welding, machining or related field	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by CHS Officials. **** Winner must help at Cruise Night and the Maple Leaf Car Show in October 2026****

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Maple Leaf Taco Tuesday Scholarship	$1000 (2) $500 (9)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Enrolling in a college or university of student's choice in the fall 3. First generation college student 4. 3.0 or above GPA	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Marilyn Bruffett Memorial Skills USA Scholarship	$150 to $250	1. Graduating CHS senior. 2. Must be a current (active) Skills USA member. 3. One-time money award used to offset future training or work expenses. 4. More than one scholarship may be awarded. 5. Must have a "C" average or higher in tech classes & have good attendance	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by sponsoring organization.
Mark Twain Scholarship	$100 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior who attended Mark Twain Elementary. 2. Student should be planning to enroll in post-secondary education/training. 3. At least a silver on the ACT WorkKeys test or an 18 composite score on the ACT. 4. GPA of at least 3.0.	1. Complete General Application 2. Obtain one letter of recommendation. 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Mary E. Spitler Scholarship	$600	1. CHS Senior girl. 2. Demonstrates financial need. 3. Rank in top 20% of class. 4. Projected four-year math or science degree. 1. Citizenship and community service considered.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by Carthage High School officials.
McCune Brooks Healthcare Foundation CNA Scholarship	$500 (2)	1. Graduating senior 2. Majoring in nursing 3. Considering employment with Mercy McCune Brooks upon completion of degree 4. Demonstrate financial need	1. Complete General Application 2. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board in partnership with Mercy McCune Brooks Healthcare Foundation

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MFA Foundation Scholarship	$2500	1. Graduating CHS senior with an interest in furthering his/her education in agriculture or other fields that benefit rural life 2. Must be a child or grandchild (including step-children or step-grandchildren) of a member-level MFA customer 3. Participation and leadership in school, church and community activities 4. Reputation for good citizenship and moral character 5. Financial need, income and willingness to work 6. Satisfactory academic progress	1. Complete the **ONLINE** application available at www.mfafoundation.com Applications open from December 1 - 2025 through February 15, 2026 2. Selection made by sponsoring organization 3. Scholarship will be paid directly to the school 4. Recipients must be enrolled full-time by September 1, 2026
New Mac Electric Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating senior 2. Parent/Guardian must be a member of New Mac Electric Cooperative 3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher 4. Immediate family members of New Mac employees/board members are ineligible 5. Must attend an accredited college or university full time, beginning fall of 2026	1. Application and scholarship information will be made available in late January of 2026 at www.newmac.com 2. A copy of your current high school transcript must be attached to your completed application 3. If available, a copy of a letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend, should be submitted 4. Mail, hand-deliver, or email your application no later than Friday, April 10, 2026. ADDRESS: Scholarship Coordinator New-Mac Electric Cooperative PO Box 310 Neosho, MO 64850 EMAIL: ttaylor@newmac.com
Project AIM/Kirk Selvey Memorial Scholarship	$250	1. Must be a Virtual Learning Center Student 2. Financial need considered 3. Candidate must have been accepted to or in the process of being accepted to a post-secondary educational facility 4. Scholarship money may be used toward tuition, books, or campus housing	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee

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Rachel Thornton Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. One graduating CHS senior planning to study in a business-related trade or field. 2. Must have earned a 2.5 or better GPA 3. Must attend a Missouri two-or four-year university or college 4. Must enroll in a minimum of 12 college hours 5. Preference given to students majoring in a business-related field	1. Complete general application. 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee. ** Paid to the student's chosen university or college.
Ralph Latimer Advertising and Graphic Arts Endowed Scholarship	$1,000	1. Graduating senior planning to obtain a degree in Graphic Arts, Advertising, or Marketing 2. 3.00 GPA **and** ACT 21 or higher	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Robert Duvall Memorial Scholarship	$250 (1)	1. Carthage High School Senior 2. 3.00 minimum GPA 3. Student who has represented excellence in leadership skills through areas of but not limited to:clubs, sports, extracurricular activities	1. Complete General Application 2. Provide 3 letters of recommendation 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation
Robert & Ellen Sheldon Memorial Scholarship	$2,000 (1)	1. Graduating senior 2. Planning to study in the field of conservation and/or chemistry at an accredited vo-tech or college. 3. Active in the community	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Robert A. Minor Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating senior planning to enter college or vocational school in the fall 2. Demonstrate financial need 3. Have high moral character with integrity and honesty 4. Grades not a consideration 5. Proven ability to succeed	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee 3. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria
Robert W. Stanfield Memorial Scholarship	$500 (1)	1. Graduating senior involved in a music program (instrumental or vocal) 2. Preference given to student pursuing a music education degree	1. Letter of recommendation required from music teacher 2. Complete General Application 3. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 4. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee

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Sam Rogers Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS senior. 2. Student should be planning to enroll in post-secondary education/training. 3. Student must demonstrate involvement in STUCO at least 2 of the 4 years 4. Write a funny story in 250 words or less (Sam would love this!)	1. Complete General Application 2. Selection made by Sam Rogers' Family
Schreiber Foundation Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS female planning to attend four-year degree program in Business and Finance, Food Science, Dairy Science, Engineering, or related field. 2. GPA above 3.0. 3. Highly involved in school and community activities. 4. First consideration given to children of Schreiber partners. 5. Financial need.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by Schreiber Foundation officials.
Sexton-Lonardo Family Scholarship	$500 (1)	1. CHS senior attending university or technical school 2. Based on financial need 3. Student who has been a member of any one of the following teams: girls or boys soccer, band, girls swim, football, dance team	1. Complete General Application 2. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee
Shelter Insurance Scholarship	$1,500	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Selection based on: Scholastic Achievement, Citizenship, and Community/School Participation/Leadership 3. Paid directly to college or university in the Fall	1. Complete General Application 2. Complete a **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Selection made by CHS officials

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Soroptimist International of Carthage Scholarship	Multiple Scholarships Varying Amounts	1. Senior girls attending CHS or female homeschoolers who are eligible to attend CHS 2. Senior girls who are pursuing further education/training such as college, tech school, or other training 3. GPA 2.50 or higher 4. Record of volunteer service 5. Involvement in extracurricular activities 6. Scholarship is for tuition, books, or fees. 7. Students already receiving full tuition are not eligible to apply	1. Complete General Application 2. Complete a **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Write an essay limited to 500 words on how you intend to improve lives of women and children 4. Attach a list of volunteer service and extracurricular activities 5. Mail completed application and attachments to: ***Soroptimist International of Carthage*** ***ATTN: Scholarship Committee*** ***PO Box 536*** ***Carthage, MO 64836*** *OR* Email to: SICarthage@gmail.com 6. March 1 Deadline
Southwest Missouri Bank Scholarship	$500 (2)	1. Graduating CHS senior who demonstrates financial need. 2. Enroll in post-secondary education or return money. 3. Intended for educational expenses. 4. ACT score and GPA not factor in determining recipient. 5. ** Money paid to school the student attends.	1. Complete General Application. 2. Selection made by CHS officials.
Stan Jones Memorial Scholarship	$1,000 (minimum 1 male and 1 female)	5. Graduating CHS senior involved in athletics 6. Enrolling in college in the fall 7. Minimum GPA of 2.50 8. Must have lettered in at least one varsity sport	4. Complete General Application 5. Complete a **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 6. Selection made by Booster Club Scholarship Committee

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Steadley Elementary PTO Scholarship	$500 (1)	1. Graduating CHS senior who attended Steadley Elementary 2. Planning to enroll in post-secondary education/training	1. Complete General Application 2. Provide one letter of Recommendation 3. Write an essay (2 page, double-spaced, 1" margins): a. Reflect your personal point of view on your most significant challenge or accomplishment at Steadley and its value to your life. a. Reflect your personal b. point of view on your long-range goals and what you need to learn to achieve them.
Student Council Scholarship	2 awarded: amount varies	1. Graduating CHS senior: 1 awarded to Student Council member. 1 awarded to a Non-student Council member 2. Financial need	1. Complete General Application 2. Two letters of recommendation required. 3. Selection made by CHS officials
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Allergon Div. Scholarship	$1000 (Amount may vary)	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Enrolling in college or university in the fall 3. Majoring in biological science or research-related field 4. Based on goals and achievement	1. Complete General Application 2. Two letters of recommendation required 3. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Tiffany Peterson Memorial Scholarship	$500	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. GPA of at least 3.0 3. Participation and leadership in church, school, and community activities 4. Selection based on being a well-rounded individual with good moral character, outgoing personality, citizenship, self-motivation, and compassion for other people ** Payment made directly to post-secondary institution.	1. Complete General Application 2. At least two letters of recommendation required: -One from a youth minister -One from a school employee 3. Selection made by the Tiffany Peterson Memorial Scholarship Committee

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VFW Post 2590-Carthage Scholarship	VFW-$500 VFW Aux - $500 Combat Veterans Aux - $500	1. Graduating CHS senior 2. Dependent of a Veteran 3. Financial need	1. Complete a General Application 2. Complete a **SPECIAL** application available in the Counselor's Office 3. Write a 200-300 word essay about how you feel that our military has helped the United States and you. In your own words what has inspired you to continue your education. Did your veteran have a role in that decision? 4. Selection made by sponsoring organization
Walter and Ruby Ott Memorial Scholarship	$500 (1)	1. GPA of 3.00 or better 2. ACT Composite score of 21 or better 3. Study in the area of Fine Arts 4. Demonstrate financial need 5. Funds may be used for room, board, tuition or books 6. Good moral character, capability, citizenship and motivation 7. Fine arts includes studio majors (sculpture, drawings, design, ceramics, pottery, painting, photography, printmaking, fibers, animation, visual arts), theater, dance, music, creative writing, fashion, art history, architecture, art therapy	1. Complete General Application 2. Submit an autobiography and explain future goals 3. Selection made by R-9 Foundation Board Committee 4. Scholarship may be renewable to previous recipient if no current, qualified, graduating senior meets the criteria

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Scholarships

How to Apply for CFO Scholarships

Applications open January 1, 2026

- **Beginning Jan. 1, click the link below to access the online application portal.**
  https://www.cfozarks.org/take-action-apply-for-scholarships
- **You will first need to create a username and password to establish and confirm your account. Click Create Account. When you have an account created, click continue. Read the instructions carefully then click Apply.**
- **Next, you will be prompted to begin the universal application process. The universal application is a comprehensive form that allows you to apply for all the scholarships for which you qualify.**
- **To save your progress, click the "Save" button at the bottom of your screen.**
- **When you complete the universal application, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of your screen.**
- **After submitting the universal application, you will receive a confirmation page that lists the scholarship opportunities for which you qualify. You are strongly encouraged to print this page.**
- **Some scholarship opportunities may have supplemental questions to complete. If you receive supplemental questions, you must click the "Submit" button upon completing your response for each opportunity.**
- **If you feel you should be eligible for a scholarship opportunity that is not on your list, please call 417-864-6199.**
- **Deadline is March 16th. Use your dashboard to keep track of your progress and opportunities.**

***Amounts listed are as accurate as possible at the time of publication but are subject to change at the discretion of CFO. Please check the CFO website when it becomes available to confirm amounts and view deadlines.**

CFO Scholarship List

Alternative Education Scholarship

- One $1,000.00 scholarship
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 2.0 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours
- Graduating High School Senior who has been or currently is in Foster Care/Alternative Care or is currently homeless
- GPA of 2.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation

American Patriot Scholarship

- One $5,000.00 scholarship
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 3.0 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student from Southern Missouri who has a parent or grandparent that is a honorably discharged veteran or active personnel
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation
- Possible interview

Arthur G. Tesar Scholarship

- Two $2,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 2.5 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours
- Graduating High School Senior
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Student must be attending Missouri State University or Ozarks Technical Community College
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required

Betty H. King Scholarship

- Two $1,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 3.0 GPA, are enrolled in 12 credit hours, and majoring in math, science or engineering
- Graduating High School Senior who is a female from the following counties in Missouri (Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster or Wright), majoring in engineering, math or science
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required

Camp Arrowhead Staff Scholarship

- One $1,200.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student who is male and has been a staff person at Camp Arrowhead
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Christine A. Loetel Scholarship

- Award amount varies
- Renewable each semester; providing you maintain in good standing with your respective institution
- Student who has cerebral palsy or a similar disability resulting from damage to the brain
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required
- Possible interview

Curtis Rex Carter Applied Science Scholarship

- One $2,500.00 scholarship
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 2.8 GPA, are enrolled in 12 credit hours, and majoring in electrical, chemical, computer engineering, chemistry, or applied micro-biology
- Graduating Carl Junction, Carthage, Diamond, East Newton, Golden City, Jasper, Joplin, Lamar, Liberal, McDonald, Neosho, Sarcoxie, Seneca or Webb City High School Senior; majoring in electrical, chemical, computer engineering, chemistry, or applied micro-biology
- Students must be applying to a four year accredited college or university
- Submit transcript
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Daniel DiSylvester Memorial Soccer Scholarship

- Two $2,000.00 scholarships
- Graduating High School Senior who played organized soccer for four years
- GPA of 2.2 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Diane and Peter Christodoulou Memorial Scholarship

- Two $1,250.00 scholarships
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student; this scholarship is for learning disability students NOT health impairment students
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Financial information
- Describe your participation in community service and work experience
- High school seniors provide the front page of current or most recent IEP and current college students provide a letter from the Disability Service Coordinator verifying the diagnosis of your learning disability

Dr. William B. McIntyre Scholarship

- One $650.00 scholarship
- Graduating Carthage or Joplin High School Senior
- GPA of 2.75 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college or university
- Describe your participation in community services and school activities
- Essay required
- Two letters of recommendation

EFCO Sales Rep Scholarship

- One $1,000.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student
- Must be a child of an EFCO employee, parent must have been employed at EFCO for 3-years minimum (applicant cannot be a child of EFCO officer or board member)
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI

Foster Care Scholarship

- One $1,000.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student
- Students must be or have been in foster care and never been adopted
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation

Gravelin Scholarship

- One $500.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior who has experienced a life-altering circumstance such as but not limited to a major illness, long term hospitalization, home care, traumatic accident or major disaster
- GPA of 3.3 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service, school activities, work experience
- Essay required

Greater Ozarks Chapter of the National Association of Orthopedic Nurses, #144 Scholarship

- One $900.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student; majoring in nursing; preference to Orthopedic Nurse who is member of NAON or a dependent of a NAON member
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation

Hands to Work Hearts to God Scholarship

- One $2,500.00 scholarship
- Graduating Carthage High School Senior
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI form
- Essay required

Henry J. and Lucille J. Straus Scholarship

- Twelve $7,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 3.0 GPA, and are enrolled in 12 credit hours at a **private** college or university
- Graduating High School Senior
- GPA of 3.2 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a four year accredited **private** college or university
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation; attesting to your character and non-discriminatory actions toward others of varying ethnic/religious/political affiliations and backgrounds

James Craig Carr Memorial Scholarship

- One $3,000.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student
- Must be a participant or past participant in the Lost and Found Program; Springfield, MO
- GPA of 2.5; submit transcript (most recent)
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI form
- Describe your participation in community service and work experience
- Essay required

Jerald L. Andrews Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship

- One $1,000.00 scholarship
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain a 2.5 GPA, are enrolled in 12 credit hours and attending a Missouri college or university
- Graduating Missouri High School Senior
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college or university in the State of Missouri
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI form
- Must have participated in sport(s)
- Essay required

Jim and Shirley Cook Scholarship

- One $750.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior from Southwest Missouri; preference for students with FFA leadership or GO CAPS program participation and pursuing a mechanical engineering, CNC programming, welding, or machine tool technology
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service, school activities, work experience
- Two letters of recommendation

Missouri Association of RC & D Councils Scholarship

- One $1,500.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior; majoring in agriculture, natural resources or related field as aligned with the Missouri Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils mission
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- ACT Score of 21 or above
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required
- Two letters of recommendation, one has to be from school personnel

Ozark Chapter of Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship

- Two $1,500.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional one year; providing you maintain 2.0 GPA, are enrolled in 12 credit hours, and majoring in engineering
- Graduating High School Senior from Southwest Missouri; preference for children and/or grandchildren of MSPE members
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- ACT score of 29 or above in Math and a score of 25 or above in English
- Students must be applying to a four year accredited college or university
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service, school activities, work experience
- Essay required
- Two letters of recommendation

Quigley Jasper County Christian Athlete Scholarship

- One $500.00 scholarship
- Graduating Carl Junction, Carthage, Jasper, Joplin, Sarcoxie, or Webb City High School Senior; majoring in ministry
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI form
- Describe your participation in community service and sports
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation

Schilling Scholarship

- Four $3,000.00, and Six $3,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 3.0 GPA, enrolled in 12 credit hours, and majoring in agriculture
- Graduating Aurora, Carl Junction, Carthage, Dadeville, Everton, Greenfield, Golden City, Jasper, Joplin, Lamar, Liberal, Lockwood, Marionville, Miller, Monett, Mount Vernon, Pierce City, Sarcoxie, Verona, or Webb City, MO High School Senior who will be pursuing an agricultural degree, such as: Agriculture Business/Economics, Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Farm Management, Horticulture
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Student must be applying to a four year accredited college or university
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Schilling Technical Scholarship

- Four $2,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional one year; providing you maintain 2.5 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours
- Graduating Aurora, Carl Junction, Carthage, Dadeville, Everton, Greenfield, Golden City, Jasper, Joplin, Lamar, Liberal, Lockwood, Marionville, Miller, Monett, Mount Vernon, Pierce City, Sarcoxie, Verona, or Webb City, MO High School Senior
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Student must be applying to a two year accredited school or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Shelby Estep Memorial FFA Scholarship

- One $700.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior from the Southwest FFA District of MO, which includes the following counties: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Vernon, Webster and Wright
- GPA of 2.0 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- FFA and Leadership pages from the State FFA Degree Application
- Essay required

Southwest Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

- Two $1,000 scholarships
- Graduating High School Senior or current college student; a paid member of the Southwest Missouri Cattlemen's Association or a child of a paid member and majoring in agriculture
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Describe your participation in community service, school activities, work experience
- Essay required
- Two letters of recommendation
- Describe your involvement in the Southwest Cattlemen's Association MCA, CBA activities and events

Southwest Missouri Resource Conservation and Development Scholarship

- One $1,500.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior from one of the following counties in Missouri (Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney or Webster); majoring in Agriculture, Natural Resources or related field as aligned with the Southwest Missouri Resource Conservation & Development Councils mission
- GPA of 2.5 or above; submit transcript
- ACT Score of 21 or above
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Describe your participation in community service, school activities, work experience
- Essay required
- Two letters of recommendation, one has to be from school personnel

Thelma M. Stanley Scholarship for Education

- Two $1,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years; providing you maintain 2.5 GPA, are enrolled in 12 credit hours, and majoring in education
- Graduating Carthage High School Senior; majoring in education
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college or university
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation

Thelma Stanley Jayhawk Scholarship

- Two $1,000.00 scholarships
- Renewable for additional three years, providing you maintain 2.5 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours
- Graduating Carthage High School Senior, preference given to a student who is a first generation college student
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Demonstrate financial need; submit FAFSA-SAI
- Essay required

Wright-Powers-Winchester Family Scholarship

- One $1,500.00 scholarship
- Graduating Carthage High School Senior; majoring in art or history
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college or university
- Essay required

Youth Empowerment Program Scholarship

- One $1,200.00 scholarship
- Graduating High School Senior
- Must have been a member of Youth Empowerment Project for at least one year
- Submit transcript
- Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university or vocational school
- Describe your participation in community service and school activities
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation; from Youth Empowerment Project sponsor

Thank You Note

A thank you letter **must** be sent to those awarding you a scholarship. Below is a generic sample thank you letter that you may use if you are awarded any scholarships. Much volunteer time, energy, and money is donated for these scholarships to be in existence, so every winner is expected to acknowledge the sponsor's generosity and to obtain directions on how to receive the funds if they were not awarded at the Academic Awards Ceremony. Ms. Hughes will contact you about sending a Thank You to sponsors of Local Scholarship; Ms. Brown will provide contact information for Foundation Scholarship sponsors.

Winner's Sample Form Letter
(This may be typed or handwritten)

Dear [*Name of Scholarship*] Sponsor,

Thank you so much for selecting me as your scholarship recipient! I greatly appreciate your confidence in me and your generosity in sponsoring this award. I want you to know that I will be using this scholarship wisely to further my education at [*college/university name*], beginning in [*month you will be starting school*]. Please express my gratitude to all those who have played a role in making this scholarship possible. My home address and phone number is: _____, or you can email me any time at _____. Feel free to contact me if you need any additional information to ensure that the scholarship is received according to guidelines.

Once again, thank you for your help and support. Your scholarship will greatly help to ease the financial strain of my education and start me on the road to success!

Sincerely,

[*Your Name*]

**** For Local Scholarships, if you do not receive your award on Academic Awards Night, it is your responsibility to contact the sponsoring organization and provide the information necessary for them to send it to you or your school of choice. ****