

*Please note that **Local Scholarships** will have smaller applicant pools.

Gray Highlight-Other Grade Level Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Eligibility	Award	Website	Deadline
Quest Bridge, National College Match	High School Senior who earn primarily A's in the most challenging courses offered and demonstrate strong writing ability and intellectual curiosity, Come from a household earning less than \$65,000 annually (for a household of four) with minimal assets Demonstrate resilience, integrity, and motivation to succeed.	Full Four-year scholarships	https://www.questbridge.org/apply-to-college/programs/national-college-match	October 1, 2026
Stantec Future Leaders Scholarship	High School Senior, planning on pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, arts/architecture, and mathematics (STEAM) fields. This scholarship is open to students from all backgrounds who demonstrate leadership potential, resilience, and a commitment to shaping a better future.	\$1,500 and \$10,000	https://www.stantec.com/en/about/community-engagement/stantec-future-leaders-scholarship	October 2, 2026
AES Engineering Essay Contest	High School Senior, Planning to attend college, 500-1000 Word Essay: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible.	\$500	https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php	October 8, 2026

American Muscle Student Scholarship	High School Senior, must be pursuing an automotive degree or related field of study, 700-1,500 word essay with application. (For Spring Applicants)	\$2,500	https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html	October 15, 2026
<i>Extended Deadline!</i> ConnectHER Film Festival	The ConnectHER Film Festival is an international youth competition that welcomes short films about issues that impact women and girls.	\$2,500-\$5,000	https://connectherfilmfest.org/submit/	October 15, 2026
<i>NEW!</i> P.E.O. Star Scholarship (Local Scholarship)	High School Senior, Female, U.S. Citizen, or legal permanent resident of the U.S., unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, on a 4.0 scale, must exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success. Local Contact: sarasfreese@gmail.com 858-382-9299	\$2,500	https://drive.google.com/file/d/15yHDm5M9lprdoi59v2dtUZA10C1ubiiD/view?usp=sharing https://url.usb.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/OrleCqAWRDh9MxznUZfvfEXj87?domain=peointernational.org/ https://url.usb.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/bppECqAWRDh4WIE4FZfNtE-Mwa?domain=peointernational.org	October 15, 2026
Annual Sphinx Competition	Instrument categories are Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass, Participants in the Junior Division must not have reached their 18th birthday by February 1, 2026. Participants in the Senior Division must be at least 18 years old but not have reached their 31st birthday by February 1, 2026.	\$50,000	https://www.sphinxmusic.org/sphinx-competition	October 20, 2026

	Participants must be a U.S. resident or have a valid U.S visa at the time of applying and performing during the final rounds of the junior and senior division.			
NEW! 2027 National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholar Application	High School Seniors, Plans to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields, Must be a US Citizen	\$50,000	https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html	October 30, 2026
American College Foundation, 17th Annual Visionary Scholarship	All grade levels are eligible to apply, Submit a completed ACF Visionary Scholarship Application, a copy of the student's most recent unofficial high school transcript, and a 500 word, typed, double-spaced essay. See complete details on their website.	Multiple Winners Ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500	www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org Questions: Bill Dutton – San Diego Regional Director - 858-212-9898	October 31, 2026
NROTC Scholarship, Marine Option	U.S. Citizen, 17 years of age by Sept. 1 of the year starting college, High School graduate or possess a GED by Aug 1 of the same year of the anticipated entrance into the four-year NROTC Scholarship Program, Physically qualified by Marine Corps standards, no moral obligations or personal convictions that will prevent conscientious bearing of arms, and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, No criminal record of military or civilian offenses, Achieve qualifying scores on the SAT (1000) or ACT (composite score of 22), apply for and gain admission to an approved NROTC college or program.	See award info in next column	https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Prospective-Midshipmen/Scholarship-and-Non-Scholarship-Options/Marine-Corps-Scholarships/ 100% College Tuition, Textbook stipend, Uniforms provided, \$250-400 monthly living allowance, unlimited travel opportunities, excellent medical/dental benefits, become a commissioned officer after graduation Please note deadline Info: Regular, nurse, immediate selection must get apps in by 1/31/2027 Pre-med is 12/31/2026 Rolling boards: Oct to April.	October 31, 2026 (Early Board) Regular January 31, 2027

Voice of Democracy, "What a Veteran Taught Me about America." (Local Scholarship)	Grades 9-12, Essay on "What a Veteran Taught Me about America." Record essay on an audio CD or flash drive.	Varies	For more details go to: https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=74120 Entry Form: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgiclfefndmkaj/https://vfwca.org/uploads/Documents/Programs/26-27_VoiceofDemocracyEntryForm.pdf Local Post: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7907 12342 Old Pomerado Rd. Poway, CA 92064 Phone: 858-748-7907	October 31, 2026
Hispanic Heritage Foundation, 2026 Youth Awards	High School Senior, Minimum Unweighted GPA of 3.0, Be of Hispanic Heritage (Includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines), must be a U.S. permanent resident, U.S. Citizen, If selected, attendance to virtual regional awards ceremony is mandatory	Educational Grants	https://hispanicheritage.org/youth-awards/	November 1, 2026
<i>NEW!</i> Chick-fil-A Community Scholars	Be a resident in the United States, High School Senior, planning to enroll in undergraduate accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school, Be involved in community service, extracurricular activities and/or in a leadership role, Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent), Demonstrate Financial Need.	\$25,000 13 Awards	https://www.chick-fil-a.com/community-scholars	November 3, 2026
Regeneron Science Scholarship	Regeneron STS is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science research competition for high school students. Started in 1942 as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, Regeneron STS recognizes and empowers our nation's most promising young scientists who are developing ideas that could solve society's most urgent challenges.	\$250,000	https://www.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts/	November 5, 2026

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship	High School Senior, Planning to attend a 4-year college or university, GPA of 3.75 or higher, Financial Need, Gross income of \$95,000 or lower.	\$55,000	https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/	November 11, 2026
Elks National Foundation, Inc., Most Valuable Student Scholarship (Local Scholarship)	Current high school seniors, U.S. Citizen, Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants will be judged on Leadership, Academic achievements and records, Community involvement and Financial need.	\$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year	https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm	November 12, 2026
NEW! Pitch It to Win It Competition	Students grades 9-12, To encourage the entrepreneurial mindset in youth, the Jacobson Institute sponsors the Innovator Competition each fall and spring. This investment in the future of entrepreneurship provides high school innovators with financial support and feedback from successful entrepreneurs. Students don't need a background or coursework in business to compete. They just need motivation, passion and a good idea!	1st Place: \$1,500 2nd Place: \$1,000 3rd Place: \$500	https://jacobsoninstitute.org/innovator-competition	November 13, 2026
NEW! Fleet Reserve ASSN Americanism Essay Contest (Local Scholarship)	The Fleet Reserve Association is having an essay contest with the theme, "What does Patriotism Mean to Me". The essay shall not exceed 350 words. Grades 7-12 are able to participate.	Grand Prize \$1,500 18 National Awards and Regional/Local Prizes	https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a Branch: 070-CA, POWAY Name : Charles V. Cross, Jr. Address : 13514 Mora Cir Poway, CA 92064-5021 Email : cvvcross@cox.net Phone : (858) 679-1252	December 1, 2026

NEW! Hagan Scholarship Foundation	High School Senior, If not U.S. Citizen, must be fluent in English language, GPA of 3.5 or higher, planning to enroll in a 4-year college/university, must work 240 hours from January 1-September 1, Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for 2025 Federal Income Tax Purposes must not have exceeded \$100,000. Finalists must provide FAFSA Summary and SAI, Must apply for Federal and State Grants if eligible, Must not have a felony conviction	\$60,000	https://haganscholarships.org/	December 1, 2026
NEW! The Science Ambassador Scholarship, Funded by the Cards Against Humanity	High School Senior, undergraduate women and non-binary students planning to major in science, technology, engineering, or math, planning to attend college in the U.S., create an educational video.	Five \$20,000 Tuition Scholarships	https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/#apply	December 14, 2026
NEW! Burger King Foundation, Scholars Program	High School Senior, Recipients are selected through an application process that takes into consideration their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities, financial need and community service.	\$1,000-\$60,000	https://www.burgerkingfoundation.org/programs/burger-king-sm-scholars	Opens on October 15th, 2026 and will be open until they receive 30,000 applications or until December 15, 2026.
NEW! Common App Scholarship	Be in Grade 11 or Grade 12, Be attending a college or university no later than October 1, 2027, Have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year, answer one of the essay prompts	Three awards of \$2,000	https://studentscholarships.org/managed/common-app-scholarship	December 15, 2026

<p>NEW! Sevens Legal Criminal Lawyers</p>	<p>Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident Be enrolled full-time as a senior in a U.S. high school at the time of entry, Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (verified by transcript) Submit a 1,000-word essay responding to the prompt:</p> <p>"As criminal lawyers, we know initial impressions rarely tell the whole story. Describe a time when you rushed to judgment about a person or a situation, only to realize later that you were completely wrong. What caused your perspective to shift, and how has that changed how you approach others?"</p> <p>Your essay must be:</p> <p>A minimum of 1,000 words, Original, clearly written, and well-organized, Thoughtful, creative, and grammatically sound, Essays will be scored based on clarity, depth, organization, and connection to the theme.</p>	<p>First Place Award: \$750 Runner-Up Award: \$250</p>	<p>https://scholarships.sevenslegal.com/?utm_source=chatgpt.com</p>	<p>December 18, 2026</p>
<p>NEW! Science Buddy Scholarship</p>	<p>Be entering, or currently pursuing, an educational program in the sciences, be attending college/university no later than September 15, 2027, have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year, answer the essay question in 500 words or less.</p>	<p>Five awards of \$2,750</p>	<p>https://studentscholarships.org/managed/science-buddy-scholarship</p>	<p>December 31, 2026</p>
<p>NEW! 2027 Profile in Courage Essay Contest</p>	<p>Open to High School students, grades 9-12, Essay contest See Website for Contest Topic.</p>	<p>\$100- \$10,000</p>	<p>https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/getting-started</p>	<p>January 11, 2027, 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time</p>

NEW! California Jaycees Foundation Scholarship	High School Senior, Planning to attend a vocational, or 4 year college, Vocational GPA of 3.25 or higher, 4-year college GPA of 3.75 or higher, school and community involvement.	\$1,000	https://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program	January 12, 2027
NEW! Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	High School Senior, U.S.Citizen, Financial Need, Record of academic excellence, leadership potential and dedication of community service, planning to attend an accredited 4-year college/university within the U.S. or affiliated with a U.S. based college or university.	up to \$35,000 over four years	https://jackierobinson.org/apply/?utm_campaign=network&utm_medium=email&utm_source=programs&utm_term=FY24 Have questions about your scholarship application? Good news– Foundation staff will be on hand for a drop-in Q & A session to help answer those questions! The next session is: Thursday, October 15 from 7:00-8:00 PM ET Go to website for drop-in link.	January 14, 2027
NEW! National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship	High School Senior, planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government, Must be US Citizen, Essay, Letter of Recommendation	\$500-\$5,000	https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship	January 15, 2027
NEW! Sons of Italy Western Foundation, Grand Lodge of California Scholarship	High School Senior, must be wholly or partially of Italian descent, planning to enroll in an accredited College, University or Community College in Fall of 2027. Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduating High School Senior • Italian Language Study Grants for graduating high school seniors for the summer of 2027 • Career Education for graduating high school seniors pursuing a career in a skilled field. 	\$500-\$5,000	https://osiaca.org/scholarships/	March 1, 2027

NEW! Brian Graves Memorial Bass Tournament Scholarship (Local Scholarship)	High School Senior, planning to attend a 4-year college, pursuing Marine Biology Will need two letters of recommendation, one from your counselor, and one from a teacher in the biology/science field & copy of transcript.	\$500	CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION	April 1, 2027
NEW! HoshizakiIceMaker.com Supporting STEM Scholarship	An applicant must: U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are high school seniors or current undergraduates pursuing a STEM major, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and will enroll full-time (12+ credits) at an accredited four-year U.S. institution. Community-college students qualify if transferring to an eligible four-year institution.	\$1,000	https://hoshizakiicemaker.com/stem-scholarship Contact: Robert Roughskin, Scholarship Administrator Email: info@hoshizakiicemaker.com Phone: 800-965-0081	June 30, 2027