



MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

There are many amazing merit scholarship programs across the United States. If finances are a big component of your college decision and you meet the stated eligibility requirements, you may want to consider applying to institutions that grant these awards.

NATIONAL

Some significant national awards that are applicable at most colleges and universities across the country include but are not limited to:

- The [Coca-Cola Scholarship](#)
- The [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship](#)
- The [Bryan Cameron Foundation Scholarship](#)
- The [Gates Scholarship](#)

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Another category of scholarships is those tied to required programming and offered through a specific College or University. Often, they have a separate application process from an application for admission to the school itself and may include essays, recommendation letters, and interviews. These opportunities often cover a full ride of tuition, room, board, books, etc. but also include funding for summer experiences, internships, study abroad opportunities, conferences, and more. They often have special events for the scholar cohorts and may provide a smaller community for students socially.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES TIED TO THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Typically, information about these and other scholarship programs is available on individual school financial aid websites, so it's advised that in the process of solidifying your college list, you are proactively seeking such opportunities. Often, all that is needed to be considered is an application for admission to the school (sometimes to the honors college specifically). In these cases, the Undergraduate Admissions office refers qualified applicants out to scholarship program administrators who invite students to apply, interview, etc. If you need help identifying these opportunities, please contact the Director of College Counseling, who has a list of over 60 programs.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS NEEDED (separate from the school's application for admission)

Some scholarship programs have open applications. This means that any student applying to the college or University may **also** apply to be considered for one of these programs. Again, these programs have separate applications from the application for admission to the school.

Some of the biggest (and most selective) awards include, but are not limited to:

- The [Park Scholarship](#) and [Goodnight Scholarship](#) at NC State
- The [Robertson Scholars Program](#) at UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke
- The [Chancellor's Scholars](#) and [Wilson Scholars](#) at Appalachian State University
- The [EC Scholars](#) Program at East Carolina University
- The [Bonner Scholars Program](#) at Wofford College
- The [Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program](#) at Notre Dame
- The [Danforth Scholars Program](#) at Washington University in St. Louis
- The [Forty Acres Scholars Program](#) at the University of Texas at Austin
- The [Hunt Leadership Scholars](#) at Southern Methodist University
- [Questbridge](#) Scholarships are accepted at a number of [partner schools](#)
- [Stamps Scholarship](#) are accepted at a number of [partner schools](#)

Other significant merit-based scholarship programs require an endorsement from the high school. For those, a Scholarship Committee comprised of Upper School faculty and staff decides who will be named the school nominee for that particular award. Those include, but are not limited to:

- The [Morehead-Cain](#) at UNC-Chapel Hill (students may self-nominate)
- The [Levine Scholarship](#) at UNC-Charlotte (students may self-nominate)
- The [Belk Scholarship](#) and the [Bryan Scholarship](#) (for athletes) at Davidson
- The [Wofford Scholars](#) at Wofford College
- The [Jefferson and Waltentas Scholarships](#) at the University of Virginia

To receive consideration to be named the Trinity School nominee and be eligible to apply for these awards, interested seniors must [complete this form](#) and explain which scholarship(s) you'd like to be considered for in the school's nomination process. Please be sure to reference the selection criteria for each award and explain how you have met that stated criteria.