

27 College Scholarships Your Middle Schooler Should Apply For

1. I Have a Dream Scholarship

Deadline: January 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Students should describe what they dream about in 250 words or less for a chance to earn a \$1,500 dollar scholarship. Applicants can describe an actual unconscious phantasm or the aspirations and hopes of their daydreams.

Apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

2. ABPA Harrington-Arthur Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: January 1

Available to: U.S. and Canada residents, ages 13-19

Details: The American Backflow Prevention Association offers a \$1,000 scholarship each year to the winner of their essay contest. Writing prompts typically address clean drinking water initiatives and strategies. Essays should be 700-1,200 words, and winners are free to use the scholarship for any type of advanced education.

Apply at: <http://www.abpa.org/page/Scholarship>

3. Sweet and Simple Scholarship

Deadline: February 28

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: One student will earn a \$1,500 scholarship for describing a simple yet meaningful gift they received and why it meant so much to them in 250 words or less.

Apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

4. Davidson Fellows Scholarship

Deadline: February 8

Available to: Anyone under the age of 18

Details: The Davidson Institute offers this prestigious scholarship for anyone under the age of 18 who completes a significant piece of work in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy or an “Outside the Box” category. Honorees win a trip to Washington D.C. and can earn scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Apply at: <http://www.davidsongifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship/How-to-Apply>

5. Action for Nature Eco Hero Awards

Deadline: February 28

Available to: Students ages 8-16

Details: This nonprofit awards cash prizes to young activists who carry out extraordinary projects to produce a positive environmental impact. Ongoing projects and/or 2+ year-long projects are preferred in the judging process. They also consider initiative, originality, difficulty,

Apply at: <https://actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/apply/>

6. Superpower Scholarship

Deadline: March 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Every kid can answer this question in two seconds: Which superhero or villain would you like to trade places with for a day and why? The winning answer earns one student a \$2,500 scholarship.

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

7. Gedenk Award for Tolerance

Deadline: Usually early March

Available to: Students in grades 7-12

Details: The Gedenk Movement awards a \$1,000 scholarship to three writers and three artists for tolerance-themed creations. Applicants are encouraged to reflect upon world genocides as well as the student's individual role in cultivating a more tolerant society.

Apply at: <http://www.gedenkmovement.org/>

8. Neiman Marcus Awards for Jewelry and Fashion

Deadline: Usually early March

Available to: Students in grades 7-12

Details: Neiman Marcus Partners with Scholastic Art & Writing Awards to provide \$1,000 scholarships to students with outstanding achievements in fashion or jewelry. One scholarship is available in each of the two categories annually.

Apply at: <https://www.artandwriting.org/Login>

9. Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Deadline: April 15

Available to: U.S. and Canada residents ages 8-18

Details: The Barron Prize honors young individuals who help other people and our planet through exceptional acts of service. Applicants should demonstrate generosity, tenacity, unselfishness, and an inspiring positive effect on the world around them. Fifteen winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward their higher education or service project.

Apply at: <http://barronprize.org/apply/>

10. All About Education Scholarship

Deadline: April 30

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Students have a chance to earn a \$3,000 scholarship for simply describing why the money would make a big difference for them in 250 words or less.

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship>

11. Cooke Young Scholars Program

Deadline: April

Available to: Students in grades 7-12

Details: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation helps high-ability students with financial need realize their academic potential. If selected, Young Scholars receive a personal academic counselor, funding for academic enrichment programs, internship and study abroad opportunities, and academic materials including books and technology. JKCF says 100% of their young scholars enroll in a four-year college or university after high school.

Apply at: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/>

12. Fifth Month Scholarship

Deadline: May 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Applicants should write a letter to the number five explaining just why five is so important in 250 words or less. Both serious and humorous entries are encouraged. The winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/fifth-month-scholarship>

13. Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Student Challenge

Deadline: Usually mid-June

Available to: Students in grades 6-12

Details: Bow Seat wants to inspire young students to #BeTheChange by creating an original piece of writing, visual art, or video that addresses ocean pollution. Middle school students can win scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. High school student prizes range from \$250 to \$1,500.

Apply at: <http://www.fromthebowseat.org/contest.php>

14. Do-Over Scholarship

Deadline: June 30

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Students can win a \$1,500 scholarship by writing the best answer to this prompt in 250 words or less: If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why?

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/do-over-scholarship>

15. Flavor of the Month Scholarship

Deadline: July 31

Available to: Students 13 and up

Details: In honor of National Ice Cream Month, Unigo awards one student a \$1,500 scholarship for answering one simple question in 250 words or less: If you were a flavor of ice cream, which would you be and why?

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/flavor-of-the-month-scholarship>

16. IP Video Contest

Deadline: July 1

Available to: Americans over the age of 13

Details: This contest judges applicants in three categories: ages 13-15, ages 16-18, and ages 19 and up. Students should create an original, 60-second video about the importance of the patent system for a chance to win \$5,000, a trip to the Capitol, and a chance to meet members of Congress.

Apply at: <http://www.ipvideocontest.com/>

17. ARTBA Student Video Contest

Deadline: August 15

Available to: Students from Kindergarten to Graduate School

Details: The American Road & Transportation Builders Association invites students to create a 2-4 minute video on one of their four transportation and safety topics. Each category is judged separately, and students in grades K-12 are judged separately from college students. Each winner will receive \$500.

Apply at: <http://www.artba.org/video-contest/student-video-contest/>

18. Make Me Laugh Scholarship

Deadline: August 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: These guys don't care about your GPA or sports stats, just make them laugh! Submit a true or fictional account of a hilarious incident in 250 words or less for a chance to win a \$1,500 scholarship

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/make-me-laugh-scholarship>

19. Shout It Out Scholarship

Deadline: September 30

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Applicants can win a \$1,500 scholarship for detailing what they would say if they could speak to the whole world at once in 250 words or less.

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship>

20. Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship

Deadline: October 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: All those zombie movies, books, and video games just might pay off! Applicants should describe their plan for survival, including where they'd hide and the top five items they'd pack, once everyone in their school inevitably turns into zombies.

Apply at:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

21. VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Deadline: October 31

Available to: Students in grades 6-8, including homeschool students

Details: Applicants submit 300-400 word essays on a patriotic theme chosen by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander in Chief. The winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. State winners receive \$500+.

Apply at: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

22. Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 8

Available to: Students in grades 5-12

Details: Prudential awards students exclusively based on volunteer community service. Judging criteria includes initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth. State Honorees receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C. where selected National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000, plus \$5,000 for the non-profit of their choice. Grades 5-8 are judged separately from grades 9-12.

Apply at: <https://spirit.prudential.com/about/program-overview>

23. Education Matters Scholarship

Deadline: November 30

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Applicants can earn a \$5,000 scholarship for writing the best answer to this poignant question: What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?

Apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

24. NSTA Angela Award

Deadline: December 15

Available to: Female students in grades 6-8, including homeschool students

Details: The National Science Teachers Association awards a \$1,000 savings bond to a female student with an extraordinary commitment to STEM education annually. Applicants should recruit a letter of nomination and two letters of support, plus write a two-page essay detailing their connection to science education and future aspirations in STEM.

Apply at: <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx#angela>

25. Doodle for Google Scholarship

Deadline: Usually early December

Available to: All K-12 students, including homeschool students.

Details: Google chooses a new theme every year and invites students to create a doodle featuring their logo. The winning doodle is featured on Google's homepage and entitles the artist to a \$30,000 scholarship, a \$50,000 technology award for the student's school (\$5,000 if homeschooled), a trip to Google, a Chromebook, and an Android tablet. Finalists receive smaller scholarships and tech prizes.

Apply at: <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/prizes.html>

26. Unigo \$10K Scholarship

Deadline: December 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Students should answer this prompt Twitter-style (140 characters or less) for a chance to earn a \$10,000 scholarship: Surprise! You just got elected president. What's your first tweet?

Apply:

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

27. Top Ten List Scholarship

Deadline: December 31

Available to: Students ages 13 and up

Details: Inspired by David Letterman and his top ten lists, this scholarship asks students to simply name the top 10 reasons they should get this \$1,500 scholarship. Applicants can get creative, be silly, or choose perfectly serious reasons.

Apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship>