# Scholarships & Financial Aid 2025 - 2026

All families are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the <u>College Planning Center</u> to seek assistance with completing the <u>FAFSA</u> ( Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA can not be completed until October 1st.

CCRI students must complete the FAFSA in order to receive the two free years ( <a href="CCRI\_RI Promise">CCRI\_RI Promise</a>)

RIC students must complete the FAFSA in order to receive the two free years (RIC Hope Scholarship)

### **MULTIPLE DEADLINES:**

- RISLA (Rhode Island Student Loan Authority) Knowledge For College Scholarship: No essay!! Register on the website <a href="here">here</a> Read a brief financial literacy scenario and answer 3 multiple choice questions (did we mention that this scholarship requires no essay!). Then hit submit and receive confirmation of entry.
- Citizens Scholarship Citizens wants to honor the dedication of students and families pursuing higher learning! <u>Find information here</u> to be entered for a chance to win a Grand Prize of \$15,000 to use towards school expenses and one of the \$2,500 monthly prizes! Additionally, each quarter a student who meets the required criteria for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship Prize will be eligible to win a \$2,500 quarterly prize for use towards school expenses.
- Cirkled In Scholarship There's no minimum GPA and no long essay to write.
   Students can use it for any educational need, from tuition to books and supplies, even transportation if needed. For information about this scholarship and the application process, please visit <u>Cirkled In Scholarship</u>
- The Nitro Scholarship is a monthly drawn sweepstakes. Apply here
- Millions of dollars in scholarships are available. Get matched and apply online now, absolutely free. Apply at <a href="https://www.goingmerry.com/">https://www.goingmerry.com/</a>

- Students can conduct their own scholarship search at <a href="https://www.rischolarships.org/">https://www.rischolarships.org/</a> and <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/">https://studentscholarships.org/</a>
- Students can conduct their own **scholarship search** at **Scholly**
- The Rhode Island Foundation, the largest and most comprehensive funder of nonprofit organizations in Rhode Island, manages more than 150 scholarship and fellowship funds. <a href="https://www.rifoundation.org/scholarships">www.rifoundation.org/scholarships</a>

### **SEPTEMBER DEADLINES:**

- The "Courage to Grow Scholarship" was created to help students realize their college dreams. You must be a junior or senior in high school with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better and a U.S. citizen. Apply at <a href="https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/">https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/</a> Deadline: September 30, 2025.
- The Coca-Cola Foundation has three national programs to provide scholarship aid to high-performing seniors with a strong record of leadership. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Apply here Deadline: by 5pm September 30, 2025.
- 10X Digital Marketing Scholarship Are you a high school senior or undergraduate who is looking to offset the cost of your business, tech, marketing or communications degree? Apply for the 10X \$4,000 digital marketing scholarship to be awarded this Fall. <u>Apply here</u> Deadline: September 10, 2025
- Owl Scholarship ScholarshipOwl is your source of relief from the dreaded application process. We put students on the fast-track to success by providing direct access to the scholarships they need the most. Take the hassle out of financial aid and maximize your chance at a free ride in college. No matter how much funding you need for school, we have the opportunities you're looking for. Apply here The deadline is September 29, 2025.
- **SM Scholarship** The \$2,000 SM Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry: A parent who currently has a child enrolled in

an accredited college or university located within the United States; A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States; A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States; A student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located within the United States, within a year of graduating high school. Apply here Deadline is September 30, 2025.

A Better Financial Future Scholarship The Scholarship is open to all residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, age 17 or older at the time of entry. Employees and contractors of LeverEdge Association are ineligible to participate in the Scholarship Program. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. One (1) entry will be selected at random at the end of the Scholarship entry window. The drawings will be performed by an employee of LeverEdge Association, whose decisions are final and binding in all matters related to this Scholarship. The winner(s) will be notified via email. Apply here.
 The deadline is September 30, 2025.

### **OCTOBER DEADLINES:**

- The Niche Scholarship Covering the cost of college expenses for four years without writing a single essay? Sounds too good to be true. It isn't with Niche. We are giving one student \$40,000 to help pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other educational expenses. Who Can Apply All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year. Link to apply Deadline: October 15, 2025
- ISACA Scholarship Program IT audit, risk, security, assurance and
  cybersecurity are quickly becoming some of the most important industries to
  safeguard global business infrastructure, but there is a talent gap that continues
  to spread as needs increase. The ISACA Foundation (previously known as One
  In Tech), provides scholarships to bridge this gap through equipping the
  next-generation professionals with essential resources. Link to apply Deadline:
  October 14, 2025

- Money Metals Exchange Scholarship Program These groups have just introduced the first gold-backed scholarship of the modern era, setting aside 100 oz of physical gold for scholarships to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students who display deep understanding of economics and monetary policy. <u>Link to apply</u> Deadline: October 31, 2025
- **US Bank Student Scholarship** You have a chance to win up to \$20,000 in scholarships. Boost your financial knowledge in the Zogo app for a chance to win tuition money with the U.S. Bank Student Scholarship. See this <u>link</u> for details. **The deadline to apply is October 30, 2025.**
- Neuroscience Research Prize This award is designed to encourage high school students to explore the world of the brain and nervous system through research, identify and reward those students whose scientific skill and talent indicate potential for scientific contributions in the field of neuroscience, and recognize the efforts of science teachers who have demonstrated support for students interested in neuroscience. See this <u>link</u> for more information. The deadline to apply is October 21, 2025.
- CouponBirds Help to Save Scholarship CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship is a program to assist high school and college students in easing financial burdens and empowering them to pursue higher education. A total of \$3,000 will be awarded to five students who showcase their creativity and talent by submitting a short video sharing their money-saving secrets. This initiative aims to provide financial support to help students succeed in their academic endeavors. Here is the link for more information. The application deadline for the 2025 scholarship is October 10, 2025.
- The DAR Good Citizens Scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools. The student selected must have the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. Each school may select one DAR Good Citizen who is then eligible to enter the DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest, which requires a timed

essay. The winning entry is advanced through state, division, and national levels of judging. Please see Mrs. Roberti for more information. **The deadline for this is October 31, 2025.** 

- Stantec Future Leaders Scholarship. We believe in the power of leadership, innovation, and community impact. The Stantec Future Leaders Scholarship is designed to support the next generation of changemakers students who are committed to making a difference in their industries and communities. Each year, Stantec awards \$200,000 in scholarships to students 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. Apply here. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2025.
- Voice Of Democracy Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy® audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, more than 26,400 ninth through 12th-grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. Apply here. The deadline for this is October 31, 2025.
- Chick-fil-A Community Scholars Chick-fil-A has established a scholarship program to assist students who plan to continue their education in college, vocational, or graduate school programs. Apply <a href="here">here</a>. The deadline is October 28, 2025.
- A Better Financial Future Scholarship The Scholarship is open to all residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, age 17 or older at the time of entry. Employees and contractors of LeverEdge Association are ineligible to participate in the Scholarship Program. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Apply here. The deadline is October 31, 2025.

Overcoming Adversity Through Sports. This is a \$2,000
 academic-based scholarship award for student-athletes who have faced
 challenges head-on and come out stronger. Whether you're balancing
 practice with exams, recovering from an injury, or navigating personal
 hurdles, we want to hear your story of triumph. Apply <a href="here">here</a>. The deadline
 is October 29, 2025.

# **NOVEMBER DEADLINES:**

- The ELKS Most Valuable Student Scholarship is available at <a href="https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm">https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm</a>. The MVS Scholarships are for students pursuing a four year degree and are based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Students do not have to be related to a member of or have any affiliation with the Elks. Students must download, print, and complete the application. The deadline is November 12, 2025.
- The Ten Words or Less Scholarship. Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the fall can apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Link to apply. The deadline is November 15, 2025.
- Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
   College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available
   to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and
   graduate from the nation's top four-year colleges and universities. <u>Link</u> to apply.
   The deadline is November 12, 2025.
- Dustan Biegler Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship seeks to honor the life
  of Dustan Biegler by supporting high school seniors and adult learners pursuing
  a business degree or advanced training in the Construction or Skilled Trades
  fields. Any high school seniors or adult learner who will attend trade school may
  apply for this scholarship. To apply, please tell us why you're passionate about
  pursuing a future in the Construction or Skilled Trades fields, who has influenced
  you to pursue this path, and how you plan to make a difference. Apply here.
   The deadline is November 1, 2025.

- Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards The Youth Awards were founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Now entering their 27th year, the Youth Awards honor high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Community Service, Engineering, Green Sustainability and Technology, with additional categories being added throughout the awards season. Gold, Silver and Bronze recipients are selected in each category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue. Apply here. The deadline is November 2, 2025.
- Students with Disabilities Scholarship To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or high school in the United States. B) Have a documented disability. Applications can be found by going to this <a href="link">link</a>. The deadline is November 14, 2025.
- Rumba Meats Scholarship. Rumba Meats, part of the Cargill family of brands, helps the Hispanic community celebrate their culture and preserve their heritage through food. Through a partnership with United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Rumba is awarding 25 post-secondary academic scholarships of \$1,000 each and helping empower today's Hispanic youth to become tomorrow's leaders. Apply here. The deadline is November 30, 2025.

#### **DECEMBER DEADLINES:**

- The Burger King Scholars Program was created in memory of co-founder James W. McLamore in an effort to aid high school seniors and Burger King employees pursuing higher education. The minimum requirements to enter include a 3.3 GPA, 25 ACT, or 1220 SAT score, and active leadership in an extracurricular or community service role. Submit an application here. The deadline is December 16, 2025.
- **Common App Scholarship** To encourage students to spend more time preparing for the Common App, Scholarship Guidance has created an annual

scholarship to reward students. Apply <a href="here">here</a>. **Deadline December 15th, 2025** (\$2,000)

- Appily Meet Appily Scholarship Here's how it works create a free Appily account (takes 60 seconds) using this special link: appily.com/hello. Then you are entered to win a \$5,000 scholarship. <u>Link</u> here for more information. The deadline to apply is December 31. 2025.
- SMART Scholarships The Science, Mathematics, and Research for
  Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program, funded by the U.S.
  Department of Defense (DoD), is a unique education and workforce development
  opportunity for aspiring leaders in science, technology, engineering, and
  mathematics (STEM). The SMART Scholarship Program offers two scholarship
  opportunities, the SMART Scholarship and the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial
  SMART Scholarship (Dellums SMART Scholarship). Link her for more
  information. The deadline to apply is December 5, 2025.
- The NEBHE Tuition Break Program. The New England Board of Higher Education's (NEBHE) Tuition Break program, also known as the New England Regional Student Program (RSP), offers substantial tuition savings to residents of the six New England states. This program allows students to enroll in out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England at a reduced tuition rate for approved programs. Link here for more information. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2025.
- Military Child of the Year Award. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a legal military dependent. Status confirmed by DEERS enrollment form. B) Be between the ages of 13 and 18 at the time of nomination. Apply at this <u>Link</u>. The deadline for applications is December 2, 2025.
- Lamber-Goodnow Scholarships. Lamber Goodnow Injury Lawyers (an award-winning personal injury law firm serving Phoenix, Denver & Chicago) awards several academic scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in a range of programs and schools. Follow the <u>link</u> below to find out more about each of our scholarship opportunities. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2025.
- Science Buddy Scholarship. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be planning on entering a post -secondary educational program in the sciences. B) Be in Grade 11 or Grade 12 and be attending college or university no later than September 15, 2026. Apply at this <u>Link</u>. **The deadline for applications is December 31, 2025**.
- Hagan Scholarship. This is a need-based merit scholarship for goal driven students in the high school graduating class. There are 1,200 new four year scholarships for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. More information at this <u>Link</u>. Mrs. Roberti does have flyers in the guidance office if you would like one. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2025.
- ELG Scholarship Program. We are aware of how profoundly a cancer diagnosis affects the family dynamics and the emotional well-being of each family member. Everything changes in a family when someone gets a cancer diagnosis. Parents have to quit jobs and focus on treatment and the family's income decreases drastically. Our goal is to support a student with a family connection to cancer and continue his/her education. For this reason, we have decided to offer a little help to young people who have witnessed a loved one's devastating struggle with cancer in order to at least ease their financial situation. Apply at this Link. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2025.
- Ron Brown Scholarship Program. The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards 20 four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship the four pillars of the late Ronald H. Brown's mission to uplift people of all races, cultures and ethnicities especially our disadvantaged youth. Apply at this <a href="Link">Link</a>. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2025.

#### **JANUARY DEADLINES:**

 The United States JCI Senate Foundation grants \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities, or career/technical schools. Applications are available here 
The application deadline is January 12, 2025.

- Fidelity Scholars Program The Fidelity Scholars Program awards need-based scholarships to students seeking their first degree from the Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, or Texas. Students who attend college full-time in their permanent state of residence are encouraged to apply <a href="here">here</a>.
- The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) is currently accepting applications for Environmental Studies Scholarships for students pursuing a college or university degree related to the environment. Applicants may use the personal statements used for their college applications for this scholarship. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 27, 2026, at 8:59 PM. Learn more and apply <a href="here">here</a>.

# Scholarships for JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:

- The Horatio Alger Scholarship
- Big Future Scholarships
- Bezos Scholars Program
- Momentum Scholarship for Juniors
- Top Scholarships for Juniors Class of 2027
- Meet Appily Scholarship