

BHS Scholarship Book

Please note: most deadlines are at approximately the same time each year.



2025-2026

The Scholarship Book

Bearden College & Career Center (865) 539-7800

Visit our [College & Career Center](#) webpage to find your grade level counselor and the college and career counselors.

Scholarship Information

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

One of the best sources of scholarship and financial aid information is the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at the college to which you are applying. Be sure to visit each college's website and follow that individual school's instructions regarding any required forms and/or deadlines.

Other helpful information on scholarships and financial aid can be found by clicking on any of the following:

- [excellent site answering questions about financial aid](#)
- [FAFSA online, basis for all federal financial aid](#)
- [information about US Government funds for college](#)
- [TN Lottery Scholarship Programs, TN Promise, and TN Student Assistance Corporation](#)
- [search engine from the Federal Government](#)

Scholarship search engines

- [Fastweb](#)
- [Going Merry](#)
- [scholarships.com / Information and Search Engine About Scholarships](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [RaiseMe](#)

Scholarships for minority groups:

- [UNIGO](#)
- [Community for Accredited Online Schools](#)
- [LGBTQ](#)
- [information and search engine about scholarships - for anyone](#)

While searching for scholarships, be mindful of scholarship scams. These companies are sometimes difficult to spot and charge fees for their services. To protect yourself, read some valuable information [here](#).

Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common Market

For students interested in majors not available in their home state, they can apply for in-state tuition rates while pursuing their degree at an out-of-state institution. This agreement applies to most public universities in the 15 SREB states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Note that **Florida** and **Texas** only participate in ACM at the **graduate level**. For information about ACM participating institutions, available programs, and the application process, visit <http://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market> or email ACM.Coordinator@tn.gov.

U.S. Department of State Scholarships for High School Students to Study Abroad:

- **The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** offers merit-based scholarships to study one of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian and Turkish. Go [here](#) for more information.
- **The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad Program** offers merit-based scholarships to spend an academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand and Turkey. Check [here](#) for more information.
- **The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program** offers merit-based scholarships for an academic year in Germany. Check [here](#) for more information.

Information about scholarships, known by Bearden, are listed on the following pages in three sections by date:

1. State monies

2. Scholarships Requiring a School Nomination

3. Private & Independent Scholarships

Rely on the scholarship website, itself, for the most current information.

Section 1 - State Monies

The Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA)

Funds are awarded on a first come, first-served basis. To be eligible, the applicant must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), be a Tennessee resident, and have a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$2100 or less. **Because funds are limited, interested students are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible after October 1st. Awards are made until funds are depleted.** For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: As soon as possible after October 1

Additional state scholarships include:

The Tennessee Promise

Tennessee Promise is both a scholarship and mentoring program. It will provide students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship will cover tuition and fees not covered by the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or TSAA funds. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institutions offering an associate's degree program. While removing the financial burden is key, a critical component of Tennessee Promise is the individual guidance each participant will receive from a mentor who will assist the student as he or she navigates the college admissions process. In addition, Tennessee Promise participants must complete eight hours of community service per term enrolled, as well as maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA) at their institution. The student must be a current high school senior to apply. More information and a link to the application can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November 3, 2025

The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program offers the **HOPE Scholarship Award** (requirement of 21 ACT/SAT equivalent OR 3.0 final GPA & based upon full-time enrollment: 2-year college: \$1,500 per semester, 4-year college freshmen/sophomores amount is \$2,250 per semester, 4-year college juniors/seniors amount is \$2,850 per semester), the **General Assembly Merit Scholarship** (up to \$500 per semester supplement to the HOPE scholarship), and the **Aspire Award** (up to \$750 per semester supplement to the HOPE scholarship for 4-year institutions; up to \$250/semester for 2-year institutions) to qualified students.

Additional HOPE monies include an array of grants including the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant and the Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant. Parents and students who want to know more about the HOPE Scholarships and the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Programs should go [here](#) and click on the financial aid tab.

Important explanation of Lottery Scholarship grade point average: TSAC, who administers the HOPE Scholarship, uses the phrase "a 3.0 weighted GPA" in all of their literature. **What TSAC calls a *weighted* GPA is what Knox County considers an *unweighted* GPA.** A 'TN State Lottery GPA' is now listed on the Knox County Schools electronic transcript. *Info. from 2021*

Ned McWherter Scholars Program

The Ned McWherter Scholars Program is intended to encourage academically superior Tennessee high school graduates to attend college in Tennessee. Tennessee high school seniors starting their last semester in high school may apply. Ned McWherter applicants must have achieved a minimum

32 composite score on the ACT or minimum 1430 on the SAT and 3.75 unweighted GPA to qualify. (An ACT Superscore cannot be used for qualification.)

The award is \$6,000 per academic year, \$3,000 from the State of Tennessee and \$3,000 from the college or university attended. The institutional match may be a campus-based award already included in the student's financial aid package as long as it does not contain a work obligation. Awards are made in equal installments each term throughout the academic year. Awards are very competitive and are based on limited funding.

The award may be renewed three times for a total of four years. To apply, go [here](#). Students may submit documents via email to McWherter.Info@tn.gov or to a [secure TN Cloud folder](#) with password McWherter2324!. Although documents may also be mailed to TSAC's office, electronic submission of documentation is preferred and will expedite the processing of student documents. All documentation must be received by the deadline date.

Deadline: March 1st. (Opens January 1.)

Dependent Children Scholarship Program

Residents who are dependent children of a Tennessee law enforcement officer, fireman, or an emergency medical service technician who has been killed or totally and permanently disabled while performing duties within the scope of such employment. The parent must be a Tennessee resident and have been on duty when the incident occurred. The scholarship is awarded to full-time undergraduate students attending eligible Tennessee institutions. Award amount varies and depends on available funds

To apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: September 1st

*For the HOPE and other scholarships, students must **submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after October 1st of a student's senior year. Students will need their Social Security number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements and investment records before filling out the form.

To file the FAFSA, go [here](#). **You can also download the app: myStudentAid** (icon will say Federal Student Aid)

(Please note: you should NEVER have to pay to file the FAFSA, make sure you use the .gov address and not a .com or .org)

***Each year Bearden hosts several financial aid workshops for students & parents. Please check the School Counseling page for details on the BHS website.**

Section 2 - Scholarships that require Nominations

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FIRST:

In order to be considered for one of these scholarships, students must apply to the Bearden Scholarship Nomination Committee. Pick up a Nomination Request Form or download one from the College & Career Center page (BHS website, under School Counseling, College & Career, forms), complete the requirements and return the entire package to the College & Career Center next to Guidance by the deadline date. **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION. YOU MUST BE SELECTED AS THE BHS NOMINEE FIRST. BHS THEN SUBMITS THE PACKET.** Selected students will be notified by their counselor who will provide information on the next step.

****The deadlines listed below reflect enough time for the committee to review all submissions, make their selection and then meet the school or organization's deadline. You must meet the deadline listed.**

Morehead-Cain at UNC-Chapel Hill

Two students from the upcoming senior class of Bearden can be nominated for this prestigious merit scholarship offered from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. UNC-Chapel Hill is looking for students who have an ability to influence, energize, and inspire others to work together to make an impact, show compassion, courage, humility, integrity, and perseverance, have a lifelong desire to learn and share newfound knowledge and inspiration with others, and have a dedication to collaboration, wellness, and persistence. This scholarship provides a full four-year annual stipend covering full tuition and other expenses, a full four-year summer enrichment program as well as Discovery Fund grants to be used for educational opportunities.

More information can be found [here](#). To be considered, please fill out a Bearden Scholarship Nomination Form from the College & Career Center, and bring it to the college counselor.

Deadline for Nomination: May 24, 2026

Application Deadline: October 15

Park Scholarship Program at North Carolina State University

This program brings exceptional students to the university based on outstanding accomplishment and potential in scholarship, leadership, service and character. The benefits include a four year scholarship valued at \$205,000 (for out-of-state residents), enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences in the US & abroad, early course registration, and Park Faculty Mentors to help students prepare for undergraduate research, internships, graduate/professional schools, and national scholarships. **There is an online application process that recommends a counselor endorsement.** BHS is an endorsing school. More information about the program and details about the endorsement process (whether by a counselor or yourself) can be found [here](#).

Deadlines: October 15 - school endorsement

November 1, 2025 - Early Action Application Deadline

Bryan Scholarship at Davidson College

Honors scholar athletes who are strong leaders both in the classroom and in their sport are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is valued at \$35,000 annually. Students should possess an exceptional academic record, exhibit outstanding leadership abilities and be rated a top athlete. Students should be interested in playing a Division I sport at Davidson and must apply for college

admission to Davidson by October 15th. Go [here](#) for application and more information.

Deadline: school nominations are due September 27, 2025

Admission applications deadline: October 14, 2025

Levine Scholars at The University of North Carolina, Charlotte

The successful candidate will be an outstanding senior who demonstrates a commitment to community service, holds an academic record that reflects a sustained intellectual curiosity, and possesses a capacity for ethical leadership that will carry them through college and beyond. While there are no minimum SAT, ACT or grade point averages to apply for the Levine Scholarship, students must excel academically and show evidence of experience, motivation and commitment toward the ideals of the program. UNC Charlotte does not limit the number of students who can apply but each student can be nominated online by their counselor. Two required letters of recommendation must also be submitted via email.

For additional information, go [here](#).

Deadlines: October 8 2025 - deadline for counselor nominations

November 1 - deadline to submit admissions application

November 16 - deadline to complete the supplemental application via online portal

United States Senate Youth Program for 2025 - For Juniors and Seniors

Two selected Juniors or Seniors from Tennessee will participate in activities in Washington, D.C. during the week of March 7-14, 2026. In addition, a \$10,000 scholarship certificate will be presented to the delegates during their visit. BHS must select one student to advance to the next level of competition. **Nominated** students must complete an application, write essays and take a current events test. Eligible students need to be currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations:

1. Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer
2. Class President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer
3. Student Council Representative
4. Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission or board) to district, regional or state-level civic or educational organization.

For more information on the national program, go [here](#). **For information on the state level, go [here](#).** The current events test will be administered to applicants in the guidance office. You must be selected as the BHS nominee before completing the application.

Deadlines: requires school nomination.

Continue to check the website for updated information.

Wells Scholarship at Indiana University

Based solely on merit, the Wells Scholarship provides full tuition, mandatory and course-related fees, and a living stipend for four years of undergraduate study on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University. Scholars may choose to spend one of these years studying abroad through the university's overseas study programs. The Wells Scholars Program emphasizes close interaction with faculty, academic and career mentoring, opportunities for internships, research, and community service, a year-long freshman seminar, and frequent contact with distinguished visitors. Between 18 and 22 incoming freshmen receive the award each year. In order to maintain funding, a Wells Scholar is required to complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework each semester and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.4. Scholars are also

encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Wells Scholars Program, including extracurricular activities. Bearden is **not** an approved nominating school, so you must follow the **Office of Admission nominating process**. Complete information about the nomination/application process can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November 1 - deadline for nominations & IU application

University of Dayton – Leadership in Service Scholarship

The University of Dayton challenges its students to connect scholarship and learning with leadership and service, developing individuals into servant leaders. The scholarship is worth \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for four years). In order to maintain the LIS Scholarship, participants must complete a leadership opportunity each semester through Student Leadership Programs. While the student needs to meet their admission standards, the scholarship is not necessarily awarded on GPA and test scores. They are looking for a student who has an innate desire for personal development and is committed to service within his or her school, church, or community. For more information, go [here](#). To be considered as the Bearden nominee, fill out a Bearden Scholarship Nomination Form.

Deadline: November 1

Gabelli Presidential Scholars at Boston College

The Presidential Scholars Program is a four year full-tuition scholarship program for students of outstanding talent and character. Candidates must apply for admission by the Early Action deadline of November 1. There is no minimum GPA or SAT score requirement. However, they are looking for students with outstanding academic records, who hold leadership roles in their school and who are committed to and have a demonstrated interest in community service. Typically, the students selected are in the top 1-2 percent of the national pool of freshman applicants.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: Must apply for Early Action admission by November 1

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Prudential Emerging Visionaries is a national program celebrating changemakers ages 14-18 with innovative solutions to financial and societal challenges in their communities and beyond.

If selected, students may qualify for up to \$15,000 in awards, an all-expenses paid trip with parent or guardian to Prudential headquarters in Newark, New Jersey along with coaching and skills development to help take your solution to the next level!

Deadlines: Questions: emergingvisionaries@ashoka.org.

Click [here](#) for more information. (The information is old on their website)

George W. Jenkins Scholarship Program at the University of Miami

Jenkins Scholars receive the full cost of attendance for four years of undergraduate study at UM. The award includes tuition and fees, on-campus housing, a meal plan, University health insurance, and a laptop allowance. Students may also receive a stipend for books, transportation, and personal expenses. This is awarded to high school seniors with strong academic credentials, significant financial need (by filling out the FAFSA & CSS Profile no later than December 1st), and a history of overcoming adversity. **Nominated** students must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.75. Open only to students who will be graduating from high

schools in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee. Go [here](#) for more information.

Students interested in being nominated for this scholarship should stop by the College & Career Center.

Deadlines: November 1 - nomination form due & students must submit FAFSA (FAFSA does not open until on or after December 1st, 2025) & CCS Profile by November 15.

Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program at the University of Notre Dame

A merit-based scholarship and leadership development program designed to equip young men and women as transformational leaders. The Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program (HYSP) is a highly selective scholarship and leadership development program for students who are passionate about making a difference in the world. The program offers four years of merit scholarship awards of \$25,000 per year, four fully-funded Summer Enrichment experiences, a community of scholars with special events and programs, and guidance and support from dedicated program staff and faculty mentors. Unique individuals with distinguished academic accomplishments, demonstrated leadership abilities, exemplary moral character and a sincere commitment to service will be chosen for this prestigious honor. Check the website for details of the selection process. Candidates selected by Admissions for HYSP consideration will be invited to submit a HYSP supplemental application in January. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: To be eligible for consideration, a student must apply for admission to the University of Notre Dame in either Restrictive Early Action with a complete application by November 1, or in Regular Decision with a complete application by January 1.

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship at Davidson College

Belk Scholars represent integrity, intellectual enthusiasm and excellence, global awareness, and leadership ability and potential. The Belk Scholarship provides comprehensive funding (tuition, fees, room and board) plus special study stipends (\$3,000 x 2) that allow great flexibility in the on- and off-campus opportunities.

School counselors, principals/heads of school, or college access program leadership may nominate up to two candidates. Applicants may also be nominated by The Davidson Admission Committee on the basis of strong application for admission. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadlines: December 1 - nomination deadline, December 15

Jefferson Scholars at the University of Virginia

One nomination is accepted, per high school, for the University of Virginia's top scholarship competition. Award is for the full cost of attending the University and is renewable for four years. The nominee is from the senior class who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship and citizenship. The nominee does not have to have a prior interest in UVA. Jefferson Scholar nominations are a binding early decision to UVA and therefore, nominees agree not to complete other applications to a college or university for early decision until Jefferson Scholars are selected. Students may, however, apply to colleges under regular decision. Students must submit a Bearden Scholarship Nomination form in the College & Career Center. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: All counselors and nominees must submit a completed nomination form by December 1. Schools in the At-Large region have a separate deadline of November 15.

Berea College's Legacy Scholar Award & Scholarship for JUNIORS

Berea College's prestigious Carter G. Woodson Legacy Scholarship & Award honors outstanding high school **juniors** who embody Dr. Woodson's spirit in the areas of academic excellence, civic engagement, and community service.

Who Qualifies to be a Legacy Scholar?

- High School Juniors
- Identifies as African-American
- Demonstrates Financial Need (household income less than \$40,000; would be Pell Grant eligible)
- Exhibits Academic Promise (GPA range 3.25-4.00, ACT range 20-30 or SAT 1050-1410)
- Has outstanding qualities like persistence and leadership

If selected as a Legacy Scholar, your students receive:

- The Legacy Scholar Tuition Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 to be combined with our Tuition Promise Scholarship if admitted to Berea
- A special day for the student and family on Berea's campus
- A personalized award and recognition in their local newspaper
- The opportunity to apply for admission early as a senior and, if accepted

You can complete the form online [here](#). Multiple students may be nominated.

Deadline: December 16, 2025 for nominations

Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship

Denny's Hungry for Education campaign, a program awarding over \$200,000 in scholarships and special incentives to elementary, high school and college students for their innovative ideas on childhood hunger, has partnered with several organizations. Once on their website, you must select one of the partnering organizations, either USPAACC (which is only for students of Asian-Pacific Island heritage), or Magic Johnson Foundation (which takes all students regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin). These scholarships are worth \$1,000 to \$3,000. Each organization has specific requirements so check carefully. For information and a link to the scholarship application, go [here](#). Once there, select the icon for the partnering organization you will apply through and follow their specific instructions.

Deadline: check website for deadlines

Danforth Scholars at Washington University in St. Louis

Unlimited nominations for students planning to apply to Washington University @ St. Louis who have exhibited a capacity for service and leadership, as well as academic excellence, and who will embrace the challenges for a rigorous academic curriculum. They are especially interested in students who exhibit the qualities of maturity, strong moral character, selflessness, and commitment to the community. Scholarships range from partial to full tuition and are renewable all four years. Nominations are not required. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: January 2, 2026

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

This program annually provides college-bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. To be eligible for this award, applicants must demonstrate at school,

at the workplace, and within the community, the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Students must demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 GPA), be U.S. citizens, be current high school seniors attending high school in the United States (students living on U.S. Armed Forces base and homeschooled students are also eligible), and plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for the entire upcoming academic year.

Application includes Basic information about you, your parent/guardian, your high school, your top college choice, and your financial situation. Note: applicants are first considered on the basis of merit. Financial information is just one component of the evaluation process. We encourage all applicants to apply and to not rule themselves out based on financial circumstances.

1. Your involvement in extracurricular activities.
2. Your involvement in community service.
3. Your involvement in paid work.
4. Essay on your leadership and service.
5. A statement about your goals.
6. Your high school transcripts (semifinalists only).
7. One recommendation (semifinalists only).
8. Financial documentation (semifinalists only).
9. A statement on your values (semifinalists only).

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Deadline: October 17, 2025-January 4, 2026, 3 p.m. CST

Optimist Club of Knoxville – Henry Naff Foundation Scholarship Program

Five to seven scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$1,000-\$2,000 (2019 data) to students attending a Knox County School. This is a non-renewable scholarship. To be considered the applicant will meet the following criteria: Plan to attend college in the fall of 2023, have a true financial need, possess a desire and ability to complete their college degree, have performed well in high school scholastically; and be actively involved in community and school activities. If you would like to be nominated for this award, you must fill out a Bearden Scholarship Nomination form and an application, both of which can be found in the College & Career Center. Bearden can nominate up to five students. (2019 details) Click [here](#) for the Optimist Club website.

Deadline: March 2026 (Check back on the website for specific dates)

Regions Trust - Hampton Memorial Scholarship

Regions Trust manages the disbursement of these financial need scholarships. To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, the student must have a true financial need (you will need to provide your SAR from the FAFSA), be a senior, a resident of Tennessee, and plan to attend an accredited university, college or vocational/technical school on a full-time basis. The award is \$1,500 per academic year for a maximum of four years. Bearden can nominate only one student for this opportunity. The application is an on-line process, but you must be nominated prior to beginning the process. If interested, stop by the College & Career Center to fill out a Bearden Scholarship nomination form.

Deadline: new information will be mailed to school in mid February 2026.

Furman Scholars – Furman University – Nominee must be a Junior

The selected scholars will receive at least \$7,500 in scholarships upon acceptance into Furman University.

The Furman Scholars program provides at least \$20,000 in institutional aid offering merit-based, athletic or talent-based awards to those selected scholars who are admitted to Furman University.

To receive award, counselors must nominate students by April 1, and some additional nominations will be accepted until June 1st when the nomination process finishes.

Nominees must be juniors who meet all of the following criteria:

1. A genuine interest in education in the liberal arts and sciences
2. A high school weighted grade-point average of 3.5 or higher
3. Involvement in extracurricular activities and community service
4. Demonstrated leadership potential
5. At least a 1360 on the SAT, 1360 on the PSAT or a 29 on the ACT or Aspire (excluding writing)

Nominations MUST be made online by your counselor.

Deadline: April 1 for counselor nominations

Rensselaer Medal – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – Nominee must be a Junior

Their premier merit scholarship is the Rensselaer Medal, a scholarship opportunity worth \$120,000 for outstanding math and science students. For more than 100 years, Rensselaer, in conjunction with high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to promising secondary school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. This merit scholarship, with a value of \$30,000 per year, is guaranteed for four years (five years for the B.Arch. program or the Co-Terminal Program) for each Medalist who is accepted and enrolls at Rensselaer. **You do not apply. You are selected by your high school in the spring of your junior year.**

Deadline: May 1 for nominations

Wofford Scholars at Wofford College – Nominee must be a Junior

Wofford Scholars is the largest merit-based scholarship program at Wofford College. Each February, high school counselors are invited to submit nominations for the Wofford Scholars Program. The nomination period for qualified students begins in February of the junior year and should be completed by October 20, 2025. Extensions to the nomination deadline can be made on a case by case basis. To qualify as a Wofford Scholar nominee, a student should be ranked in the top 10 percent of the class and have achieved a combined score of 1300 (Critical Reading and Math) on the SAT/PSAT or a 28 on the ACT/PLAN.

Multiple Bearden students can be nominated. Student must apply Early Decision or Early Action and submit all application materials by the corresponding deadline. While still eligible for many merit scholarship options, Regular Decision applications will not be considered for Wofford Scholars.

- Complete a Wofford Scholars Interview in November 2025 (registration to open in September).

Students must submit a “Bearden Scholarship Nomination” form to your school counselor. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Apply Early Decision or Early Action and submit all application materials by the corresponding deadline. School nomination due by October 20, 2026 at the latest.

Section 3 - Private and Independent Scholarships

(Corporations, Colleges, and Community opportunities)

As Bearden is made aware of private or independent scholarships, information will be posted below. If a website is provided, students should seek the required submission forms or information directly from that website. Otherwise, information and submission forms are located in the Scholarship File Cabinet in the College and Career Center. Watch deadlines!

Kids Chance of Tennessee

The Kids' Chance of Tennessee Scholarship Program awards scholarships to dependent children of a parent or guardian who has been seriously, catastrophically or fatally injured as a result of a work-related accident that meets the criteria of the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in a substantial financial need.

Requirements:

- Must be a legal resident of the State of Tennessee
- A dependent of a parent or guardian who has suffered a serious or catastrophic injury and/or permanent disability, or was fatally injured as a result of a work-related accident
- Must be between the ages of 16 – 25 years old
- Must be able to demonstrate substantial financial need
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at a post-secondary school (university, technical college, etc.)
- Must demonstrate superior academic achievement and aptitude

Scholarships are awarded each semester and students must submit transcripts each semester to requalify. Students must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. All applications are subject to review by the Scholarship Committee and approval of the Kids' Chance of Tennessee Board of Directors. Click [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: June 1

Golden Door Scholars - for high performing DACA students

Federal law allows the admission of DACA recipients to U.S. colleges, public or private. However, more than 1/2 of all states do not give in-state tuition to DACA recipients nor provide financial aid, preventing many qualified students from affording college. Golden Door Scholars helps overcome this barrier by investing in undergraduate education and career access for high performing DACA students.

A Golden Door Scholarship will be awarded to 50 Dreamers from across the country and includes tuition for up to four years, room and board for up to four years, internship and job search support, and an annual career-readiness summit.

Requirements:

- Must have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival)
- Not eligible for in-state tuition or federal funding
- May be high school seniors, recent high school graduates, or currently enrolled in college pursuing an undergraduate degree

For more information and to apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: October 31, 2026. Rolling application but recipients are announced in December.

Gates Millennium Scholars

This scholarship is offered by the Gates Foundation to a student who has demonstrated leadership abilities in community service, extracurricular activities, or other projects.

Requirements:

- High school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Must be a citizen or legal permanent resident or national of the U.S.
- Must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3
- Meet eligibility for Pell Grant money by filing a FAFSA

Apply online [here](#).

Deadline: September 15, 2025

The Ayn Rand Institute Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest **9th-12th grades may be eligible**

Ayn Rand's novels are inspiring and intellectually challenging. They can also be financially rewarding for high school students who enter one of her essay contests. Prize money is awarded directly to the student. For more information and specific requirements, go [here](#).

Award amounts: \$500 - \$10,000

Deadline: October 31, 2025 for some of the competitions(see site for other deadlines throughout the year)

QuestBridge Match Scholarship

This opportunity helps high-achieving, low-income students access top-ranked colleges and universities. Qualified students can earn anywhere from \$1,000 to a mostly free ride. Students must fill out the College Match Application and meet that deadline before applying for the available scholarships. For more information and a list of partnership schools, go [here](#).

Deadline: College Match application should be done in late summer your senior year.

AES Engineering Services

\$500 scholarships are awarded based on character. Students must submit an essay of no more than 1000 words in answer to the following question: ***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?***

Submit essay to: scholarships@aesengineers.com. There is no application packet for this award. Please do not include your resume at this time. Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year. More information is available [here](#).

Deadline: October 8, 2025

National YoungArts Foundation - **grades 10 through 12**

YoungArts provides emerging artists with life-changing experiences with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue

careers in the arts. Support is offered in ten artistic disciplines: cinematic arts, dance, design arts, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. Students can apply in more than one discipline.

Requirements:

- Must be a United States citizen, a permanent resident/green card recipient, or can demonstrate that you are legally able to receive taxable income in the U.S.
- In grades 10-12 or 15-18 years of age on December 1 of the year you are applying
- If selected as a Finalist, must be the first time attending National YoungArts Week

Cash awards from \$100 to \$10,000. Full information on the application and audition process can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Opens in July 2025, closes in October annually

UNC-Chapel Hill - Thomas Wolfe Scholarship

This program provides a full scholarship to a student writer. **Artistic merit is the chief criterion of selection.** Students who write poetry, fiction, plays, literary non-fiction (personal narratives, memoir, travel and nature essays, literary journalism, belles-lettres) are eligible. The application process will require the submission of up to fifty (50) pages in prose, forty (40) pages in poetry, or sixty (60) in play-writing, in English. In addition to completing an application questionnaire, candidates will submit a five-hundred-word personal essay entitled "Why I Write."

Thomas Wolfe Scholarship applicants must apply simultaneously to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by the EARLY admission deadline and must meet all academic requirements for October 15, 2023 EARLY admission. These are two distinct application processes and require different forms and separate mailings.

More information on procedures and specific requirements for writing sample submissions and the application can be found [here](#).

Deadline: October 15, 2025 for admission

Deadline for submission of scholarship: November 15, 2025

Stamps Scholars Program – Mercer University

Five members of the freshman class will be selected each year. The Stamps Leadership Scholars Program emphasizes the students' initiative, from engaging in philanthropic efforts worldwide to conducting research and demonstrating a passion for improving local communities. Mercer's Stamps Leadership Scholars embody both academic achievement and effective leadership, and will represent the highest achieving students in the incoming class.

A complete candidate portfolio will contain the following:

- A summary of academic accomplishments and career preparation or experience in your chosen field of study, profession, or vocation
- A comprehensive listing of leadership and extracurricular activities
- A comprehensive listing of community activities and organization involvement
- A description of any personal experiences that have embodied your vision for what you plan to study at Mercer

More information and contact information, go [here](#).

Deadline: application for admission and all supporting documents by October 15

Academic Excellence Awards – Lincoln Memorial University

Awarded to incoming freshmen and based on their high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores.

2022-2023 Academic Excellence Awards

<i>Award Amount</i>	<i>Avg. High School GPA</i>
\$12,500	3.96
\$11,000	3.78
\$10,000	3.63
\$8,000	3.29

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: apply for FAFSA after October 1

Horatio Alger State Scholarships - Juniors only

This program seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

Requirements:

- Be enrolled full time as a high school **junior** in the United States
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- Be a United States citizen

The Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others. Applications must be filled out [here](#).

Deadline: undergraduate application is available annually from December 1 to March 15

National Merit Scholarship Program – Juniors only

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is the qualifying test for entry to the National Merit Program. Students who are awarded Finalist, Semi-finalist or Commended Scholar status are eligible for scholarships through the program at the college they will attend upon graduation. These scholarships can be substantial and can range from specific dollar amounts to opportunities for study abroad, laptops, stipends, housing preference and admission to honors programs. **You MUST take the PSAT your junior year in order to begin the process!** More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: PSAT must be taken in the fall of Junior year.

Heisman High School Scholarship

The Heisman High School Scholarship program is looking for all types of high-achieving seniors. Eligibility begins with maintaining a weighted GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. And applicants must participate or have participated in grades 9, 10, or 11 in at least one of the sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Deadline: Mid Fall

The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Scholarships

The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, with the support of the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships annually to students: 1) Apprenticeship program - up to \$1,500, 2) Certificate programs - up to \$1,500, 3) Post-secondary degree programs - up to \$2,500

Requirements:

- Be an exemplary student and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Be currently accepted to the institution with a culinary, pastry or foodservice-related major

Applications are based on a point system. Points will be earned based on the following:

- **Academic Grade Point Average**
 - The following points are earned based on the applicants cumulative GPA. A transcript showing current GPA must be submitted for verification.
- **Participation in Culinary Competitions**
 - Points may be earned for competing in a culinary or pastry competition at a local, regional, or national level. Acceptable competitions include ACF sanctioned competitions, Skills USA, ProStart competitions. Only one competition may be submitted per scholarship application. For verification please submit a competitor's letter or letter of participation from a team coach. Verification letters should include name, date and location of competition. Competition must have been held within the last 12 months.
- **Volunteer for School and Industry Activities**
 - Points may be earned for culinary volunteer involvement for school and industry related activities. Examples include community charity events, food pantry, cooking for disaster relief, volunteering for a culinary club, cooking at a homeless shelter, or working at a charity dinner. Points vary depending on the number of activities attended or worked in the last 12 months with a 3 event maximum. Letter verifying volunteer service must be submitted as proof.

- **American Culinary Federation Involvement**
 - Points may be earned for involvement in ACF related activities including holding membership, attending local chapter meetings, volunteering for chapter events, working on an ACF committee, or attending an ACF national or regional event.
- **Required Essays**
 - Write a response to each essay question listed. The essay responses below will be graded based on grammar, spelling and relevancy.

For more information and to apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: Scholarship deadlines are April 30 and October 31 of each year.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarships

all high school grades

Voice of Democracy (VOD) Competition: The VOD competition provides high school 9-12th graders the opportunity to **write and record** a broadcast script on a patriotic theme, competing for more than \$2.3 million in college scholarships and incentives ranging in award amounts from \$1,000-\$21,000 with first place winning \$35,000.”. The Knoxville VFW is Post 2. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: October 31 midnight

Coca-Cola Scholarship

150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Go [here](#) for more info and application.

Deadline: September 30.

Berea College (KY)

The **Tuition Promise Scholarship** guarantees no student pays tuition. After all federal, state, institutional, and private grants have been awarded, a Tuition Scholarship is awarded through Berea College to fund the remaining cost of tuition. Although some families and students may help pay for meals, housing, and fees, this is not considered payment toward tuition. Berea students pay an average of \$1,000 toward housing, meals, and fees, with financial assistance for books available. For more financial aid and scholarship information, go [here](#).

Deadline: November 15 - early action and January 31 early action II

March 31, 2026 - final deadline

Arizona State University

The Arizona Excellence tuition award is UA’s merit scholarship opportunity for out-of-state students. Students should apply to UA and submit their official ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agency to be considered for these awards. While they will continue to award merit aid until May 1, students should apply sooner rather than later to maximize their eligibility and be reviewed for the highest merit scholarships.

First-year applicants are evaluated for merit-based aid depending on when they graduate from high school and begin attendance at the University of Arizona. Applicants who are seniors in high school the year immediately prior to their enrollment at the University of Arizona will be evaluated for admission and merit based on their **core** unweighted high school GPA through your sixth semester. Applicants who have graduated from high school 1 year or more before enrolling at the University of Arizona Applicants and did

not attend any higher education institutions after high school will be evaluated for admission and merit based on their 8th semester (or final high school grades even if the student graduated early) unweighted **core** GPA.

1. Students must submit their complete Fall University of Arizona Admissions application no later than May 1.
2. Students selected for this scholarship will receive an offer letter once all completed admissions application materials have been submitted before the deadline.
3. Offers are non-negotiable and are not increased to match offers from other institutions and remain the same as the initial offer for continuing students, even if a student improves their GPA at Arizona.
4. Awards are not offered to students admitted for spring.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: No later than May 1. (*Different deadlines per scholarship. Check website for specific deadlines*)

University of Michigan's Geisinger Scholarships

This scholarship is offered to out-of-state students from selected geographic areas enrolled in the College of Engineering.

- Scholarships will be awarded to first-year students entering the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Prospective students should plan to submit their application for admission to the University of Michigan as early as possible (Applications for admission take 10-12 weeks to process).
- Recipients must be enrolling at the University of Michigan and pursuing an undergraduate degree program in engineering.
- Scholarship support is for four years of undergraduate support or through graduation, whichever is less.
- Annual renewal is contingent on satisfactory academic progress and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

For scholarship applications or more info, go [here](#).

Students can submit an application for the Joseph M. Geisinger Scholarship prior to receiving an admissions decision, however, a student must be admitted to the College of Engineering by the time the scholarship committee meets in late February to review applications.

Deadline: February 5th

Ron Brown Scholarship -

The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Scholarships will be awarded for \$10,000 annually for four years. Go [here](#) for more Information and to application.

Deadline: Opens in August. The first deadline is November 1. Applicants who apply early agree to have their information shared with the Ron Brown Scholar Program education partners. The second and final deadline is January 9th. If January 9 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, your application should be submitted by the following Monday.

Emory University - Emory Scholars and Goizueta Scholars –

Emory University Scholars are “**intellectually carbonated**” individuals, leaders among their peers, and spark plugs in their communities. They are forward-thinkers who stretch the boundaries of intellectual inquiry, artists with distinctive talents and creativity, and difference-makers who act as catalysts for positive change. Selection of scholarships is highly competitive. Scholarships are renewable for four years of undergraduate study, provided students maintain high standards of personal and academic excellence. All scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of outstanding merit without regard to financial need, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran/Reserve/National Guard status, or national origin. Superior academic credentials, cultural and extracurricular interests and achievements are considered. Almost all recipients have won distinction beyond the classroom, including national awards in music, languages, science, mathematics, or other fields.

For scholarship information click [here](#).

Deadline: To be considered for any and all scholar programs, you must select one of the three admission decision plans ([Early Decision I](#), [Early Decision II](#), or [Regular Decision](#)) and submit all required application materials by November 15. (Those applying Early Decision I must apply by November 1.)

University of Tennessee – Knoxville - Competitive Scholarships

Students who wish to be considered as a priority candidate for UTK’s most competitive scholarships should complete the application for admission by November 1 (the early action deadline) and complete your Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) by November 15. You can apply for competitive scholarships directly in the UT application.

Regular admission deadline is December 1, however, if you wait until then to apply you will not have enough time to complete the scholarship application. More information about UTK scholarships can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November 1, 2025

Knoxville Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training apprenticeship

This is NOT a scholarship, but is an opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career as an electrician. **This is a five year apprenticeship including a paid job and schooling.** The application process begins in November and the application on their website will be available at that time. There are minimum requirements (resume, \$25 application fee, high school transcripts) in order to participate in this program. For a full list of the requirements and more information go [here](#) and click on “apprenticeship.”

Deadline: They schedule information and application sessions two weeks in January each year. The sessions are offered Monday thru Saturday at 10:00am. To attend one of the sessions in January, you must schedule an appointment. **ETAK begins scheduling appointments in November each year.**

Maryville College McGill Scholarship/Fellowship Program

This will be awarded to five outstanding incoming first-year students each year. The scholarship covers tuition and is renewable for up to four years of full-time study with an annual GPA of 3.25. McGill Fellowships recognize the academic accomplishments and leadership abilities of 20 incoming first-year. Valued at \$30,000 each year, the Fellowships are renewable for up to four years of full-time study with an annual GPA of 3.0. McGill Fellows are selected from the McGill Scholarship applicant pool.

Once a student has been admitted they will be given the opportunity, via their Admissions portal, to submit the scholarship application, along with two teacher recommendation letters and an essay on a given topic. Applications for admission available starting August 1; The scholarship deadline is Dec. 1.

For more information go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1.

Robertson Scholarship – Duke and UNC/Chapel Hill

Robertson Scholars are expected to participate in the various elements of the program, including but not limited to the first-year and junior retreats, the cross-campus course requirement and semester switch, and the first two summer enrichment programs (domestic and international). Students are chosen to participate in this program based on their demonstrated ability to make the most of opportunities that are presented to them and to create possibilities where none may have previously existed. As Scholars, they are expected to continue making the most of the options provided by the program and by the two universities with which they are affiliated. All Scholars are required to maintain a normal course load each semester (four semester courses or their equivalent at Duke, a minimum of 12 and normally 15 hours at UNC-Chapel Hill). Continuation in the program depends on the maintenance of a 2.8 grade point average at the end of the freshmen year, and a 3.0 average each succeeding year. Students interested in the Robertson Scholars Program are strongly encouraged to complete the Robertson Scholars Program application in addition to their application to Duke and/or UNC-Chapel Hill. The application is intended to supplement the students' applications to Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill by providing information specific to the Robertson Scholars Program's criteria. The Robertson Scholars Program will accept applications from any interested student. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: November 15

Wesleyan College

A number of merit scholarships are available at Wesleyan College for Women. All applicants who qualify for Wesleyan's premier scholarships will be invited to compete at their annual [Scholarship Day](#) event in February. Application for admission to Wesleyan must be completed in order to be considered for all scholarships. There is no further application required. Scholarship opportunities are greatly enhanced by participation in Scholarship Day. Call (800) 447-6610 for more information.

Students may also compete for a performance art scholarship in art, music, or theatre.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: Early decision is November 15.

Austin Peay Presidential Scholarship

This competitive scholarship is available to high school seniors. Award amount is @6,000 in 2023. There are additional scholarships available that may require additional applications. For more detailed scholarship information, click [here](#).

These scholarships may be awarded before or after any deadline on a declining fund basis.

Meeting stated eligibility criteria does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship.

Deadline: Apply for admission by November 15.

Hays Memorial Scholarship at Hendrix College

Hays recipients are exceptionally well-rounded student leaders who contribute much to the exciting and challenging environment that characterizes the Hendrix community. The Hays Scholarship, awarded to four entering students each year, provides full tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees for four years of study at Hendrix. Students who wish to compete for the Hays Scholarship must **apply for admission** by November 15. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: Must apply for admission by November 15

Competition and Participation Scholarships at Sullivan University

High school students who participate in competitions in high school at the state, regional, or national levels have the opportunity to win one Sullivan competition scholarship. The competition may be food competition, business related, etc. Sullivan University usually has representation at these events (i.e. FCCLA, ProStart, Skills USA, FBLA, etc.) to present scholarships to the winners. There are many other scholarship opportunities based on academic merit and other criteria. For further information about the school, go [here](#). For scholarship information, click [here](#).

Deadline: Rolling admissions, scholarship applications follow admissions application

Oglethorpe University - Out-of-State HOPE Equivalent!

Oglethorpe University recognizes the academic achievement of neighboring state residents who graduate with a 3.0 GPA or higher with a HOPE equivalent grant of \$3,500 per year. This award is in addition to other OU scholarships and is renewable for up to four years, provided that the student maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher while at Oglethorpe. These awards are merit-based grants directly from Oglethorpe. Oglethorpe offers many additional scholarships in the areas of academics, theater, civic engagement, choral, music and many others. Early Action students who are admitted and indicate an interest in scholarships will be considered prior to Regular Decision candidates. **(Please note that early action is non-binding)**. For more information visit, <http://hub.oglethorpe.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>

Deadline: Tied to admission application - Early Action deadline is December 1 at 11:59 p.m.

University of TN, Martin - University Scholars Program

The Office of Honors Programs annually admits 30 incoming, first-year students to The University Scholars Program. Students admitted to the program will receive an annual scholarship of \$2,500, renewable for four years. At the end of each academic year, students in The University Scholars Program must meet the following GPAs to remain academically eligible for the program: First year: 3.3, Second year: 3.4, Third year: 3.5, Fourth year: 3.5. Students who successfully complete the University Scholars Program graduate from UT Martin with a minimum academic distinction of *magna cum laude* and will receive special recognition and distinction at commencement. Applications should be submitted online by November 15th for admission the following Fall. Applications are reviewed by the Honors Council and selected applicants will be invited with their families to visit campus for an interview and tour. Following the interview process, the Honors Council will make final selections and extend invitations to selected applicants. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: December 1, 2025 (mixed information re. dates. Read website carefully)

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships (MVS) and Legacy Scholarships

Awards 500 scholarships nationally ranging in amounts of \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year to high school seniors who demonstrate scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applicants must be US citizens on the day that the application is signed and do not need to be related to Elk members.

Elks Legacy Award scholarships are for students who are children or grandchildren of an active Elk member. They are \$4,000 and are given to 300 students through a separate application link and deadline. Go [here](#) for the MVS Scholarship. Go [here](#) for the Legacy Awards.

Deadlines: November 12, 2025 for MVS and February 3, 2026 11:59 pm Pacific time for Legacy Awards.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

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 best four-year colleges and universities. Selected from a nationwide pool of applicants, up to 40 students will become Jack Kent Cooke Scholars and have access to funding of up to \$40,000 per year for up to four years for undergraduate studies.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive. Scholars are selected based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, a desire to help others, and leadership. At a minimum, applicants must:

- Plan to graduate in spring 2020 & intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2018
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above
- SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1200 or above and/or ACT composite score of 26 or above
- Demonstrate significant unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. However, we anticipate that a majority of scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive a Pell grant

For more information and a link to the application, go [here](#).

Deadline: open August 25 - November 14, 2025

College Board Scholarships **Sophomores and Juniors also take note**

College Board opens in December and does not require an essay, application, or minimum GPA. Instead, it rewards your effort and initiative. The more effort you put in, the more chances you get to earn a scholarship of either \$500 or \$40,000. Scholarships are awarded - through drawings - to students who complete each step. See specifics [here](#):

1. **Build your college list:**
Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in.
2. **Practice for the SAT**
Use a specific prep class to get ready for test da
3. **Improve your score**
Show how practice pays off by improving your **SAT** score.
4. **Strengthen your college list**
Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.
5. **Complete the FAFSA:**
Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.
6. **Apply to colleges:**
Apply to the schools you want to attend.
7. **Complete your journey:**
Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship.

To learn more about College Board and the above steps, visit [here](#).

Deadline: Scholarships awarded through monthly drawings - opens in December

Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program (METP) Scholarship

For 30 students interested in becoming elementary or secondary English or Math teachers this program offers a full scholarship for up to four years, including room and board, technology, study abroad/off-campus learning, professional development and cross-campus (University of Mississippi and Mississippi State) learning. Each METP fellow makes a five-year commitment to teach at a Mississippi public school after graduation. Admission is based on academic achievement, service and passion for teaching. Competitive applicants are expected to have an ACT score of 28 (or SAT of 1310) and a GPA of at least a 3.5. Two letters of recommendation, a personal statement (200 words), application essays (500-700 words), transcripts and test scores will need to be submitted. More information can be found at www.metp.org

Deadline: midnight, January 10, 2026

Johnson Scholars at Washington & Lee University

The prestigious Johnson Scholarship Program provides awards of full tuition, room and board for about 10% of students in each class on the basis of academic achievement and leadership potential. Students will be judged on their potential to contribute to the intellectual and civic life of the W & L campus and of the world at large in years to come. Writing samples, teacher recommendations, and records of leadership, citizenship, and involvement in non-academic activities will be weighed. To apply you need to meet the admissions deadline of December 1st by completing the Common Application and the Johnson Scholarship Application which is part of the W & L Supplement to the Common Application. After review, the program will announce finalists, who will be invited to attend the on-campus competition and interviews. Travel expenses will be covered by the university. Scholarship winners will be announced by April 1. For more information and a link to the scholarship page, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Students must submit their UTC admission application, be accepted to the university, and then fill out the scholarship application. The most competitive and first round offers will go to students who have completed their application and have provided all required supporting documentation prior to the December 1 application deadline. The UTC online scholarship application opens mid-September for all students. The application is used to award funds for the next academic year. The absolute deadline to submit the UTC Scholarship Application is July 1 for all students.

Note: It is important to log into the MyMocsNet portal after gaining acceptance to be identified for scholarships. You will need your UTC ID number to apply. More information on scholarships can be found [here](#).

Deadlines: December 1 - priority deadline for admission. See details about deadlines [here](#).

FRA –Americanism Essay Contest – grades 9 through 12

Entrants must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary. For the name and contact information of the sponsor check the drop-down menu on the scholarship information page. The grand prize is a \$1,500 award. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

Vanderbilt University

Each year Vanderbilt awards merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 1 percent of all freshman applicants to Vanderbilt, and with the limited number of merit scholarships available, the selection process is very competitive. Ingram, Cornelius Vanderbilt and Chancellor's scholarships

are available and will cover full tuition.

All merit-based scholarships offered at Vanderbilt are renewable through four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic performance. Each of the four undergraduate schools awards a number of scholarships proportionate to the school's enrollment.

Financial need is not a factor unless otherwise indicated.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

Cincinnatus Scholarship - University of Cincinnati

The cornerstone University of Cincinnati freshman scholarship program continues to be Cincinnatus, a program that awards more than \$22 million in UC four-year scholarships. Awards are made at multiple levels to the brightest and most promising prospective freshmen in academic disciplines throughout all of the undergraduate colleges. Only students whose admission application (including transcript and official test scores) are complete by **December 1** will be considered for scholarship awards. All Cincinnatus scholarships are renewed for the length of the undergraduate academic program providing the student maintains a 3.2 GPA and completes the annual 30-hour community service requirement.

For more information and requirements, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

Sewanee, University of the South

The University of the South is expanding its financial aid program to meet the full need of admitted students who qualify for financial aid, starting with the domestic and international first-year students who arrive in fall 2020 (the future Class of 2025). The University's Board of Regents has made a unanimous commitment that no later than fall 2026, the University will have returned to meeting the full need of all of its undergraduate students.

Under the program, students who are admitted will have their family contribution determined based on FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service) applications. The difference between what the family can pay and the total cost of a year at Sewanee, which is considered a student's full need, will be made up by some combination of scholarships, employment opportunities, and federal student loans. Full need will continue to be met for all four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Every Sewanee applicant is considered for academic scholarships simply by submitting the Common Application. All scholarships are renewable with satisfactory academic progress.

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship:** *Full tuition, fees, room and board annually (1 awarded annually)*
- **Benedict Scholarship:** *Full tuition, fees, room and board annually (3 awarded annually)*
- **Wilkins Scholarship:** *\$26,000 annually*
- **EQB Award:** *Scholarships ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000 annually*
- **Georgia4 Scholarship:** *\$4,000 annually—awarded to all applicants admitted from Georgia*

To be considered for need-based aid, families must submit both the FAFSA and the CSS profile. More information may be found at the following websites: [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) and the [CSS PROFILE](#). The Fellowship in the Arts does not stack with full-tuition awards

such as the Benedict, Vice-Chancellor's, or Tuition Exchange awards. Any international applicant interested in need-based aid, should begin [here](#).

Other academic scholarships available:

FELLOWSHIP IN THE ARTS

Students with exceptional promise in performing or studio arts can apply for a Fellowship in the Arts. These fellowships are awarded to candidates with interests and accomplishments in visual studies, art history, film, dance, theatre, or music. Students selected for these fellowships will have the opportunity to dive more deeply into the life of the arts at Sewanee. Students are invited to apply after they are admitted to Sewanee. For more information, please email your admission counselor.

RAISEME MICRO SCHOLARSHIPS

Sewanee has partnered with RaiseMe to provide students a way to become more involved in their college application process. By creating a free RaiseMe account, students can begin earning microscholarship awards for working through Sewanee's application objectives. If admitted, RaiseMe students' microscholarship amounts will be included in their financial aid package.

For more information about the above scholarships, go [here](#).

Deadline: Early Decision November 15. Early Action December 1.

Trustee Scholarship at Boston University

Every year, BU welcomes approximately 20 outstanding students to the Trustee Scholars Program. Many of our current Scholars had perfect 4.0 grade point averages in high school and ranked in the top of their class. In addition to exceptional academic credentials, Trustee Scholars are intellectually and creatively adventurous and demonstrate viewpoints, experiences, or achievements beyond the usual. They are, in other words, not just top students, but extraordinarily well-rounded individuals. At BU, Trustee Scholars become part of a unique campus community that offers many intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities. A Trustee Scholarship covers full undergraduate tuition plus mandatory undergraduate student fees, and is renewable for four years if certain criteria are met. For additional information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

MTSU Buchanan Fellowship

Limited to 20 students per year, this is the highest award given to an entering freshman at Middle Tennessee State University. Buchanan Fellows, who must complete a separate application process limited to first-time freshmen, receive a host of special benefits including a full tuition waiver guaranteed for four years, special seminars, priority registration, a book allowance, priority consideration for study abroad, and much more.

To compete for a Buchanan Fellowship, an applicant must

1. complete the **ONLINE** Buchanan Fellows application form through the MTSU University Honors College by **December 1, 11:59 pm Central Standard Time (CST) of the year prior to fall enrollment;**
2. have a high school GPA greater than or equal to 3.5;
3. have a composite ACT greater than or equal to 30 (SAT greater than or equal to 1360)

The preceding requirements are minimal. Successful applicants generally possess qualifications that equal or surpass those required for other MTSU academic scholarships. Students accepted to the program participate in a specially designed cohort curriculum of courses which is limited to Buchanan Fellows. This application is on-line and is due by December 1 at 11:59 p.m. CST. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: November 1(early acceptance) or December 1

Belmont University

Application for admission serves as your general scholarship application. There are a few departmental scholarships which require an additional application. Students must be admitted by December 1 for scholarship consideration. For more details/information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

Mississippi State University - Presidential

- Awarded to 10-12 of the most outstanding entering freshmen on a competitive basis
- This scholarship is worth approximately \$75,000, which covers tuition and **housing for four years of undergraduate study, as well as \$6,000 for study abroad and \$4,000 for undergraduate research
- Non-resident students may also receive a scholarship to cover up to 100% of the out-of-state portion of tuition
- Presidential Scholarships replace Academic Excellence and Colvard Future Leader Scholarships
- **Criteria:**
 - Minimum 30 ACT (1390 SAT)
 - Outstanding high school academic record with a scholarship GPA of 3.75
 - Exceptional high school and community leadership

Many more scholarships are available, some with later application deadlines. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

True Blue Legacy Scholarship and other Non-Resident Scholarships from Auburn University

True Blue Scholarships are four-year, renewable scholarships awarded in December among eligible non-resident incoming freshmen who meet the December 15 scholarship application deadline. The True Blue Scholarship requires a 28 ACT or equivalent SAT score and a minimum 3.5 high school GPA for consideration.

Merit scholarships are awarded among eligible non-residents in December, based on available funding and academic achievement as demonstrated by standardized test scores and high school GPA. To receive consideration, students must complete the scholarship application through AUSOM by the deadline.

Test Score	High School GPA	Estimated Annual Award Amount	Estimated Four-Year Award Amount
28 ACT	3.5+	\$4,000	\$16,000
1300-1320 SAT			

29-30 ACT	3.5+	\$8,000	\$32,000
1330-1380 SAT			
31-36 ACT	3.5+	\$15,000	\$60,000
1390-1600 SAT			

This chart is a guide and is not a guarantee of future awards. Each entering class competes with itself, and actual awards are determined based on the number of qualified scholarship applicants, the credentials of those applicants, and available funding.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: Various deadlines including admissions application deadline.

Maryville College McGill Scholarship

McGill Fellowships recognize the academic accomplishments and leadership abilities of 20 incoming first-year. Valued at \$30,000 each year, the Fellowships are renewable for up to four years of full-time study with an annual GPA of 3.0. McGill Fellows are selected from the McGill Scholarship applicant pool.

Recipients of the McGill Scholarship and McGill Fellowship are required to live on campus in the McGill Community with other Scholars and Fellows. The Scholars also must commit to five semesters of service as an Academic Mentor and Fellows must commit to four semesters.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Combined minimum 28+ ACT composite, 1390+ SAT (evidence-based reading & writing and math) test score, or 92+ CLT test score
- Minimum 3.7 high school GPA
- Demonstrated leadership abilities

Apply and be admitted into Maryville College. (Applications for admission will be available online after Aug. 1.)

Once a student has been admitted they will be given the opportunity, via their Admissions portal, to submit the scholarship application, along with two teacher recommendation letters and an essay on a given topic.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

University of Evansville

Academic scholarships are determined based on the student's collective academic and leadership accomplishments, along with recognitions outside the classroom.

Additional scholarships may stack with merit and performing arts scholarships. For full consideration of all awards, students should apply by UE's Early Action deadline. Detailed information and a link to the application can be found [here](#).

Deadline: see website. Previous years' advice was this: Students who apply for admission prior to the Early Choice deadline of November 1 receive the strongest scholarship consideration.*

Students submitting their admission application after November 1 are eligible for scholarships based on fund availability.

The Generation Google Scholarship

The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring students pursuing computer science degrees excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected students will receive \$10,000 USD (for those studying in the US) or \$5,000 CAD (for those studying in Canada) for the 2026-2027 school year. The Generation Google Scholarship will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, demonstrated leadership, and academic performance.

The program is open to students who meet all the minimum qualifications and we strongly encourage students that identify with groups historically excluded from the technology industry, including Women, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, to apply. Applicants are not required to currently be enrolled in an Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD program for the 2026-2027 academic year to apply. Recipients of one of the following Google Scholarships: Generation Google Scholarship, Generation Google Scholarship: for women in gaming, Generation Google Scholarship: for supply chain and fulfillment, Google Lime Scholarship, Google Student Veterans of America Scholarship, Women Techmakers Scholarship for Computer Science, and Women Techmakers Scholarship for Gaming are not eligible to reapply.

Who can apply?

- To be eligible to apply, applicants must:
- Intend to be enrolled in or accepted as a full-time student in a Bachelors, Masters, or PhD program at an accredited university or college in the United States or Canada for the 2026-2027 academic year
- Be studying computer science, computer engineering, or a closely related technical field
- Demonstrate a strong academic record
- Demonstrate financial need
- Exemplify leadership and demonstrate passion for improving representation of underrepresented groups in computer science and technology

More information and the application can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Applications are currently closed. Check back in early 2026

Eugene McDermott Scholars Program - University of Texas at Dallas

The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program provides selected students – those with records of outstanding intellectual and academic achievement, leadership, and service who are committed to participating in all of the extra-curricular dimensions of the Program – with scholarships covering the normal costs of a UT Dallas undergraduate education and additional resources for development of their demonstrated potential. The opportunities and resources of the Program are accompanied by significant responsibility. Eligibility for review of your McDermott Application will be determined by three required factors:

1. Submit a complete **UT Dallas admission application** (with supplemental documentation) by December 1st*
2. Be academically competitive** among those admitted to UT Dallas after applying by 12/1/2022 for admission
3. Receive an Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) offer from UT Dallas

*We **strongly suggest** applying before the deadline to maximize chances for eligibility.

**Competitive applicants are typically among the top tenth of UT Dallas's applicant pool by academics (evidenced by performance in high school – GPA, overall grades in academic coursework and trends in achievement, strength of curriculum based on what is offered by their institution, etc.). Typically, almost a third of admitted students are awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES), and to qualify for McDermott, you must first be offered an AES Award.

For more information go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

Lyceum Scholars – Clemson University

The Lyceum Scholars Academic Program at Clemson University is America's first and only university-based academic program dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society. Each Lyceum Scholar will receive a four-year scholarship worth up to \$10,000. The Lyceum Scholars Program draws inspiration from the Lyceum School founded by Aristotle in Ancient Greece. Lyceum Scholars study the moral principles of a free society, the political ideals of the American Founding and the economic foundations of capitalism. Lyceum scholars will be placed in a small learning community of 5-10 students, and faculty tutors will closely monitor and guide their intellectual development for their entire four-year education. You can find more information and a link to the application [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact them via email at Lyceum@clemson.edu.

Deadline: December 15

TechForce Foundation Universal Technical Institute (UTI)

The mission of TechForce foundation is to champion students to and through their education and into careers as professional technicians. The UTI Foundation wants to support high school students seeking a career in the transportation service fields and the auto shop programs that are getting students started down the right road. There are a number of scholarship opportunities that range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 when you attend one of UTI's schools. Details on each scholarship can be found [here](#).

Deadline: no definitive dates given, check website

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Scholarship awards range from \$10,000 - \$25,000. For students who are a U.S. citizen or legal resident; plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year institution; and demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities (Because reducing risk is woven into the fabric of the company, special consideration is given to achievements that empower society to mitigate risk through education and/or action in areas such as financial, environmental, health, safety and/or emergency preparedness.)

Learn more and download an application [here](#).

Deadline: December 18, 2025 3:00 pm CT.

Haslam Scholarship at UT-Knoxville

Students interested in being considered for this competitive scholarship must apply to UT by the early action deadline, November 1. After applying to the university, qualified students will receive an invitation via email to apply to the programs for which they are eligible. When completing the

essay application, you will be prompted to select the program in which you are interested from the following: [1794 Scholars](#), [Chancellor's Honors](#), and [Honors Leadership](#)

November 22: Submit your Honors & Scholars essay to be considered.

For more information, visit the Haslam Scholars website [here](#).

Deadline: November 1 for admission to UTK and November 22 for the scholarship application

Tennessee Tech Scholarship Opportunities

To complete the University's scholarship application, new students must be admitted to Tennessee Tech.

High Flyers Scholarship: ranges from \$2000-\$5000 per year, depending on GPA

Golden Opportunity Grant Scholarship: A four-year institutional need-based grant for incoming freshman Tennessee residents who have just graduated from high school. Criteria used for awarding include, but are not limited to, financial need, grade point average, ACT score, community-based activities, and demonstrated leadership abilities.

Golden Eagle Excellence Scholarship: A four-year, \$2,500 per year, scholarship for incoming freshman Tennessee residents who have just graduated from high school, aimed at increasing academic quality & diversity. Students must meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) underrepresented ethnic population, (2) first generation college student, (3) resident of one of the 24 Upper Cumberland educationally underrepresented counties, (4) underrepresented gender population specific to a major.

For more information (and to apply), go [here](#).

Deadline: December 15, 2025.

Louisiana State University (LSU)

LSU offers scholarships for incoming freshmen who are non-resident students. Scholarships range from the Stamps Leadership Scholars (full cost of attendance for four years, plus a potential \$14,000 in enrichment experiences) to the President's Alumni Scholars (full cost of attendance for four years—covers tuition, fees, room & board, books, supplies, etc. and a \$2,000 study abroad stipend). LSU's application for admission also serves as the application for all university scholarships. Click [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Entering freshmen must submit a completed admission application on or before December 15 of their senior year in high school to receive priority scholarship consideration.

University of Tennessee Promise & Pledge Scholarships

The **UT Promise Scholarship** is offered to admitted and continuing students who qualify for the [HOPE Scholarship](#) and have an annual family income of less than \$60,000.

The **Tennessee Pledge Scholarship** is offered to admitted freshmen with a family income of \$40,000 or less. When combined with other federal, state, and institutional aid, this four-year scholarship covers direct costs—tuition, mandatory fees*, and an average of on-campus room and board expenses.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline for UT PROMISE: December 16

UTK - Admitted freshmen students interested in the School of Art

Applicants must be accepted to the University of Tennessee as full-time students enrolled in the School of Art. Scholarship monies will be divided between the fall and spring semesters.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: To be eligible for the Freshman Scholarship, you must be admitted to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The scholarship deadlines are on the website.

University of Alabama – Entering Freshmen Scholarships

There are two ways students can be eligible for scholarships under UA's current test optional admission policy.

- Competitive Scholarships – The competitive scholarship application is part of your application for admission. Students who elect not to send a test score are eligible for competitive scholarship consideration if their application for admission and supporting documentation is submitted by January 15.
- Automatic Merit Scholarships – To qualify for automatic merit scholarships, students must provide a test score and official transcript. Applicants may indicate that they do not want their test scores included in the review of their application for admission and still submit test scores for automatic merit scholarship consideration by May 1.

After you are admitted to UA, you will be notified about the Freshman Supplemental Scholarship Application. This is an optional scholarship application that will be accessible in myBama. Find more information [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

East Tennessee State University

ETSU offers a number of scholarships for new freshmen from Tennessee and from out-of-state. Discover your opportunities by clicking [here](#) for more information.

To begin the Scholarship Application process, you must have successfully completed an ETSU application for admission. Once you complete your application please login at the top right of this page with your ETSU Username and password. As with most schools, apply early and get your FAFSA done ASAP after October 1.

Deadline: New students can [apply for scholarships](#) beginning October 1st through March 1st every year. Transfer students can apply beginning October 1st through May 15th every year.

ETSU's Music Scholarships

If you plan to attend East Tennessee State University, there are a number of scholarships that could be for you. Scholarships are available for instrumental performance and education, piano, jazz, and vocalists.

For more details go [here](#) and a link to the audition schedule, go [here](#).

Look under Student Resources and then Scholarships on the left hand side of the page.

Deadline: Apply to ETSU as soon as possible, then apply to School of Music. Then set up an audition date.

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)

MTSU awards an array of academic merit scholarship opportunities based on ACT scores and GPA. For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1st, 2025 for all relevant documents – college admission, scholarship applications, etc.

PhentermineClinics Health Scholarship

This scholarship is for students currently enrolled in a college, university, high school or trade school. The ideal candidate is a student interested in nutrition science, medical weight loss, bariatrics, and even internal medicine. With that said, these interests are not required for a chance to win the scholarship.

To participate in the scholarship, please create a unique content piece in the range of 1,000 to 2,000 words covering the subject of what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. We'd like to see the following discussions included:

- Trends in nutrition (intermittent fasting, carb backloading, paleo, IIFYM, etc)
- Trends in workout/fitness methods
- How tech (like mobile devices) has affected the idea of a healthy lifestyle
- Your own ideas are also welcome.

We will review all submissions and choose the best content piece. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship reward which is intended to be used for educational purposes.

One winner will be selected by January 15th, 2025. The content you submit in your application must be unique and must offer value to the reader. Creative, high-quality submissions have a higher chance of winning. To learn more and apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 31st, 2025

Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution – Grades 9 - 12

The society offers a variety of essay/oratorical competitions in which students can earn scholarship dollars. Go [here](#) and click on “Education Programs” for the links to each contest.

Deadline: check website for dates

Thiel Fellowship

anyone age 22 or younger

Founded by technology entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel in 2011, the Thiel Fellowship is a two-year program for young people who want to build new things. Thiel Fellows skip or stop out of college to receive a \$100,000 grant and support from the Thiel Foundation's network of founders, investors, and scientists. Between 20 and 30 Fellows are chosen each year. If you're 22 or younger and working on a cool project or company, they want to hear about it. They'll also consider you for a spot at one of their twice-yearly Summits. To apply and/or learn more, go [here](#).

Deadline: applications accepted year round

Emma L. Bowen Foundation Fellowship for Minority Interests in Media - work/study program

You are welcome to apply for an Emma Bowen Fellowship if you:

- Are a student of color (Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, or Multi-Racial)

- Are a graduating high school senior OR an undergraduate college student
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0
- Are interested in pursuing a career in the media industry
- Plan to attend or are currently a student at a four-year accredited college or university
- Are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Speak and write English fluently

Selected students will have access to:

- Paid summer internship
- On-the-job training from top professionals
- An all-expenses paid Summer Conference in New York City
- Need-based scholarships
- A rich community of diverse media and tech talent
- Lifelong professional networks

Go [here](#) for more information and to fill out an application.

Deadline: From September – April, they review the applicant pool based on internship requests and hiring timelines.

FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) Essay Contest – For Juniors & Seniors

The mission of FIRE is to defend and sustain individual rights at America’s colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty, and sanctity of conscience—the essential qualities of individual liberty and dignity. In addition to defending the rights of students and faculty, FIRE works to educate students and the general public on the necessity of free speech and its importance to a thriving democratic society. Open to juniors and seniors in U.S. high schools, including home-schooled students, as well as U.S. citizens attending schools overseas. Students must submit an essay between 700-900 words on the provided topic. One \$10,000 first prize, one \$5,000 second prize, three \$1,000 third place prizes and four \$500 prizes will be awarded.

Prompt (after viewing video):

Towards the beginning of “Finding Your Voice: A Free Speech Comic,” Jeremy, one of the main characters, expresses uncertainty with regard to his feelings about an event at his high school addressing school violence. How might the First Amendment’s guarantee of freedom of speech help an unsure student like Jeremy to develop more informed opinions on this and other topics? For more information, and to apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: December in past years. The contest may return in 2025. Check back for updates.

Austin Peay President’s Emerging Leaders Program Scholarship

This competitive scholarship is available to high school seniors based on ACT score of 24, and a cumulative GPA of 3.6, and other criteria. Please note that if you are accepted to the program, you will need to attend two mandatory orientation events, one on 2-3 June, the other on 15, 16, 17 August.

There are additional scholarships available that may require additional applications. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Navy ROTC Scholarships – apply as a Junior

If you are interested in a collegiate scholarship program that pays for your education and molds you into a leader, consider the NROTC Scholarship program, which you can apply for while in high school or college. The program provides:

- Up to \$180,000 to cover the cost of earning your degree at one of more than 160 leading colleges and universities
- Money for tuition, lab fees and textbooks
- A monthly spending allowance for up to five years of college

Go [here](#) to learn how to apply.

Deadline: January 31

College of Wooster College Scholars Award

The College Scholar Award recognizes exceptional academic and extracurricular achievement annually. The Scholarship Committee awards the highest academically qualified students, those who typically fall in the top 5% of the applicant pool. We recommend that students applying for this award rank in the top 15% of their high school class and achieve a minimum ACT Composite of 29 or SAT R of 1340 (two-section composite score). The Committee considers a student's overall academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership and personal merit, along with short-answer responses from the online application.

College Scholar Award winners receive up to \$36,000 annually; this new award amount replaces the Dean's Scholarship. Prospective first-year students interested in both the Clarence Beecher Allen Scholarship and College Scholar Award should be aware that they can only be awarded one of these competition based awards.

In addition to the Application for Admission and the online scholarship application, candidates must complete an interview with an admissions or alumni representative. Ideally, the interview occurs on-campus; however, interviews via phone or Skype are possible if a visit to Wooster is not feasible. Special note: any interview that occurred prior to your application fulfills the College Scholar Award requirement; no additional interview is needed.

For more information and specific details on each award, visit [here](#).

Deadline: November 1 for earliest deadline but individual scholarship deadlines vary.

Rhodes College

Merit awards serve to recognize individual students for their academic talent, service, or leadership achievements. These highly competitive awards are determined on an individual basis and celebrate the strength and achievements of each admitted student, in and out of the classroom.

All applicants are considered for these awards when they apply, but priority consideration is given to students who submit their application in accordance with stated deadlines. Following is a list of the merit-based scholarships:

- Cambridge Scholarship: \$40,000 per year
- Dean's Scholarship: \$35,000 per year
- Presidential Scholarship: \$33,000 per year
- Ralph C. Hon Scholarship: \$31,000 per year
- Diehl Scholarship: \$28,000 per year

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1

GE – Reagan Foundation Scholarship

This program awards \$10,000 (renewable for up to an additional three years) scholarships to numerous recipients who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. The student must meet the following qualifications:

Demonstrate the attributes of leadership, integrity, drive, and citizenship within their communities, schools, and workplaces

Display strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent)

Be citizens of the United States of America

Be current high school seniors attending high school within the United States, (including any U.S. territories or commonwealths), and graduating in winter 2025 or spring 2026. Applicants living on a U.S. Armed Forces base and attending high school outside the U.S. are eligible.

Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2026-2027 academic school year. For further information and an application on this and other scholarships offered by the foundation, go [here](#).

Deadline: October 17, 2023-January 5, 2026, 3 p.m. CST

University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) – Croft Institute Scholarship

The Institute each year awards Croft Scholarships to its most competitive incoming freshmen, the Croft Scholars. Croft Scholars receive \$8,000 per year for four years. These are among the largest and most prestigious scholarships available at the University, and they may be combined with most other forms of financial assistance. Croft Scholars must maintain a GPA of at least 3.4. The Croft on-line application is both for admission into the program and for the Croft Scholarship competition. If you would like to be considered for other University of Mississippi scholarships, you must complete the general UM Scholarship application available through the UM online supplemental application.

More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: scholarships are part of application for admission.

American Legion – Oratorical Scholarship Program

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Scholarships totaling \$6,000 will be awarded to students taking part in the state contest. The state winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship, plus an all-expenses paid trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, to compete in the national contest, April 21-23, 2023 and a part of the \$167,500 national scholarship pool.

Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Go [HERE](#) for state information and to fill out an application.

Please contact Chairman Terry Ward, 615-519-6523 or email twardpost281am@gmail.com with

any questions.

Deadline: January 17, 2026 RECEIVED BY, not postmarked.

Elon University Odyssey Program

An Elon education emphasizes engaged experiences that transform the way students see the world. The Odyssey Program, which is part of the Center for Access and Success, is a highly selective merit-based program consisting of talented individuals who are academically strong, civically engaged, action-oriented leaders in their communities, who will benefit from an Elon education and demonstrate financial need.

The ideal scholar is ready to make a difference, not only within the Elon community, but also in the broader community as a student and after you graduate. Students selected for the program are recipients of a number of prestigious, endowed scholarships.

To be considered for a program scholarship, students must complete the Odyssey Program application by January 17, 2025, and the FAFSA and CSS Profile as soon as possible after October 1, 2025. To apply for the Odyssey Program, complete the form accessible from your application status page once you have submitted your first-year application. Upon completion and submission of these materials, the Scholarship Committee will review your application and you will be considered for all awards for which you are eligible (based on gender and geographic restrictions).

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: January 17, 2026

Elks National Foundation Scholarship

Nursing Scholarship

Nursing scholarship application forms are distributed to Tennessee Elks Lodges in early October. The local Lodges then distribute them to high school counselors, colleges and hospitals within the jurisdiction of each Lodge to be used by individuals pursuing a 4-year degree in the nursing field.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted to the Lodges as indicated on the application forms—usually in January. After judging at the local and state levels, winners are notified in April or May. In managing the scholarships, awards are paid directly to the student's school of choice. The student then may draw against an account for allowable expenses such as tuition, books, lab fees and dormitory expenses.

For more information, contact your local Elks Lodge. To apply for a nursing scholarship, and for more information on this and other scholarships, go [here](#).

Deadline: Application must be turned in to the local lodge usually in January. Ask about the deadline when you pick up your application.

Tennessee Elks Association Trade Scholarship

The trade scholarship is an innovative scholarship intended to help those students that are often overlooked for financial aid. The trade scholarship is for graduating seniors as well as non-traditional students (those changing career fields or those needing continuing education to progress in their current career) who will be pursuing a trade or certificate program. Go [here](#) for

more information and to apply.

Deadline: January 31, 2026. (Opens in September.)

Asian/Pacific Islander (APIA) Scholarships

Many, many scholarships are available on this site with various deadline dates throughout the year. For information and links to all scholarships, go [here](#).

Deadline(s): varies

Mensa Education and Research Foundation Essay Contest

The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program awards more than \$150,000 in assistance every year to college-bound students around the globe. Scholarships are awarded based solely on 550-word essays expressing applicants' academic and professional goals and how their personal experiences will help them to accomplish those goals.

The [U.S. scholarship program](#) relies on approximately 450 dedicated volunteers around the country, with support from the Foundation's office staff. U.S. applicants need not be Mensa members. However, college-bound Mensa members and their dependents may also be eligible for one of several \$2,500 scholarships awarded each year through the Mensa Member Scholarship Program.

The [International Scholarship Program](#) is open to international Mensans (other than American Mensa). One scholarship, which also includes dependents of international Mensa members, is for those attending college in the United States. The other scholarships are for international Mensans attending college other than in the U.S.

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: January 15 (opens in September)

Agnes Scott College Scholarships

Applicants who submit their complete Common Application and all supporting materials by the Early Action II deadline (January 15) are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships ranging from \$15,000-\$25,000 a year. These scholarships are awarded based on factors including academic achievement, community service, leadership and extracurricular involvement. Scholarships are funding that do not have to be repaid, though there are requirements to keep scholarships (included in information upon scholarship awarding).

There are a handful of scholarships that have separate requirements or applications, including:

NEW! SUMMIT STEM Scholars Program Scholarship

Elizabeth Kiss Trailblazer Scholarships

Marvin B. Perry Presidential Scholarships

Goizueta Foundation Scholarship

Agnes Scott College Presbyterian Scholarships

The Alexander and Loris Wasserman Scholarships

Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship
Nannette Hopkins Music Scholarships
Agnes Scott College Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
For more information, go [HERE](#).
Deadline: January 17

Hunt Leadership Scholars Program – Southern Methodist University

Students selected as Hunt Leadership Scholars for the Class of 2026 will receive an annual Hunt Scholarship of \$46,000, or a total of \$184,000 over four years. The Hunt Scholarship will replace and supersede any centrally administered merit aid, but Hunt Scholars may also be eligible for additional departmental scholarships or need-based aid for a total scholarship package valued up to the cost of tuition and fees. In addition, because leaders of the 21st century will need to have a global vision in any area of leadership, the scholarship also covers the airfare and program costs for a leadership-based study abroad experience immediately following each scholar's sophomore year.

For more information and to apply, go [here](#).
Deadline: January 15

National FFA (Future Farmers of America) Education Scholarships

Through the National FFA Foundation, businesses and individuals support scholarships that are awarded to students with a wide variety of higher education plans and career goals. Whether you are planning on attending a specialized training program or seeking a four-year degree, the National FFA Scholarship Program has opportunities for all.

Scholarships support FFA high school seniors and collegiate members as well as non-FFA members. Just one application is required for multiple scholarship opportunities totaling close to \$2 million.

Go [here](#) for more information.
Deadline: January 9, 2026

Air Force ROTC Scholarship

TYPE 1: Pays full (100 percent) college tuition and authorized fees at any public or private institution with an Air Force ROTC detachment.

Type 1 selectees will also receive a monthly living expense stipend and an annual book stipend.

TYPE 2: Pays up to \$18,000 per year in college tuition and authorized fees at any public or private institution with an Air Force ROTC detachment.

Scholarship payment is further capped at \$9,000 per semester or \$6,000 per quarter. Type 2 selectees will also receive a monthly living expense stipend and an annual book stipend.

TYPE 7: Pays full (100 percent) college tuition and authorized fees (capped at the in-state tuition rate) at a public institution with an Air Force ROTC detachment. Type 7 selectees will also receive a monthly living expense stipend and an annual book stipend. Students offered a Type 7 scholarship will be given the option to convert their scholarship to a three-year Type 2 scholarship that can be used at out-of-state or private schools. A three-year Type 2 scholarship will start during the sophomore year of school.

Note: AFROTC Scholarships do not cover room and board.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Opens in September

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest - 9th - 12th grades

In *Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy recounted the stories of eight U.S. senators who risked their careers to do what was right for the nation. These leaders demonstrated political courage by taking a stand for the public good in spite of pressure by interest groups, their political party, or even their constituents. The Profile in Courage Essay Contest challenges students to write an original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of [political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*](#).

The maximum word count is 1,000 with a minimum of 700, not including citations and bibliography. Use at least five varied sources such as government documents, letters, newspaper articles, books, and/or personal interviews. All submissions must adhere to [contest requirements](#).

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: January 17, 2026

United States JCI Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice.

The Scholarship program for 2020-2021 is now open. For questions regarding the Scholarship Program, please contact the Chairman or Contact from your State listed below or Sheri Menendez via email at scholarship@usjcisenate.org

For more information, go [here](#).

Deadline: January 17, 2026

Hamilton Award – Juniors only

The Hamilton Award recognizes young people for their academic, personal, service and entrepreneurial accomplishments. Numerous under-served (first-generation, low income, extenuating circumstances, etc.) high school juniors from across the nation are selected annually as winners of the Hamilton Award and subsequently enrolled in the five-year Alexander Hamilton Scholars (AHS) Empowerment Program. Winners of the Hamilton Award receive two cash awards to pay for college expenses at their entrance and exit from the Empowerment Program.

All applicants should be college-bound and committed to participating in our rigorous five-year curriculum, designed to provide a comprehensive network of support and practical guidance to Alexander Hamilton Scholars as they transition from high school to college and college to career. Each year of the program also includes an all-expenses-paid leadership conference hosted in various cities around the world. To be enrolled in the five-year program and receive the \$500

monetary component of the award, Scholars must attend New York Leader Week. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: January 25, 2026

Union Plus Scholarship Program

The Union Plus Scholarship awards are presented annually to union members or members of their families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. In 2022, 189 union members and union family members were awarded \$200,000 in Union Plus Scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$4,000.

Deadline: January 31, 2026 Applications will be available in mid-June.

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Scholarships – The NSDAR awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education.

The DAR Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to qualified applicants regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin. All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance at an accredited college or university in the United States. The only exception is the American Indian Scholarship that is available for students pursuing vocational training. All applicants must be citizens of the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required; however, a chapter or state chairman may work with the applicant to put the information together to send to the DAR Scholarship Committee. Applications and specific scholarship information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Scholarships at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

ROSE-BUD's goal is to enhance diversity among academically talented computer science, computer, electrical and software engineering majors. The program specifically seeks to help students with a demonstrated financial need, with an emphasis on women and minorities. The ROSE-BUD scholarship is open to incoming freshmen majoring in Computer Science, Computer, Electrical or Software Engineering. The maximum ROSE-BUD scholarship is \$10,000 per academic year and the amount awarded will be based on the Rose-BUD application in conjunction with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the RHIT admission application.

To be eligible for the ROSE-BUD Scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

You must

- ~be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- ~be accepted to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- ~major in Computer Science, Computer, Electrical, or Software Engineering
- ~demonstrate high academic qualifications and professionalism
- ~be eligible to receive financial aid and demonstrate an unmet need

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: February 1

University of Memphis Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program

The Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program is a comprehensive program designed to contribute significantly to a balanced, well-rounded college experience. The current scholarship value is \$5,500 and is applied in two equal disbursements. The program can accept up to 30 students each year. The program requires a 3.0GPA and a 21 ACT. UM offers a number of additional scholarship opportunities, check their website at <http://www.memphis.edu/scholarships/>. Information about the Emerging Leaders program may be found [here](#).

Deadline: February 1, 2026

FIRST Scholarships – UT Knoxville and Many others

In support of the FIRST mission, The College of Engineering at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville is offering four merit-based scholarships, each for \$1,000, to high school seniors who have participated on a FIRST team during their school career. This scholarship may be utilized for an undergraduate course of study at any of the programs offered in the College of Engineering. The scholarship is renewable up to a total of \$4,000 over four years, contingent upon maintaining good academic standing. Each recipient must meet the regular academic requirements for admission to the College. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a senior in high school
- Have participated on a FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) or FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team
- Apply and be admitted to the College of Engineering, University of Tennessee in Knoxville as a full time student. (However, you do not need to have already been admitted at the time you apply for this scholarship.)
- Have an ACT (math) score of 29 or better and a GPA of at least 3.3 (on a scale of 4.0).

This scholarship, and many other FIRST scholarships that can be used at other colleges (including Pellissippi State), can be found [here](#).

*Scroll down until you find the school you are interested in, then click on “more details” or “view application” for links.

Deadline: February 1, 2026—different deadlines may apply for different schools, check website for details

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Through its Mentoring and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$30,000 over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice.

Applications and more information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: January 9, 2026

AI Neuharth - Free Spirit Journalism Scholarship (For Juniors only)

To qualify as an applicant for this program:

- You must be a high school junior who will graduate in the Class of 2027.

- You must be interested in journalism.
- You must demonstrate qualities of a “free spirit,” which could include leadership, courage, creativity, risk-taking, innovative thinking, perseverance or rising above circumstances to accomplish something extraordinary.
- You must be available to attend the conference in Washington DC. Check the website for dates of the conference.

Students **will participate in a conference and are awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship**. This Freedom Forum Institute program was established in 1999 to honor [Al Neuharth](#), the founder of *USA Today*, [Newseum](#) and the [Freedom Forum](#). The conference is designed to inspire and encourage students to pursue journalism.

Go [here](#) for more details and to apply.

Deadline: March 23, 2026

University of Michigan’s Geisinger Scholarships - Engineering

During his lifetime, Joseph M. Geisinger created a trust fund to provide support to forward the careers of students pursuing degrees in engineering at the University of Michigan. The scholarship program will provide \$20,000 in annual support to students selected from the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

- Scholarships will be awarded to first-year students entering the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Prospective students should plan to submit their application for admission to the University of Michigan as early as possible (Applications for admission take 10-12 weeks to process).
- Recipients must be enrolling at the University of Michigan and pursuing an undergraduate degree program in engineering.
- Scholarship support is for four years of undergraduate support or through graduation, whichever is less.
- Annual renewal is contingent on satisfactory academic progress and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Students can submit an application for the Joseph M. Geisinger Scholarship prior to receiving an admissions decision, however, a student must be admitted to the College of Engineering by the time the scholarship committee meets in late February to review applications.

For more information and to apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: The application is open until Sunday, February 9, 2026 at 11:59:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). On-time status will be determined by form timestamp.

Army ROTC Scholarship

The Four-Year High School Scholarship is for high school students planning on attending a four-year college program. Contact your high school academic advisor or campus Military Science department for more information.

Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26

- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Score a minimum of 1000 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores)
- Meet physical standards
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard)

Your Commitment

- An eight-year service commitment with the Army.
- Serve full time in the Army for four years and four years with the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
- Selected Cadets may choose to serve part time in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: ask your local ROTC contact. Past deadlines have been in February.

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship

The eligibility criteria to be considered for a Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship are as follows:

1. Scholarships from the Foundation shall be used only at an institution that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum, and normally has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the place where the educational activities are carried on, and that is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as being accredited by recognized accrediting agencies;
2. Employees of Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated, its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each are not eligible.
3. Students must certify that they did not participate as a student athlete (whether on partial or full athletic scholarship or otherwise) in intercollegiate sports during the prior semester (or quarter, if applicable) or academic year and will not participate as a student-athlete in intercollegiate athletics during the coming semester (or quarter, if applicable) or academic year.
4. Students seeking degrees through online or distance learning programs exclusively shall not be eligible for Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships;*
5. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for graduating high school seniors;
6. Students enrolled full-time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2020, with plans to enter college no later than the Fall following graduation OR students enrolled full-time as a college freshman or sophomore, no older than 20 years of age as of August 1, 2020, and progressing normally toward a bachelor's degree;
7. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 for college applicants;
8. All applicants must reside (permanent home address) in one of the following states or the District of Columbia: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Delaware or New Jersey.
9. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident;
10. Online/distance learning courses are permitted when a part of the required curriculum is taught in the campus environment and when such courses are only available online or through distance learning.

11. Jimmy Rane Foundation scholars are students who exhibit academic excellence, leadership skills and community involvement as well as activities, awards and honors, and who have a demonstrated financial need in order to attend college. They must demonstrate their desire and ability to overcome barriers and to achieve their goals. Your application will be evaluated on your:
- Future goals and plans to achieve them
 - Successful preparation as a high school student to prepare and pursue a college education
 - Self motivation in completing challenging coursework
 - Demonstration of financial need.

The Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship award amount varies depending on the need of the student. The award amount ranges from \$500 to \$5,000 per year. The award may be renewed annually for a maximum of four academic years (or eight semesters) as long as all requirements are fulfilled. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Application deadline is early February.

TNConnect Credit Union Scholarship

It's time to think about your educational future. Want to get a head start? TNConnect is now accepting applications for the 2026 Scholarship program. Scholarship recipients will be awarded \$1,000 toward his/her college education!

Applicants **must be a tnConnect member or become a member by December 29, 2025.** Applicants are required to have a checking account with a debit card. All completed applications must be received by February 3, 2026.

Deadline: Contact any local branch for applications to apply and more information.

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program

The UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program™ offers educational scholarships to people living with epilepsy, family members and caregivers who demonstrate academic and personal achievement. Thirty one-time scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded, and three applicants will receive Epilepsy Leader Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each.

The process includes submission of an essay about your experience living with epilepsy (yourself, a family member, or being a caretaker), three letters of recommendation, and a transcript. Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: April 6, 2026.

Modern Woodmen of America (Financial Services co.)– Make an Impact Scholarships Program

Modern Woodmen of America has established a scholarship program to assist Modern Woodmen members who are current high school seniors planning to continue their education in college.

The program consists of two award recipient tracks. (Scholarship America will determine in which track the recipient is placed.) Authorized distributions for new awards will be as follows :

- 12 scholarships at \$10,000 (Track 1)
- 12 scholarships at \$ 7,500 (Track 1)
- 12 scholarships at \$ 5,000 (Track 1)
- 12 scholarships at \$ 2,500 (Track 1)
- 150 scholarships at \$ 1,000 (Track 2)

For more information go [here](#).

Email: impact@scholarshipamerica.org

Phone: 507-931-0720 and ask for the Make an Impact Scholarships Program

Deadline: February 3, 2026 3:00 pm Central Time

East Tennessee Foundation Scholarships –

The new Common Application will provide the simplicity of completing one application for over 79 scholarships! Stand Alone applications will also be available for additional scholarships. Please see descriptions of our Common Application and Stand Alone applications on our [How to Apply](#) page.

Go [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

Deadline: February 1, 2026.

AFA Teens Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship

AFA’s Teens for Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest is an annual competition for college-bound high school seniors. Applicants are asked to write a 1,200 to 1,500-word essay or submit a video no more than 4 minutes long that describes the impact of Alzheimer’s disease on themselves, their families or their communities, and what they have learned in light of coping with the brain disorder. The grand prize winner receives \$5,000, with additional prizes awarded for runners up. Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: Submit the essay/video NO LATER than 5:00 pm ET on March 1, 2026.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage in obtaining a university degree. Scholarships are available (on a competitive basis) to high school seniors, undergraduate students (all years), community college students transferring to four year universities, and graduate students.

Awards are based on merit; amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the Scholars selected.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for undergraduate and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, during the fall of a scholarship cycle (year)
- US Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
- Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable)

Other: All majors and graduate fields accepted, emphasis on STEM majors

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: Application process opens in January and awards made the following December.

The Vegetarian Resource Group

The Vegetarian Resource Group each year will award \$30,000 (\$30,000 in 2023) in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in

their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. One award for \$10,000 and two awards of \$5,000 each will be given. Early submission is encouraged. Applicants will be judged on having shown compassion, courage, and a strong commitment to promoting a peaceful world through a vegetarian diet/lifestyle. Payment will be made to the student's college (U.S. based only). Winners of the scholarships give permission to release their names to the media. Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: February 20, 2026

UT, Chattanooga – Westbrook (formerly Grote) Scholarships for incoming Chemistry and Physics freshmen

The Department of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga announces the Westbrook Scholarship Program. Awards of \$14,000 (over 4 years) will be presented to as many as seven entering freshmen majoring in Chemistry or Physics. Once awarded these scholarships are automatically renewed provided the student meets specific [academic requirements](#). The Westbrook scholarship can be added to other University scholarships and the Tennessee Lottery scholarship. The Howard L. Westbrook Scholarship fund was established in 1993 by alumnus Howard L. Westbrook of Fairhope, AL., Class of 1958, and is open to all applicants regardless of race, color, creed, or sex with the following qualifications:

- Students must be accepted for admission to or currently enrolled at the University Tennessee Chattanooga.
- Complete a course in high school chemistry or physics with an A or B.
- Attain a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- Earn a composite score of 26 or above on the ACT exam.
- Declare chemistry or physics as the major at UTC.

While the Westbrook is a merit scholarship, financial need will also be considered during the selection process. Eligible majors include all BS Chemistry degrees (including chemistry, biochemistry, and STEM education concentrations) and BS Physics degrees (including physics, biophysics, and STEM education concentrations). An undergraduate degree in chemistry or physics is ideal for anyone with an interest in research, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, forensics, industry, teaching, patent law, environmental issues, materials, or other science and technology related areas.

***A separate "Application for Admission" to the university must be submitted directly to the Office of Admissions at UTC by February 1, 2026. The completed Westbrook application (submitted online) and two letters of recommendation (emailed) are due February 19, 2026.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: February 1, 2026 (school app.) and February 16, 2025 (Scholarship app)

Women's Cyber Security Scholarships

Eligibility

- ~Must be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance.
- ~You may be a senior in high school, an undergraduate student, graduate or post graduate student to be eligible.”
- ~GPA must be at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or an analogous rank based on a comparable scale).
- ~You may be a citizen of any country (US citizenship not required).
- ~May be attending on campus or online
- ~May be attending full time or part time
- ~May be attending in the US or Internationally
- ~You do not currently need to be enrolled, however no awards will be disbursed until the recipient is enrolled in a college or university.
- ~If awarded: the funds will be sent to the school with instructions that it be applied to tuition, fees and books.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply. See also this link for other

Deadline: Applications open typically January 15th and close end of February

Sweet Briar Engineering Scholarships

Wyllie Scholarships are awarded at \$3,000 or \$5,000/year for four years. The aim of the Wyllie Scholarship is to encourage and support women who have an interest in majoring in engineering science at Sweet Briar College. Wyllie scholarship decisions will be based on a student’s academic record and her interest in engineering, not on financial need. This is a merit-based scholarship and these funds may be added to other financial aid provided by Sweet Briar. To apply, [click here](#).

Deadline: Wyllie Scholarship applications for students entering in fall 2025 is Dec. 1, 2025.

The Coolidge Scholarship – Juniors only

The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride, presidential scholarship that covers a student’s tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any accredited college or university in the United States. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program.

Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their junior year of high school. Finalists are flown in for a finalist weekend at the Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, Vermont where they interview with the Coolidge Scholars Finalist Jury. Recipients of the Coolidge Scholarship are notified of their award late in their junior year, before college application (note: current high school seniors are *not eligible* to apply). Finalists who are not named Coolidge Scholars are eligible to receive a smaller, one-time, college scholarship.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: December 11, 2025 *In order for an application to be considered, all application materials, including the two letters of reference, must be submitted by the deadline.*

Doodle 4 Google – for sophomores through Seniors

Doodle for Google is an annual art contest open to students in grades K-12. Students are invited to create their own Google doodle for the chance to have it featured on Google.com, as well as win some great scholarships and tech packages for their schools.

Doodles are meant to surprise and delight people when they visit Google.com. [Past Doodles](#) have celebrated some of the most brilliant, talented, and passionate people throughout history. The Doodle for Google contest offers students K-12 an opportunity to display their own Doodle creativity on Google.com and win some awesome prizes while doing it!

Go [here](#) for more information about the theme and to apply.

Deadline: mid March *check website for more details*

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations recognizes and rewards high school students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through their volunteer efforts.

Prize recipients receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid weekend to a Symposium on Race at Princeton University where they will meet and engage with other Prize recipients from across the country.

Prize recipients are recognized at ceremonies in their local regions by Princeton alumni. PRR operates through 28 Regional Committees and has an At-Large Regional Committee to support areas where we currently have no geographic presence. We are an alumni volunteer-run organization, enlisting the support of over 450 Princetonians, all dedicated to an inclusive and supporting society.

For more information, go [here](#). Go [here](#) to apply.

Deadline: January 31, 2026 online. requires a recommendation letter.

Y-12 Federal Credit Union – Bill T. Hicks Scholarship

In 2010, Y-12 Federal Credit Union introduced the Bill T. Hicks Scholarship. This award is named for Bill T. Hicks, former Y-12 FCU Board Chairman and educator in the Oak Ridge School System. These scholarships recognize the achievement of Y-12 FCU members graduating from high school.

Scholarship: • One-time award of \$5000.00, to be used for education related expenses. Up to four (4) scholarships will be awarded.

Applications can be found [here](#).

Deadline: **October 31, 2025** (Check the website for next year's application.)

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year." The scout selected will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each. The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission. Additionally, the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will travel to join the Youth Champion Delegation of The American Legion that is honored each August at the annual National Convention of The American Legion. There is a nomination process which must be followed in order to be selected as the Eagle Scout of the Year. Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: nomination window is from November 1st to March 1st, annually.

ORNL Federal Credit Union – B.A. Candler Scholarship and one John McKittrick Scholarship – for use at UT, Knoxville only

Are you an ORNL FCU member planning to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville? You may qualify for our educational scholarship awarded annually.

Each year, ORNL Federal Credit Union, through the University of Tennessee general scholarship fund, awards scholarships to deserving students/members with excellence in education and social merit. A minimum of three (3) scholarships are awarded annually. Two scholarships are named in honor of past ORNL FCU presidents, Bob A. Candler and John McKittrick. A third scholarship was created in 2021 to honor David Watkins, an ORNL FCU volunteer for over 50 years. The scholarships provide \$1,000 toward the cost of tuition, books, and other school-related expenses.

Deadline: March 1, annually (check [website](#) for updates)

Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising National Scholarship Competition

Do you belong to the next generation of solution-oriented creative leaders, entrepreneurs, and trendsetters who are ready to make a difference in the world? We invite you to showcase your talent and embark on an amazing journey of self-discovery.

The FIDM National Scholarship Competition provides funds to supplement the costs of studying at FIDM. The funds can be used for any of the 30+ FIDM majors. The FIDM National Scholarship Competition offers 6 full one-year National Scholarships, valued up to \$36,000 each and 6 partial scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each.

Eligibility

Open to all High School Seniors and Graduates who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. *Only first-time FIDM students are eligible. Current and former FIDM Students are not eligible.*

How to get started

Fill out the form, choose your challenge, then follow the guidelines in SlideRoom.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Deadlines vary and many are tied to admissions process

Equal Chance for Education Scholarship – Maryville College

Maryville College has partnered with Equal Chance for Education to provide scholarships to DACA and Undocumented students living in East Tennessee. To apply for admission to Maryville College, go [here](#). For more information about the college and the scholarship go [here](#) on the Maryville College site or [here](#) on the Equal Chance for Education site.

This opens November 1,

Deadline: March 15, annually - check website for details.

Equal Chance for Education Scholarship – Tennessee Colleges

If you are a student in Tennessee, you may qualify for an ECE Scholarship of up to \$25,000.

Accepted to/ Applying to one of the following partner universities: Middle TN: Belmont University, Lipscomb University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Fisk University, Cumberland Univ.

Memphis: University of Memphis, Christian Brothers University

East TN: Milligan University, East Tennessee State University, Carson Newman, Maryville College, Tennessee Wesleyan University

Chattanooga: Southern Adventist College, Sewanee University

For more information go [here](#).

Deadline: (Priority Deadline: January 15) February 15, 2026

Scouting of the Year Program, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award are eligible for this scholarship. A \$5,000 1st place scholarship, \$3,000 2nd place scholarship, and \$1,000 3rd place scholarship are available. Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1st.

Note: A Scout can enter through ONE VFW Post only. Go [here](#) for more information and a link to the application.

Deadline: Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1

Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship

Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship was created to honor the memory of those courageous and adventuresome pioneer women who played such an important role in the founding of this nation and encourage the present generation to continue their education in agricultural pursuits.

These two scholarships (\$1,000 each) are available to any farm, ranch or agribusiness woman or her daughter to pursue accredited courses in agriculture leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine, or any other courses directly related to agriculture. Applications will be taken beginning January 1 of each year and need to be postmarked on March 1st. Applications will not be accepted after March 1st.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: March 1 annually

Scholarships for Journalism

The National Press Club, one of the oldest and most prestigious journalism organizations in the country, wants to recruit promising future journalists who will bring diversity to American journalism. Some awards may be substantial (\$20,000).

Not all scholarships require US Citizenship. Eligibility criteria vary.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: *Varies depending on scholarship. Check site for deadlines.*

American Chemical Society Scholars Program

The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines, and are also intending to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields. Selected recipients are awarded up to \$5,000 per academic year. To date, over 3,000 students have received funding from the ACS Scholars Program.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: **May have to create an account to apply** (*check site for deadlines*)

Sons and Daughters Scholarship Program – Arconic Foundation (formerly Alcoa)

Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship award?

- The applicant must be a dependent child or grandchild (see below) of an active permanent full-time or permanent part-time employee of Arconic Inc. and/or certain subsidiaries in Arconic's controlled group of corporations as defined in IRC Section 414(b) worldwide.

See website for further detail.

Details

- The total award amount is US\$5,000 and is payable in one installment of US\$5,000.

To learn more, go [here](#). **Students will need to create an account before applying.**

Deadline: Applications must be submitted online between January 7, 2026, and March 7, 2026

SCAD Challenge (Savannah College of Art and Design)

Put your artistic vision to the test for an opportunity to earn a scholarship to SCAD, The University for Creative Careers. SCAD Challenge entries must consist of a single piece and demonstrate creativity, innovation, and a strong understanding of aesthetics. Let your design speak to your skill level and ability to handle university-level art and design assignments. There are three separate competitions within the SCAD Challenge: Undergraduate, transfer, and graduate.

Entrants must complete an application for admission to SCAD to be eligible to participate in the SCAD Challenge. Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET, Monday, Feb. 13, 2023. For the Challenge, applicants may submit work to a category outside of their primary major of interest. Applicants may enter work into multiple categories.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Challenge Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Deadline: February 17, 2026 apply online to SCAD and to submit a piece for the Challenge.

Stan & Thelma Plumlee Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded by the Tennessee Housing Association (THA), as an honor to the late Stan Plumlee, and have recently been re-designed to assist individuals who have the desire to pursue education and employment in the technical trades and labor fields, after graduation.

This year, the Stan and Thelma Plumlee Scholarship fund is offering up to four (4) scholarship awards in the amount of \$2,000 each, for selected recipients who intend to pursue educational training in trades and labor fields.

The student/individual must attend a [Tennessee](#) trade/technical school, college, or university. See the linked resources for more specifics.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Only completed applications RECEIVED by 4:00 pm, Thursday, March 5, 2026, will be considered.

NIADA (National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Foundation) Scholarship Program

The National Association of Independent Automobile Dealers provides several scholarship opportunities for exceptional high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in the automotive industry. Encouraging and supporting education opportunities for future industry leaders is integral to our vision of a robust, ethical and professional used vehicle market.

NIADA currently offers 5 different scholarships for high school seniors with aspirations to join the automotive industry,

Complete information and a link to the application can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Check website for dates. Should open in the spring and deadline in March

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – Knoxville Alumnae Chapter Scholarships

Scholarships are available for hard working African-American (high school senior) females in the Knoxville area planning to pursue a college degree.

The scholarship is valued at \$1,000. More information and applications can be found [here](#).

Deadline: Opens January and deadline is February (*check site for more information*)

Partners in Education Scholarship

A graduating senior from each Knox County high school will be selected to receive the Barney Thompson Scholarship, a one-time, \$500 scholarship presented by Knox County Schools in association with Partners In Education.

The Barney Thompson Scholarship Program is named in honor of a former teacher and coach at South High School who later served as Treasurer of the Partners in Education Advisory Board. This scholarship is open to graduating seniors from all 16 KCS high schools and one scholarship will be awarded at each high school. For more information, application is available at **865-594-1928**

Deadline: *Past deadlines were March. (website says window closed)*

Maryville College Scholarships

You must first apply and be admitted into Maryville College before you can apply for their scholarships. <https://www.maryvillecollege.edu/admissions/apply>

- Submit an application for admission
- Send your high school transcript, including senior year courses, and test scores.
- No formal scholarship application required for the Academic Scholarships, it is considered part of the college application process. Students who qualify will be notified. Additionally, after a student is admitted, they may apply for the Competitive Fellowships/Scholarships/Awards listed in those sections below.
- Arrange a campus visit to learn as much as you can about the MC experience.
- GPA = weighted
- SAT/ACT scores include superscore; SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Math)
- CLT = Classic Learning Test

For more information on scholarships, go [here](#).

Deadline: December 1 for competitive scholarships and fellowships. March 1 for community partner scholarships.

Evan Richey Memorial Scholarship

Click [here](#) for more information.

Each year, at least two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to Knox County, Tennessee high school seniors—one to a Hardin Valley Academy senior and one to an at-large recipient. At the discretion of the committee, one or more \$500 book scholarships may be awarded.

Application requires an essay (400 word minimum) on how cancer has affected you. (Perhaps a relative or friend had cancer - how did this affect you?) Recipient checks will be deposited directly into the attending college's bursar account in time for Fall 2025 registration. Money will not be given directly to the recipient. By submitting your application you grant the Scholarship the right to publish your essay in any medium.

Scholarship decisions will be announced by April 15 on the Facebook page and/or presented to the recipient at their respective school's senior awards day.

Must be a graduating Knox County high school senior; minimum GPA of 3.0; must be planning to attend college in Fall 2025.

Print or type all application material. Include all SIX of the required forms, letters, transcripts, and essay. See website for most up to date information. Failure to include any of these requirements will result in immediate disqualification.

Submit all materials to

Evan Richey Memorial Scholarship

12141 Couch Mill Road

Knoxville, TN 37932

Deadline: March 15, 2026

Flavorful Futures Scholarship

Flavorful Futures will award 5 scholarships of \$5,000 that celebrate students' individuality, creativity and communication of future goals.

Other general requirements:

~Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.

~Must be a high school senior graduating between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.

~Must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale (high school/home school seniors).

~We support applicants in a vocational/trade, 2-year, or 4-year program.

Eligible applicants who complete the online application process will be evaluated based on academic achievement and the creativity of their application, which should showcase what makes them who they are and how they want to contribute their gifts through education. They receive a large number of applications and recommend you begin the application process early.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: January 31, 2026.

Scholarships for Military Children Program

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in

the military family community.

Only students who possess a valid (not expired) U.S. Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card ([DD Form 1173](#)) and whose parent(s) are serving in or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard may apply for a scholarship.

A total of 500 scholarship grants, each for \$2,000, will be awarded for the school year 2026-2027. There will be at least one recipient selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are received, and additional recipients will be selected based on a prorata basis, so more applicants will be selected from those commissaries with larger numbers of applicants.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time, February 12, 2026

Que Llueva Café Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to undocumented or DACA students who plan on attending an accredited college next fall. The student must demonstrate academic potential and promise as well as financial need. The student must submit an application along with one letter of recommendation and a personal statement (1,000 words max). More information and application can be found at

http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe_scholarship_program

Deadline: Postmarked by last Saturday in February

QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship - for Juniors

Applying to college can seem daunting, and the prospect of paying for it can seem even more overwhelming. *But it doesn't have to be.* The College Prep Scholars Program equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges.

Why apply as a junior?

Being a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that shows our 45 college partners that you are a competitive candidate for admission. In addition, your application will automatically carry over for the National College Match when you're a senior, giving you a head start on applying for a full four-year scholarship to our college partners. *College Prep Scholars are historically five times more likely than other applicants to receive full four-year scholarships through the National College Match.*

Awards for College Prep Scholars may include:

- ~ [A full scholarship to a college summer program](#) hosted by Yale, Emory, UChicago, and more.
- ~ [Quest for Excellence Awards](#), such as \$1,000 for a new laptop or other resources to help the student enhance their college application.
- ~ Exclusive access to a [QuestBridge National College Admissions Conference](#) — an invite-only, online event featuring workshops and a college fair with our college partners.
- ~ Personalized college essay feedback.
- ~ Campus visits to QuestBridge college partners.
- ~ Specialized guidance and resources for the college application process.
- ~ Peer-to-peer support in an [online community](#).

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: The application opens in February of your junior year and is due in March

Kentucky Fried Chicken Reach Program

The REACH Educational Grant Program® helps employees at participating KFC U.S. restaurants pursue their dreams of going to college. Employees of any age, any position, pursuing any degree can receive money to help them attend the accredited four-year or two-year college of their choice. The money can also be used at trade/vocational schools and for graduate study.

KFC Restaurant General Managers, Assistant Managers, Shift Supervisors and Team Members may apply for college tuition assistance funds. Managers who are selected will receive \$3,000 for the academic year; previous REACH Grant recipients receive \$2,500 and first-time winners receive \$2,000. Employee-students can reapply for the money each year. (2022 information)

Eligibility: Be a Restaurant General Manager, Assistant Manager, Shift Supervisors or Team Member at a participating KFC U.S. Restaurant. Currently enrolled in college or plan to enroll next year; have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale

Go [here](#) for more information.

Managers who are selected will receive a \$4,000 grant; previous REACH Grant recipients receive \$3,500 and first-time winners receive \$3,000. Each REACH Grant is a one-time award, but winners may re-apply and, if selected again, win every calendar year.

Deadline: February 17, 2026.

CTCL (Colleges That Change Lives)

New students, **including undocumented and international** students, who plan to attend a CTCL-member college or university in Fall 2026 are eligible.

The CTCL Scholarship (\$1,000 per year, renewable for up to four years with a maximum award of \$4,000 per student (2023 data) will be awarded to new first-year students, including international students and undocumented students, who choose to attend a CTCL-member college or university (for a list of member colleges click on the link).

Please contact CTCL Executive Director Ann Marano with questions at scholarships@ctcl.org.

Deadline:

Commercial Bank Scholarships

Commercial Bank offers two scholarships to students who embody what it means to make life better in their community, whether it be in their home, school, work, or neighborhood.

- “Spirit” scholarship is for \$\$\$ and will be awarded to one student at each school. Students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and be recommended by your counselor. Your counselor should visit _____ to complete the online form and submit information about the winner, including a description of how the student makes a positive and uplifting impact on his/her school. Winners should be submitted no later than _____.
- “Life. Made Better.” scholarship is for \$\$\$\$ and will be awarded to one student out of the 12 counties served by Commercial Bank. The applicant must have a GPA of at least 3.0, be involved in at least 2 extra-curricular activities, obtain a recommendation letter from a teacher or counselor, and submit a 1,000 word essay and application. The essay should describe the facets of what he/she believes can make life better for individuals in the

community and how he/she commits to that goal. Students should go [here](#) to complete the online application and upload their recommendation letter and essay no later than _____.

Deadline: Past deadlines end of March

Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship

The Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to childhood cancer survivors who have demonstrated the ability to overcome the difficult challenges of cancer with determination and motivation. Fifty-eight college scholarships are awarded each year.

Applicants must be:

- A childhood cancer survivor under the age of 25 and diagnosed before the age of 18 with cancer or a high grade or anaplastic brain tumor
- A citizen of the United States living within the country and attending school in the U.S.
- Accepted into a post-secondary school for the fall semester of upcoming academic year

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Opens January 1, 2026 - Due March 31, 2026

Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest

Whether it's a story of individual impact or community efforts for change, the leadership and actions of Black Americans who inspire us are stories worth sharing. Tell us about a Black American individual who has inspired you for the opportunity to earn a \$3,500 or \$5,000 college scholarship.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: Quarterly deadlines. *Check the website for details.*

The Rotary Club of Knoxville

Scholarships funded by the Rotary Foundation of Knoxville are intended for students who have achieved academic success, demonstrated commitment to the community, and have genuine financial needs. The potential scholarship total is \$20,000.00, payable each semester in equal installments of \$2,500.00 per semester, subject to the student making satisfactory academic progress in the estimation of the Rotary Club of Knoxville's Scholarship Committee. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the college or university for a maximum of eight (8) semesters. Grades are required from the recipient each semester, in advance of the award.

To be considered, applicants must provide all the information requested in the application.

Supplying false information will eliminate the applicant from consideration. Finalists will be contacted and asked to appear, in person or virtually, for an interview with members of the Rotary Club of Knoxville's Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available in the College & Career Center.

Deadline: currently updating application and will be posting it in early January. Past deadlines were March.

American Federation of Teachers

This program offers four 4-year, \$8,000 post-secondary scholarships to students who are dependents of AFT members, as well as 10 one-time \$1,000 grants to AFT members. Grants can be used for continuing education and also for implementing programs or introducing tools in the classroom, workplace and/or community. Read more [here](#).

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Robert G. Porter Scholars Program

The program offers four 4-year, \$8,000 post-secondary scholarships to students who are dependents of AFT members, as well as 10 one-time \$1,000 grants to AFT members to assist with their continuing education and/or fund their proposed ideas to strengthen and grow their union.

Awards are based on academic achievement, commitment to community services and school-related activities, demonstration of leadership, work experience, recommendations, special talents and skills, an essay and a commitment to advancing the interests of working people and building unions.

Go [here](#) for more info.

Deadline: Application window is Dec. 1 - March 31

Lighthouse Guild

Living with blindness or vision loss is a challenge. Not being able to pay for college should not be a part of that challenge. Lighthouse Guild supports higher education for all individuals and acknowledges the achievements of academically qualified high school and college students who are seeking to further their education. We offer scholarships for students with vision loss that help them make a successful transition to college and graduate education.

Each year, our merit-based scholarship program helps up to 17 outstanding legally blind high school students from across the country. We also provide a scholarship each year to a qualifying graduate student. The award is unrestricted, so you can use it for whatever you wish: tuition, room and board, books, and travel. If you have a record of strong academic accomplishment and merit, apply for a scholarship and take another step toward the advanced education you deserve.

Requirements

Your chosen college must be accredited by a body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. All college admissions policies must be non-denominational and open to applicants of all religions, faiths, and beliefs. For the application, you must:

~ **Provide proof of legal blindness.** Verification should be in the form of a statement from a state rehabilitation agency, an ophthalmologist, or an optometrist.

~ **Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency.** A passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers, or proof of legal residency.

~ **Send documentation of academic achievement.** Copies of school transcripts.

~ **Include three letters of recommendation.** Two letters should attest to your academic skills. Each letter must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person writing the reference.

~ **Write personal statements of 500 words or less.** For both the college and graduate school scholarships, including an essay describing your educational and personal goals. Applicants for the college scholarship must also write a second essay describing the influence of an outstanding teacher on their education.

Go [here](#) for the most current information.

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Tennessee School of Beauty – Redken Premier School – C.B. Brown Scholarship

TSB is offering four \$14,995 scholarships for the 1500 hour General Cosmetology Course. The candidate can be male or female, should be a current senior, and not presently enrolled in a Cosmetology course. Consideration will be given to those students with special financial need. For more information, you can pick up an application in the BHS College & Career Center.

Deadline: Information available early December. Deadline March 31.

Foster Care to Success Scholarships

Application Dates: January 1-March 31 annually

Awards: \$2,500-\$5,000 based on a combination of need and merit

Renewable: Up to five years if the student remains compliant with program requirements

Eligibility

Applicants must:

~Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship after their 16th birthday; OR have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday and not subsequently adopted

~Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they apply if they have not previously received scholarship funding from Foster Care to Success

~Have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States. U.S. citizenship is not required.

~Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other postsecondary school

AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL ANNUALLY AT THE END OF JUNE.

Go [here](#) for application and more information.

Deadline: application open January 1-March 31 annually

CODA International - Millie Brother Scholarship for Hearing Children of Deaf Adults

The Millie Brother Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to hearing children of deaf adults to help them pursue their post-secondary education. The scholarship can be *used for*

undergraduate or graduate study at any accredited institution of higher education in the world. On

average two \$3000 scholarships are offered annually. These are one-time scholarships, but you may apply for as many years as you are in school. First-time winners will receive preference.

Applicants must be the hearing son or daughter of Deaf parents; *students from any country in the world are eligible to apply*, but application materials must be submitted in English. Please see our

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) for further clarification.

For more information, or to apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: application cycle is 1 January - 28 February 2026

American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship Contest

Go [here](#) for more information

The High School Senior and Second Chance Contests have ended. AFSA is proud of the success of both of these contests. Since the program's creation in 1996, AFSA's contests have sought to promote the scholarship outside of the fire sprinkler industry in the hope of reaching students who may otherwise never have recognized the importance of automatic fire protection.

AFSA's Public Education & Awareness Committee has voted to redirect focus to a program that will assist individuals interested in a design career in the fire protection industry.

The new program will aim to recruit and train beginning fire sprinkler system designers by awarding scholarships to attend AFSA's Beginning Design School. The application, eligibility requirements, and other details will be available in the coming months.

Deadline: January 1, 2026

Project Yellow Light Scholarships

Project Yellow Light is a scholarship competition designed to bring about change. As an applicant you have one clear mission: encourage your peers to develop and embrace safe driving habits.

For the video competition:

For both the high school and college categories, the first-place winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000. Videos are due April 1.

For the billboard competition:

For both high school and college categories, the winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Designs are due March 1.

For the radio competition:

For both high school and college categories, the winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Recordings are due April 1.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: different deadlines for each category

Junior League of Knoxville

Junior League of Knoxville scholarships are available to any female high school senior seeking to pursue an undergraduate degree at an institution of higher learning and is intended to provide financial assistance for college. Scholarships are awarded up to \$5,000.

Through its scholarship program, the Junior League of Knoxville endeavors to reward the efforts of young women in the Knoxville community who likewise show a commitment to bettering themselves, their peers, and the community as a whole through educational achievement and community involvement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To qualify for a Junior League of Knoxville scholarship, you must:

- Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
 - Be a female student expecting to graduate this year from a Knox County, Tennessee, high school and enroll in a full-time undergraduate degree-granting program or a two-year college program.
- Go [here](#) to apply and for more information.

Deadline: March 1, 2026

BHS Foundation Scholarships

The Bearden High School Foundation offers several scholarships for graduating seniors. A brief description of each scholarship follows. The first four scholarships are valued at \$500 each. The Striver Scholarship winner(s) will be awarded a laptop.

Creative Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who is pursuing continuing education in the creative arts venues of theatre, music or visual arts. This individual will exhibit a strong work ethic and will have strived for excellence in his/her area of expertise.

Achiever Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has overcome a physical/mental disability, displayed an exemplary work ethic, and intends to pursue additional education or training in an area of employment.

Technical Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a high aptitude in a particular area of technical study and will pursue continuing education in that area of study. This may include computer, engineering or science focus areas.

Buddy Heins Servant Leader Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated the ability to effectively lead and empower others to achieve and lead through selfless service to others for the betterment of the Bearden campus and community or the community at large. The award seeks to acknowledge a high school leader, not necessarily in title, but through action, while humbly exhibiting the qualities of a true servant leader.

Dr. John Bartlett Striver Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has striven for excellence while holding down a job in order to help themselves or their family make ends meet. This individual will have a strong work ethic and a desire to continue their education. **(There may be more than one awarded).**

Applications can be found in the College & Career Center.

Deadline: mid-April. Updates coming in the new year.

Tennessee HOSA Scholarship

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is proud to partner with Tallo to provide our members with the opportunity to apply for scholarships. Scholarships are generously provided by HOSA partners.

Through this application process, HOSA and its partners provide scholarships to HOSA members in a variety of career fields:

- Audiologist
- Pharmacist
- Dentist/Dental Hygienist
- Nurse/Nurse Specialist
- Allied Health (numerous occupations)
- Physical Therapist
- Doctor/Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Speech Therapist/Speech-Language Pathologist
- Nuclear Medicine

- Occupational Therapist
- Recreational Therapist
- and others!

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: April 15

Bearden Retired Teachers' Scholarship Program

The Bearden Retired Teachers established a \$500 scholarship for a Bearden senior who plans to pursue a degree in teaching. The ideal applicant will have a 2.8 or higher GPA, will submit two letters of recommendation, complete the application, and submit an essay of 350-500 words detailing why you are interested in teaching and why you believe you have the potential to be an effective educator. Applications are available in the College & Career Center.

Deadline: April 2026 (*check with College & Career for deadline*)

Susan G Hinton Memorial Scholarship – BHS PTSO

This scholarship is given in memory of Susan G. Hinton, a devoted wife, mother, and volunteer in our school and community who passed away suddenly in 1997. Susan G. Hinton exemplified the volunteer spirit and made a distinct difference everywhere she served.

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize the efforts of a Bearden high school senior who has made a difference in his or her school and community through volunteer service and to assist that student with his or her qualified education expenses in the amount of \$500.00.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Graduating senior of Bearden High School who will enroll in an eligible educational institution
- Grade point average of 2.0 or above at Bearden High School at the time of this application
- Performed volunteer service at Bearden High School and in the community during his or her high school years

The applicant must complete the application, provide a letter of recommendation, provide proof of GPA, and write a one page essay following the prompts in the application packet. The application also requires both student and parent signatures.

Application packets can be picked up in the College & Career Center.

Deadline: Check BHS College & Career for deadlines

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) TN Future Teacher Scholarship Program

This program offers a \$5,000 per year scholarship designed for students desiring to enter the teaching field following graduation. The program requires students to teach in a Tennessee Pre K-12 public school for the number of years they received the award. In order to be eligible for the program, students must meet the criteria posted on the website.

Along with the application, students will be required to submit to TSAC the following items to be considered for the scholarship:

1. a 250 word essay on “Why I Chose Teaching as a Profession”, and
2. letters of recommendation (from a school official and from a person in the applicant’s community) attesting to the student’s commitment to teaching , and
3. a list of extracurricular and leadership activities, and
4. an official college transcript

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: April 15

Think Big Service Technician Scholarship – Stowers Machinery

The two-year Think BIG service technician training program allows students to earn an Associate Degree in Heavy Equipment Dealer Service Technology from South Georgia Technical College. Caterpillar provides much of the curriculum and training material. This is not a traditional scholarship, but rather a mostly paid training/working experience. After you are enrolled in the program, you will pay your on-campus expenses (tuition, room and board, books), which add up to about \$5,500 per semester, for the five semesters of the program. During each of your four internships in their shop, you will earn approximately \$6,500 (less applicable payroll taxes) to help with your on-campus expenses. After you finish the program, they will reimburse your program expenses in full (less payroll taxes on non-tuition expenses) – based on how well you perform in the classroom and during your internships – if you work at Stowers Machinery as a service technician for just two years.

The program, located in Americus, Georgia, features alternating eight-week sessions of classroom instruction and hands-on experience for students at the participating dealerships. Students begin the program in August and complete it during June of the second year.

Students applying for the program must first be accepted by South Georgia Technical College and then meet the specific requirements of Stowers Machinery Corporation, including placement tests and a background check, before final acceptance. Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: check site for start dates

USPAACC Scholarships

USPAACC (U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce), since its founding in 1984, has donated over two million dollars in scholarship benefits to exceptional high school students who are pursuing post-secondary education. The goal of the USPAACC Scholarship is to help students pursue their aspirations and be an inspiration for future generations of Asian Americans.

AWARDS

~Value of the awards: between \$3,000 to \$5,000

- 2" x 2" Photo of Yourself
- 2 Essays Responses
- Please respond to 2 essay questions from the 3 questions below, If you would like to be considered for Denny's scholarship, you must respond to essay question 3 as one of your two responses. (Word or PDF file for each)
Question 1: Please tell us about yourself including the obstacles you faced along the way and how you overcame these obstacles.
Question 2: If awarded this scholarship, how will you leverage your relationship with USPAACC to assist you in giving back to the community at large? Please provide us with specific examples.
Question 3 Denny's scholarship: How can Denny's help bring communities together?
- High school Transcript
- Copy of the most recent household tax return signed and dated by taxpayer(s).
Must include the applicant's name, a statement of the actual household income, and the taxpayer's signature. Please black out all social security numbers as a security precaution.
- (2) Letters of Recommendation
(1) one from high school, (1) one from a community service organization
MUST be on letterhead and signed by recommenders.
- Post-secondary Information
Information on the proposed post-secondary course of study (major) and associated costs

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: March 3, 2026

American Culinary Federation Scholarships

The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, with the support of the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), is pleased to offer scholarships annually to students:

- Apprenticeship program - up to \$1,500
- Certificate programs - up to \$1,500
- Post-secondary degree programs - up to \$2,500

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: Check site for scholarship deadlines for each school

Enrichment Federal Credit Union Enrich Your Future Scholarship

Enrichment Federal Credit Union offers a scholarship each year to selected graduating Credit Union members. Any Credit Union member that is graduating high school and has had an account with the Credit Union for at least 12-months, can apply for the Enrich Your Future Scholarship. Applicants are judged on grades, work experience, extra activities and an essay.

Complete your application and submit it electronically, drop it by your **nearest Enrichment branch** or mail it to us at:

Enrichment Federal Credit Union
Attn: Enrich Your Future Scholarship
P.O. Box 883
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0883

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: *March 31*

PHCC Educational Foundation Scholarships Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors

The PHCC Educational Foundation and its industry partners are teaming up to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a career in the p-h-c industry.

Open to applicants who are United States citizens who are currently enrolled in or plan to enroll in:

- A PHCC-approved plumbing or HVACR apprentice program. Students must also be working full-time for a licensed plumbing or HVAC contractor who is a member of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors-National Association. Approved courses of study are plumbing or HVACR installation, service and repair.
- A full-time certificate or degree program at an accredited two-year community college, technical college, or trade school, with a major directly related to the plumbing-heating-cooling (p-h-c) profession. Approved majors are: business management; mechanical CAD design; construction management with a specialty in mechanical construction; and plumbing or HVACR installation, service and repair.
- A full-time undergraduate degree program at an accredited four-year college or university, with a major directly related to the plumbing-heating-cooling (p-h-c) profession. Approved majors are: business management; construction management with a specialization in mechanical construction; and mechanical engineering.
- A maximum of four employees from any one employer may win an award in any given year.

1. Scholarships awarded through the PHCC Educational Foundation are designed to assist students who plan to major in a field of study directly related to the p-h-c industry. If an applicant plans to pursue a course of study in one of the approved major areas listed above, but the trade school, college or university uses a different name for their particular program, the applicant should submit official documentation from their school that describes the major and course of study.
2. To be considered a full-time student, applicants must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of credit or the minimum number of credits required by the applicant's institution to qualify for full-time student status, whichever is greater.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: May 1 (check site for when application opens)

Visionary Scholarship – American College Foundation – 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th graders!!

The ACF Annual Visionary Scholarship Program offers multiple awards with awards starting at **\$1,000** each and a top prize of **\$5,000**. High school Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who are US citizens or eligible non-citizens are invited to apply. Financial need is **NOT** considered; all income levels may apply.

All applications for the American College Foundation's Visionary Scholarship Program will consist of:

- Completed ACF Visionary Scholarship Application
- Student's most recent unofficial high school transcript
- 500-word essay on "Why College is Important to Me"

Go [here](#) to apply and for more information.

Deadline: December 1, 2025 (received-by date. Note that registration is required in order to receive the application packet 2 weeks later.)

Code Wizards HQ Educational Scholarship

Once a year, a high school senior or incoming college freshman will receive \$2500 to support their education.

At CodeWizardsHQ we believe that the future is built on diversity through equity and access. While we actively work toward implementing hiring practices that are geared toward diversifying our team, we also understand that having access to higher education is a means to broadening a diverse candidate pool for the future STEM workforce.

Eligibility Requirements:

- High school seniors and incoming college freshman
- 3.5 or higher GPA
- Priority to STEM program applicants

Application Requirements:

- **Proof of eligibility** (proof of income, last year tax return / FAFSA) via one of the following:
- If you receive a financial aid award letter from your school before the application deadline, attach a copy.
- If you *do not* receive a financial aid award letter from your school before the application deadline, provide a list detailing the cost of tuition, books, and other tuition-related expenses.

- **1 Recommendation letter:** A recommendation letter from a teacher or counselor, in regards to your background, character, and need.
- **Statement of purpose:** Up to 600 words answering this prompt, *“Beyond needing financial support, why do you deserve this scholarship?”*
- **Curriculum Vitae:** A summary of your experience and skills.
- **Unofficial transcript:** A copy of your high school transcript.
- **Video (Optional):** A short video, less than 2 minutes, about your need and how this scholarship can help you get ahead.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: May 1, 2026 (will open in January)

The Shepherd Scholarship Foundation

The Shepherd Scholarship Foundation was established in 1956 under the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Buford Shepherd and has aided many full-time students attending accredited colleges since its beginning. There are many applications each year, and a qualified committee carefully reviews each application and considers such factors as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities in high school and financial need. They only award scholarships to a small percentage of students who apply each year, so they suggest that applicants come from the upper ten percent of each graduating class. All applications must be entered electronically through the online application management system hosted by Foundant Technologies. To access the new scholarship applications, please go to the following link:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/regionsscholarship/common/logon.aspx>

Once on the log on page, click on Create New Account to create an account. The Access Code required is **“shepherd15.”** If you need additional information on the application process please check in the College & Career Center.

Deadline: (around February 15th - waiting for fax from Regions about scholarship)

ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers) Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded based on the following and for the academic year following the application deadline beginning with the fall semester. Re-applications will be accepted from former scholarship applicants and recipients provided they meet current scholarship criteria. Students may only receive one Society scholarship in any given year.

Deadline: December 1 and May 1 depending on application (note there are scholarships for college students, as well - deadline December 1)

Brower Youth Awards

Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Award for Environmental Leadership in 2000 to honor renowned environmental advocate David Brower, who said, “I love to see what young people can do, before someone old tells them it’s impossible.” It is with this spirit that we recognize the outstanding leadership efforts of young people who are working for the protection of our shared planet.

[Eligibility](#)

Youth environmental change leaders ages 13 to 22 (as of May 14, 2021) living in North America (including Mexico, Canada, and some Caribbean Islands) and U.S. territories are encouraged to apply. The link to the application is at the bottom of this page. Connect with us on Facebook,

Twitter, or Instagram for updates.

[Award Details](#)

Each of the six recipients of the Brower Youth Awards will receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a professionally produced short film about their work from an Emmy Award-winning film crew, and flight and lodging accommodations for a weeklong trip to the San Francisco Bay Area.

During their stay in California, the recipients will participate in leadership activities and workshops on coaching, visioning, public speaking and developing media relations. The week of activities culminates in the awards ceremony. The Brower Youth Awards program invests in the winners' continued success by providing ongoing access to resources, mentors, and opportunities to develop leadership skills.

Go [here](#) for more information.

Deadline: May 2026 (Check website in January to see if open)

NSORO Education Foundation – For students in foster care

We provide academic scholarships and college-prep programs for foster care youth—current, aged-out, and emancipated—and wards of the state. Please take a moment to review the guidelines and eligibility criteria for each application below. If you have any questions, please contact us at (404) 524-0807.

Eligibility Criteria/Applicants must:

- Certify that he/she is currently placed in foster care, a ward of the state, and/or eligible for ILP having aged-out of foster care as a young adult.
- Be a high school graduate or equivalent and have a high school cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Have been accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or another post-secondary school.
- Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they apply if they have not previously received funding from The nsoro Foundation.
- Be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.
- Students who have been nsoro scholars for four years will be considered for advanced degree support.

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: March 15, 2026

Middle Tennessee Network Association MTSU Alumni Scholarship

This is a one-time academic year award for \$500. This scholarship is for future Middle Tennessee State University students. Interested students must have a 2.8 GPA or higher, need to fill out an application and include a transcript and photo of themselves, and include a 500 word or less essay explaining “why you should be the recipient of this scholarship and your future goals.” Honors, recognitions, and awards must be listed. Stop by the College & Career Center to pick up an application, or go [here](#).

Deadline: June 1 (check web site in January to see if open)

Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarships

The Association on American Indian Affairs has been providing Native American student scholarships since 1947 and provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate Native American students who are citizens/ members of their Tribal Nation – whether or not their Nation is recognized by the

federal government.

Scholarship Eligibility

Be enrolled with your respective Tribe, either federally recognized or non-federally recognized Tribe, from the continental US or Alaska.

- Submit a copy of Tribal enrollment (*there is no minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility*). This can be a copy of the student's Tribal I.D. card or a copy of an official letter from the Tribe. You must be directly recognized as a citizen or member of your Tribal Nation.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Have a minimum 2.5 out of 4.0 GPA.
- Submit a current class schedule and transcript.
- Attend an accredited institution seeking an Associate's Degree or higher (*the Association does not fund certificate programs or seminaries*).
- Provide essays described in the application that show the student's connection to their Tribal Nation and Indian Country.

The Association's Scholarships are provided to students twice per year until they graduate, as long as they maintain a 2.5 GPA and attend full-time. Our mission is to support students who are connected to their Tribal Nation and Indian Country and wish to utilize their degree to serve their Nations.

For more information and to watch the video/apply, go [here](#).

Deadline: Application from February 1-May 31, 2026

Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program

Receive up to \$2,500 to pursue a career or technical certificate/degree

Eligibility Criteria:

- Have completed high school (or earned a GED)
- Will be enrolled in a 2 year or less career or technical degree/certificate program in the Fall
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States
- Demonstrated financial need (must be Pell Grant eligible)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Be under the age of 30
- Be a United States citizen

Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies. All scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient. Go [here](#) for application.

Deadline: will open on March 15, 2026

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship – ETSU

Are you an incoming freshman East Tennessee State University student who believes in the ideals of having a Sound Mind and Sound Body? Are you looking for a scholarship that recognizes your achievements inside and outside of the classroom? Sigma Phi Epsilon is awarding \$3000 in incremental scholarships to 5 finalists, with a top award of \$1000.

The Balanced Man Scholarship rewards students who have shown academic excellence, leadership skills, and a commitment to their health and well-being. The Tennessee Gamma Chapter of "SigEp" at East Tennessee State University believes that recognizing students who demonstrate balance and all-around excellence is one way to promote this important ideal. We are committed to helping our members develop the skills they need to succeed in the classroom, future

careers, and everyday life.

The scholarships will be awarded to applicants who can exemplify a balance of sound mind and body in their everyday lives, and the awards will be presented at the Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet during the Fall semester of 2021.

There is no requirement of joining the fraternity in order to be eligible to apply or win the scholarships - all students are encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions about the scholarship, please don't hesitate to contact Balanced Man Chairman Hudson Standbridge via phone or email:

Balanced Man Chairman

Phone: 423-440-9056

Email: HUDSONSTANDBRIDGE@gmail.com

Go [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Deadline: *(website states closed and no information on when it opens. Check back in January)*

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children. Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund applicants must be one of the following:

The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has become permanently disabled (100% VA disability rating) as a result of an operational mission or training accident.

The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been killed in action.

The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been classified as a prisoner of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA).

All applicants must also meet the following eligibility requirements in order to qualify for a Freedom Alliance scholarship:

Currently in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full time undergraduate student.

Under the age of 26 at the time of application. The Scholarship is not a full-ride, however in most cases it covers a significant portion of a student's tuition. The specific amount will depend on each individual student's need. For more information and a link to the application, go to

<http://www.fascholarship.com/>

Deadline: will open in **April 2026**