



2021 Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship Contest

The Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) is proud to announce its fourth annual scholarship contest for 8th - 11th graders. The goal of this scholarship contest is to help middle school and high school students become familiar with the scholarship application process earlier in their school career and prepare for their future college costs. In Spring 2021, UHEAA will award **one \$500 scholarship to an 8th grade winner, one \$500 scholarship to a 9th grade winner, one \$750 scholarship to a 10th grade winner, and one \$750 scholarship to an 11th grade winner.**

Application opens **March 1, 2021**

Deadline to apply: **April 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM MDT**

How to Apply:

Current 8th & 9th graders

- Visit [CompleteScholarships.org](https://www.completescholarships.org), choose "Login", then create a Complete Scholarships account (see next page for help creating your account)
- Once your account is created, you will be asked a series of matching questions - once these questions are answered, you should automatically be matched to the relevant 2021 Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship (under the "Scholarships" tab in your account)
- Complete the 2021 Plan Ahead for College Costs application - this includes submitting a 300-400 word personal statement. See page 3 of this packet for full rules and details

Current 10th & 11th graders

- Visit [CompleteScholarships.org](https://www.completescholarships.org), choose "Login", then create a Complete Scholarships account (see next page for help creating your account)
- Once your account is created, you will be asked a series of matching questions - once these questions are answered, you should automatically be matched to the relevant 2021 Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship (under the "Scholarships" tab in your account)
- Complete the 2021 Plan Ahead for College Costs application. We'll ask you to use the Net Price Calculator on a college's website to estimate your college expenses and future financial aid, then write a 300-400-word essay about the steps you will take before senior year to financially prepare for college. See page 3 of this packet for full rules and details

For questions or additional assistance, please contact UHEAA's Outreach Team at outreach@uheaa.org or **801-366-8487**



Complete Scholarships

Complete Scholarships is an online paying-for-college tool designed to connect Utahns of all ages to the financial resources available to help them pay for postsecondary education or training. Complete Scholarships matches its users to relevant opportunities based on their self-reported identifiers and interests, thereby taking the time and work out of finding scholarships and other funding to help them achieve their education and career goals.

How to create your free Complete Scholarships account:



Visit Completescholarships.org, click the login button at the top of the page, then choose "Create Account"



Choose your new Complete Scholarships username and password, enter your name, birthdate, and contact information, and review the privacy policy (you can skip "student ID number")



As new scholarships become available, you will be asked to answer additional **"matching questions"** about yourself. Look for the message, "You still have outstanding questions that may qualify you for more opportunities!" at the top of your Complete Scholarships Dashboard.

Questions? Contact the Complete Scholarships team at 801-366-8487

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Contest Rules

The following rules are official, regardless of any information listed elsewhere.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Entrants must be legal United States residents and residents of the state of Utah.
- Entrants must be attending 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade at a Utah educational institution or legally recognized homeschool during the scholarship contest.
- Employees of the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority, its affiliated organizations, and the immediate family members of each are ineligible.
- Only one entry per person is allowed.

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING:

- The UHEAA Outreach staff will review all applications. For the 10th/11th grade contest, preference will be given to candidates who, through their application and essay, formulate a thoughtful, specific, achievable plan for paying for college that utilizes multiple resources and strategies, demonstrate the ability to write unique and thought-provoking material, and avoid spelling and grammatical errors. For the 8th/9th grade contest, preference will be given to candidates who, through their application and essay, formulate a thoughtful and specific personal statement that clearly conveys who the student is, what they care about, and/or what they aspire to in the future. The 8th/9th grade essay should also demonstrate the ability to write unique and thought-provoking material while avoiding spelling and grammatical errors
- Winners will be chosen from the pool of eligible applicants and will receive a phone call, email, and letter by May 1, 2021 confirming they have won
- The winning student must enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution after high school to receive the funds. An eligible postsecondary institution is defined as any postsecondary institution which is legally permitted to disburse Title IV federal student aid. If a winning student does not enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution within four (4) years of the student's graduating class completion of high school, the award is forfeited, and the funds will be returned to the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority's pool of funds in the Salt Lake Education Foundation trust. In order to receive the funds, the student must mail proof of enrollment (including the student's college ID number) to the Salt Lake Education Foundation at:
*440 East 100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111*
- The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the postsecondary institution where the student enrolled to be credited to the student's account. The scholarship is not a waiver; therefore, any funds remaining after a student's tuition and fees are paid may be released to the student to cover other educational expenses such as books, supplies, equipment, room, board, or travel.
- Any student who wins the UHEAA Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship for 10th Graders will not be eligible to win the UHEAA Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship for 11th Graders. Any student who won either the UHEAA Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship for 10th Graders or the UHEAA Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship for 11th Graders, however, is still eligible to win the UHEAA FAFSA Scholarship for 12th Graders.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONTEST:

- Prizes cannot be redeemed for cash or substituted for any other items by the winners. The winners cannot assign or transfer prizes. UHEAA reserves the right to substitute a comparable prize of like or greater value, including cash, for any prize, for any reason.
- Only one prize will be awarded per household per year.
- This giveaway is subject to all applicable laws and regulations and is void where prohibited or restricted by law, including without limitation, in jurisdictions requiring registration, filing, trust account, or posting of a bond, or any other requirements or disclosures that are not expressly satisfied by these rules.
- UHEAA is not responsible for typographical or other errors in the printing, offering, or administration of the giveaway, or in the announcement of the prize.
- By entering, participants represent that they are eligible and agree (a) to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges, (b) to release UHEAA, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind caused by any prize or resulting from acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize, and (c) to UHEAA's use of entrants' personal information including pictures, video, or other media that includes the entrant's likeness.
- Prize winnings may be subject to State or Federal taxes. Winners are encouraged to consult a tax professional to determine any tax consequences