

What is a Scholarship/Grant?

Grants & scholarships are free money that you apply for and do not have to pay back. They can come from the U.S. federal or state government, a college, or a private organization. This type of aid can be a one-off payment or renewable, meaning that you receive a fixed amount over a specified period of time. Make sure to review the eligibility requirements of each scholarship and grant before you apply. Eligibility requirements can include GPA, citizenship status, state residency, financial need, achievements, group membership, heritage, athletic skill, and much more.

Scholarship Scams:

Never pay to apply for a scholarship. If a company promises you a scholarship or grant in exchange for a “processing cost,” “redemption fee,” or other upfront payment, walk away.

- **Signs of a Scholarship or Financial Aid Scam:** Not sure if an offer is a scam? Here’s how to tell. If someone advertises an offer with any of these phrases, or a variation, it’s a scam.
 - Scammers say: “The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”
 - Scammers say: “You can’t get this information anywhere else.”
 - Scammers say: “I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.”
 - Scammers say: “We’ll do all the work. You just pay a processing fee.”
 - Scammers say: “The scholarship will cost some money.”
 - Scammers say: “You’re a finalist [for a contest you never entered].”

For paper copies of (most) scholarship applications, see Career Center Specialist, Michaela Hall, in Room 123!

Scholarships:

Local Whatcom County Scholarships!

- [Whatcom Community Foundations Scholarships \(Formally Whatcom Dollars for Scholars\)](#) (2024 Application not available until 3/1/2024! - This is the site for all local scholarships! Make sure to check back 3/1/2024!)
- [Mr. Wood & Family Scholarship](#) (Rolling Application, No set deadline - This application is made available for students of Mr. Wood - only apply for this scholarship if you were a student in his elementary class.)
- [Washington State Opportunity Scholarship \(waopportunityscholarship.org\)](http://waopportunityscholarship.org) (Due Feb 29th! - one scholarship for students who intend to earn their bachelor's degree – including those who want to transfer or receive their bachelor's degree from a community college)
 - Feb 29th Scholarship - [Baccalaureate Scholarship - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship](#)
- [Fallen Workers Memorial Scholarship](#) (Due March 1st 2024! - For Whatcom county seniors)
- [American Indian Endowed Scholarship](#) (Due March 1st, 2024! - For students that intend to use their education to benefit the American Indian community in WA state)
- [WSSR Foundation](#) (Due March 1st, 2024! - WA State scholarships for students pursuing education in one of the following categories; teacher, counselor, speech therapist, occupational therapist, social worker or school psychologist.)
- [Deming Logging 2024 Scholarship PDF Application](#) (Due March 7th! - For seniors who will be attending a community college, university, or vocational school. To apply you must have a family member who is or has been a Whatcom or Skagit County logger or Deming Logging Show Volunteer.)
- [2024 Ferndale Public Schools Scholarship Application \(google.com\)](#) (Due March 15th, 2024! - For students related to a US vet, any senior with a GPA of 2.75+, students interested in studying math, atmospheric science and black holes)
- [Doug Erickson Legacy Scholarship 2024 PDF Application](#) (Due March 15th! - For HS seniors that are well-rounded, excel in and out of the classroom, and demonstrate leadership and involvement in activities that benefit our community)

- [2024 Horatio Alger Scholarship Application \(smarterselect.com\)](https://smarterselect.com) (Due **March 15th!** - For HS Seniors, 2.0+ GPA, intending to go to a 2/4 year or technical school, demonstrate financial need, involved in extracurricular or community activities, display perseverance in overcoming adversity)
- [Brudwick Memorial Scholarship 2024 PDF Application](#) (Due **March 30th, 2024!** - FHS senior that has attended FHS for a least 2 years, 2.8+ GPA, exhibits strong character and moral values, hard work and respect for others, involved in extracurricular activities, planning to attend school post graduation)
- [2024 Whatcom Women in Business \(wwib.org\)](https://wwib.org) (Due **March 31st!** - For students identifying as a woman)
- [SISU Children's Fund 2024 Scholarship Application PDF Application](#) (Due **March 31st!** - for HS seniors that currently have or had a medical or physical disability.)
- [2023 HLAA- Whatcom County Founders Fund Scholarship Application](#) - (Due **March 31st!** - For students experiencing documented hearing loss and planning to attend a college)
- [2024 Skagit Farmers Supply Scholarship](#) (Due **April 1st!** - For HS students pursuing careers in agriculture)
- [Whatcom County Farm Bureau 2024 Scholarship](#) (Due **April 1st!** - Whatcom county seniors attending school full time in the Fall, Whatcom County Farm Bureau Member, child of a member, legal dependent, or spouse of a member)
- [Dairy Women Judy Scholten Scholarship 2024 PDF Application](#) (Due **April 2nd!** - Meet ONE of the following criteria; son/daughter of an active member of whatcom county dairy women and/or whatcom county dairy federation, an active member of above organizations, current or past whatcom county dairy ambassador or alternate, lived on an active whatcom county dairy farm for at least 3 years, worked on a regular basis on a whatcom dairy farm for at least 1 year, participation in a whatcom county HS or higher dairy project or competition (4-H, FFA, etc.))
- [Premier Dental Center 2024 Scholarship](#) (Due **April 5th!** - For Whatcom county seniors planning to attend vocational/technical, 2- or 4- year school after graduating)
- [Building Industry of WA 2024 Scholarship](#) (Due **April 8th!** - For students pursuing construction related degrees or certificates; plumbing, electrician, design, architect, roofers, engineers, carpentry, etc)

- [Career & Technical Scholarship](#) (Due April 10th! - HS Senior interested in an associate's degree, certificate, or apprenticeship from a community or technical college)
- [Rose Gould Memorial 2024 Scholarship PDF Application](#) (Due April 12th! - FHS Senior with 2.5+ GPA planning to attend a 2-year, 4-year, or technical /vocational school, preference will be given to students pursuing education)
- [FEA \(Ferndale Education Association\) Scholarship: 2 or 4 Year Institution PDF Application](#) (Due April 12th! - FHS Senior planning to attend a 2 OR 4 year institution, 3.0+ GPA, preference given to students pursuing the field of education)
- [FEA \(Ferndale Education Association\) Scholarship: Trade/Technical School PDF Application](#) (Due April 12th! - FHS Senior planning to enroll in a trade school or technical college, 2.5+ GPA)
- [FEA \(Ferndale Education Association\) Scholarship: Cheskwin Scholarship PDF Application](#) (Due April 12th! - Preference given to Lummi students, FHS Senior planning to attend 2-year, 4-year, or a trade/technical school, 2.5+ GPA)
- [Whatcom Community College 2024 Scholarships](#) (Due April 12th! - WCC Foundation scholarships are available to students who will attend Whatcom during the upcoming academic year. While there are some scholarships with specific criteria, most of our awards are available to any student in good academic standing, including full and part time students, Running Start students, and international students)
- [Latino/a Educational Achievement Project Scholarship](#) (Due April 15th! - For HS seniors planning to attend school full time, demonstrate advocacy, accountability, and perseverance, show commitment to improving their community, exhibit financial need due to individual/family hardship, open to any student regardless of immigration status)
- [Sea Mar Farmworker Scholarship for High School Seniors](#) (Due April 15th! - For HS seniors, work or has worked OR whose parent/legal guardian has worked as a farmworker*, show commitment to their education, demonstrates leadership and cares for the community, exhibit financial need due to individual/family hardship, planning to attend school full time, open to any student regardless of immigration status)
 - **For the purpose of awarding this scholarship, Sea Mar's definition of a farmworker is someone whose principal employment is in*

agriculture, fishery, forestry labor, or dairy labor. It does not include farm, ranch, feedlot, food- or meat-processing, or any owner or child of an owner of an agricultural or dairy business.

- [Carmen Denson Foundation Scholarship](#) (Due April 15th! - For FHS seniors planning to attend a 2- or 4- year school or a technical/vocational school)
- [Jamie Vermeulen Memorial 2024 Scholarship PDF Application](#) (Due April 15th, 2024! - 2 Year minimum in a high school sport, HS Senior)
- [John Fassett Memorial Scholarship - Legion Riders, Post7 PDF Application](#) (Due April 19th! - HS Seniors attending a trade school, apprenticeship program, community college, or college or university in Fall 2024)
- [Ferndale Kiwanis 2024 Scholarships PDF Application](#) (Due April 19th! - For HS seniors with 2.5+ GPA, exhibits in achievements in one or more of the following areas: leadership, athletics, music, community service, etc)
- [Maestro/a del Futuro Scholarship 2024 PDF Application](#) (Due April 19th! - For HS seniors preparing to become bilingual educators!)

Washington State and National Scholarships!

- [Hillel Jewish Scholarships Portal - Hillel International](#) (Various Due Dates! - One-stop scholarship database for Jewish students)
- [Andreas Heiberg Scholarship \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Due Feb 29th! - \$3,000 awards for up to 15 students in the state of Washington who are pursuing degrees in STEM fields.* Applicants must be high school seniors, graduates or current college undergraduates who reside in Washington and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). Applicants must also plan to enroll in full time undergraduate study in an eligible field at an accredited)
- [3rd-Annual-Black-History-Essay-Contest-2024.pdf \(moldenouryouth.com\)](#) (Due Feb 29th! - for students grades 9-12)
- [Seattle Foundation](#) (Multiple Scholarships Available)
 - 3 Updated/Current Scholarships:
 - [2024 Nora Stone Smith Scholarship for ESL-ELL Students](#) (Due March 15th, 2024! - For students who have participated in an ESL/ELL program at some point in their lives regardless of immigration status)

- [Atsuhiko Tateuchi Memorial Scholarship - Undergrad - Seattle Foundation \(smapply.org\)](#) (Due March 1st, 2024! - WA state resident, 3.0 GPA or higher, planning to attend 2 yr/4 yr institution, demonstrate financial need, preference to students of Japanese or other Asian ancestry)
 - [Atsuhiko Tateuchi Memorial Scholarship - Vocational and Trade Program - Seattle Foundation \(smapply.org\)](#) (Due March 1st, 2024! - For students pursuing a vocational or trade degree/certification, WA state resident, demonstrate financial need, preference will be given to students of Japanese or other Asian ancestry)
- [Hagan Scholarship Foundation – \(haganscholarships.org\)](#) (Due March 1st! - 3.5+ GPA, planning to attend university/college, and planning to work during school (part or full time)
- [Skagit Valley College Foundation](#) (Due March 5th, 2024! - For students interested in attending Skagit Valley College)
- [Kelly Foundation of WA](#) (Due March 8th, 2024! - Scholarship for WA state HS Seniors)
- [Scholarships - Horatio Alger](#) (Due March 15th! - For HS Juniors)
- [OEDb](#) (Multiple scholarships for students identifying as women)
 - [1,000 Dreams Scholarship Fund - 1000 Dreams Fund](#) (Due March 31st! - HS females planning to attend college/university, demonstrate financial need)
- [Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Due April 1st! - HS seniors with 2.5+ GPA, planning to enroll in university/college, majoring in STEM, demonstrate financial need)
- [MissionSquare Retirement Memorial Scholarship Fund \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Due April 1st, 2024! - The MissionSquare Retirement Memorial Scholarship Fund honors education, health care, not-for-profit, public safety, and other local and state government employees who died while in service to their communities. High school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students who are surviving children or spouses of those employees and who are planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational school full time for the upcoming academic year are eligible to apply.)
- [WA State Dept of Children, Youth, & Families](#) (Due April 30th, 2024! - are currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington state or tribal

court, are in the custody of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families or a tribal child welfare agency and are in foster care)

- [Navisite's Next Steminist Scholarship - Navisite](#) (Due May 15th, 2024! - U.S. citizens or permanent residents who identify as female and who are age 25 or younger as of the application deadline. Applicants must be a current high school senior or graduate or current college undergraduate enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college/university for the entire upcoming academic year. Applicants are required to have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent), and are asked to submit a 60-second video sharing their dream career, and how their STEM degree will help them make a positive impact on the world.)
- [Scholarships for High School Students | American Indian College Fund](#) (Due May 31st! - HS seniors with a tribal affiliation, 2.0+ GPA)
- [AlwaysInDemand.com - An HVAC Career is Always in Demand](#) (Due May 2024! - 2.0 GPA minimum, For students pursuing an Associates Degree/Certification/Diploma from an HVAC Program)
- [Browse Scholarships in the Student Hub - Scholarship America](#) - An excellent scholarship database for students.
- [Fellows Scholarship - NEXT For AUTISM](#) (Application opens May 15th & Due June 10th, 2024! - A national scholarship program for students and professionals interested in working with autistic and neurodivergent adults. Eligible applicants currently in school must have a 2.7 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and all applicants must be planning to pursue a degree in a Health or Human Services field and a career serving the autism population.)
- [College Scholarships for Students with Autism | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates - National scholarship database!)
- [College Scholarships for Cancer Survivors | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates - National scholarship database!)
- [College Scholarships for First Generation Students | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates - National scholarship database!)
- [Scholarships for Journalism Students | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates - National scholarship database!)
- [TheWashboard.org](#) (Scholarship matching database for WA state!)
- [WSU Scholarships](#) (Various Due Dates - Any student attending WSU next Fall CHECK THIS OUT!)
- [Gear Up](#) (Scholarship database for WA state!)

- [Bigfuture.collegeboard.com](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.com) (Scholarship matching database for WA state & Nationally!)
- [PSE&SSF - Home Page \(pse&ssf.org\)](https://pse&ssf.org) (2024 Application not available yet! - For students committed to obtaining a science or engineering degree)
- [CHCI Next Opp](#) (For Latino students, national and state scholarship database!)
- [Hispanic Scholarship Fund: Scholarship Finder \(hsf.net\)](https://hsf.net) (Scholarship database for Hispanic students!)
- [MALDEF Scholarship Guide](#) (National scholarship database regardless of immigration status)
- [Campus PRIDE](#) (National & WA State scholarship database for LGBTQ individuals)
- [Scholarships - UNCF \(United Negro College Fund\)](#) (National scholarship database)
- [Scholarships for African-American Students | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates! - National scholarship database)
- [Scholarships for Black Women | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates! - National scholarship database)
- [Scholarships for Minority Students | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates! - National scholarship database)
- [College Scholarships for Undocumented Students | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates! - National scholarship database)
- [Scholarships for Women | Edvisors](#) (Various Due Dates! - National scholarship database)
- [2023 NFWL Essay Student Scholarship Contest | National Foundation for Women Legislators](#) - 2024 Application not yet available! (This scholarship opportunity is exclusively for women currently enrolled as students at universities in Florida. Applicants must be available to attend our Annual Conference in Orlando, taking place from November 16th to 18th. Rest assured, all expenses related to conference attendance will be covered)
- [Edvisors: Financial Aid, Student Loans, Scholarships and Money Management](#) (National scholarship database and excellent information about scholarships in general)
- [College Success Foundation](#) (State and national scholarship database!)
- [WA State Scholarship Finder UNIGO](#) (WA state scholarship database!)
- [Scholarship Search - Find Scholarships for Free | CollegeXpress](#) (National & WA state scholarship database!)

- [Scholarship America](#) (National & WA State scholarship database!)
- [Collegegreenlight - Apply](#) (National and State scholarship database!)
- [GetSchooled](#) (National scholarship database!)
- [Study.com](#) (National scholarship database!)
- [Do Something Easy!](#) (Creative national scholarship database!)
- [NCLD](#) (Scholarships for students with Learning Disabilities)
- [Scholarship Junkies](#) (National and state scholarship matching database!)
- [Career One Stop](#) (National and state scholarship matching database!)
- [Scholarship Owls](#) (National scholarship matching database!)
- [Bold.org](#) (National scholarship matching database!)
- [Scholarship 360](#) (National scholarship matching database!)
- [Fastweb.com](#) (National scholarship matching database!)
- [Scholarships.com](#) (National scholarship matching database!)
- [Home - moldenouryouth.com](#) (Incredibly informative website about all things scholarship and college)

FFA & 4-H Scholarships:

- [2024 Gene Forrester Memorial Scholarship](#) (**Due March 1st!** - Students intending to major in Agricultural Education at WSU, 3.0+ GPA)
- [2024 WAEF Universal Application \(smarterselect.com\)](#) (**Due March 1st!** - For students pursuing a 2- or 4- year degree, raised in WA, interested in tree fruit industry)
- [2024 WAEF Vocational/Technical Application \(smarterselect.com\)](#) (**Due March 1st!** - HS students pursuing a technical/vocational certificate or degree, desire to work in the tree fruit industry (not required but some preference))
- [Customer Scholarships - AgWest Farm Credit \(agwestfc.com\)](#) (**Due March 1st!** - Must be an AgWest customer/dependent of a customer, HS Seniors planning to attend post-secondary education or vocational/technical program in Fall 2024)
- [WAVE | Washington Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board](#) (**Due March 10th!** - For FHS seniors that have completed or are in the process of completing their second course in a CTE pathway)
- [Scholarship Opportunities | 4-H Youth Development Program | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](#) (**Due March 14th!** - Various eligibility)

requirements but most are for FHS seniors intending to attend a 2- or 4-year school and/or be a 4-H member)

- [Whatcom County Farm Bureau 2024 Scholarship](#) (Due April 1st! - Whatcom county seniors attending school full time in the Fall, Whatcom County Farm Bureau Member, child of a member, legal dependent, or spouse of a member)
- [2024 Skagit Farmers Supply Scholarship](#) (Due April 1st! - For HS students pursuing careers in agriculture)
- [WA State Forestry Initiative Scholarship](#) (Due April 1st! - FHS seniors planning to attend a WA state college/university and intend to enroll in a forestry or natural resources program)
- [Dairy Women Judy Scholten Scholarship 2024 PDF Application](#) (Due April 2nd! - Meet ONE of the following criteria; son/daughter of an active member of whatcom county dairy women and/or whatcom county dairy federation, an active member of above organizations, current or past whatcom county dairy ambassador or alternate, lived on an active whatcom county dairy farm for at least 3 years, worked on a regular basis on a whatcom dairy farm for at least 1 year, participation in a whatcom county HS or higher dairy project or competition (4-H, FFA, etc.))
- [FWAA Scholarship \(jotform.com\)](#) (Due April 5th! - Far West Agribusiness Association members (or related to a member) pursuing a degree in the US)
- [West Coast Equine Foundation](#) (Due April 5th! - FHS students pursuing education in an equine related field of study)
- [Rick Pankow Foundation Scholarship](#) (Due May 31st! - WA State seniors entering a 2- or 4- year horticulture/landscape/viticulture/green industry program)

Closed Scholarships:

- [Equitable Excellence® Scholarship Program \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Hagan Scholarship Foundation](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [PRIDE Foundation](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Essential Visionaries Scholarship Fund \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Asian Pacific Islander](#) (Scholarship Closed)

- [Nicole V. Reed Memorial Foundation Culinary Award \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Most Valuable Student \(elks.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [City of Ferndale Leadership Scholarship](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [WA State Fair Scholarships](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Truman D. Picard Scholarship - Intertribal Timber Council PDF Application](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Apply for FFA Scholarships! - National FFA Organization](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [WCW BEEF Ambassador Scholarship – Washington CattleWomen](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Truman D. Picard Scholarship - Intertribal Timber Council PDF Application](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [OEDb](#) (Multiple scholarships for students identifying as women)
 - [The Marilyn Smith Scholarship 2023-2024 - LPGA Foundation \(smapply.io\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
 - [The Chevron Dinah Shore Scholarship - LPGA Foundation \(smapply.io\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
 - [Renee Powell Scholarship - LPGA Foundation \(smapply.io\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
 - [The Chevron Changing the Face of Golf Scholarship 2023-2024 - LPGA Foundation \(smapply.io\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Sibling Scholarship Program \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship Program \(scholarsapply.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [Scholarships | Daughters of the American Revolution \(dar.org\)](#) (Scholarship Closed)
- [AOPA Flight Training Scholarships - AOPA](#) (Due Feb 9th, 2024! - For students that possess a pilot's license or wish to pursue aviation in the future)
- [HSF Scholarship](#) (Due Feb 15th, 2024! - Students of Hispanic heritage, US citizen/permanent legal resident/DACA, 3.0 GPA minimum)
- [Hilleman Essay Contest](#) (Due Feb 15th, 2024! - Essay contest for 6th-12th graders, only 500-1000 words, click on the link to see prompt and submission instructions)

- [ACPE \(Association of Computer Professionals\) Scholarship \(Due Feb 16th @5PM! - This scholarship is for students that plan to pursue a technology-related field in college/university\)](#)

Grants:

- [Education | Lummi Higher Education \(lummi-nsn.gov\)](#)
- [Washington College Grant | WSAC](#)