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Immigrants Rising Scholarship List Not Requiring Citizenship Status	Varies	Varies	This organization puts together a list of scholarships in which citizenship status does not matter, so both citizens and undocumented students can apply. The booklet is from last year as they are yet to release this year's one, but it shows scholarships that are usually issued year to year. So if you see any you would qualify for, check the link in the description to see if it is open for this year. The full list is available here: https://immigrantsrising.org/wp-content/uploads/Immigrants-Rising_List-of-Undergraduate-Scholarships.pdf
Varsity Tutors Scholarship	\$200	monthly	Scholarship open to US citizens 16 years or older. Monthly essay writing scholarship. Go to: http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship
Jobs for Youth Scholarship	\$1,500	Feb. 2nd	Open to juniors and seniors who are at least 16 years old, have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and have attended at least one Jobs for Youth Workshop and registered as a member. Applicants must also live in San Mateo County. Application and instructions available at https://jobsforyouth.org/scholarships/
Drive2Life Student PSA Contest	\$1,000	Feb. 4th	Open to students of all grades. Participating students will create a storyboard or script for a 30 second public service announcement that promotes the importance of all passengers wearing a seat belt. Grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 and a trip to NYC to have their PSA filmed and used as an actual public service announcement. Full details available at https://www.scholastic.com/drive2life/contest/
Foster City Lions Club Student Speaker Contest	\$10,000	Feb. 6th	Students can register to participate in the Feb. 11th student speaker contest. Winner of the contest will receive \$100 and have an opportunity to compete at the higher level, ultimately having a chance to work up to the national level where the \$10,000 scholarship would be the prize. At the local level students topic will be "Homelessness in California, what is the solution?" Students can register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegP5MIHziiFoFMvilFj-GFJstIKIzcdIbL6-u31ow2OODfxQ/viewform

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Bay Area All-Star Scholarship Team	\$5,000	Feb. 7th	Open to seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from sophomore year onward, who have demonstrated leadership qualities in and out of the classroom, have demonstrated the value of work ethic and dedication to the community, and a commitment to extracurriculars. Students wishing to apply will need to ask for a nomination from a teacher, coach, or school administrator. https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#label/Scholarships/FMfcgxwGCkdRSppjMvrNhqMgtlvWbhJG
CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year Scholarship	\$5,000	Feb. 10th	Open to seniors who have a 3.5 unweighted GPA, who have participated in at least two years of varsity sports (with at least one year during senior year), and who have portrayed themselves as athletes of good character. Applications available in the Career Center.
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	Varies	Feb. 14th	This organization lists a wide variety of scholarship opportunities open to high school seniors. There are lots of scholarships available to undocumented students as well. The full list of scholarships from this organization can be found at https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/scholarships-search-results?combine=&taxonomy_vocabulary_4_tid=All&field_fm_program_type_value%5B%5D=Graduating+High+School+Senior&field_award_type_value=All&field_future_enrollment_status_value=All&utm_source=Scholarship+Interest+List&utm_campaign=1e18d064fe-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fd8e86326b-1e18d064fe-147354993&mc_cid=1e18d064fe&mc_eid=3aa07aafd1
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	Feb. 15th	Open to seniors of Hispanic heritage with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 who plan to attend college in the fall and who are FAFSA eligible. All intended majors are accepted but the scholarship does focus on STEM majors. Application available at https://www.hsf.net/scholarship

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Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship	\$2,500	Feb. 15th	This scholarship is open to seniors who are looking to study in a nursing program in the fall. A letter of acceptance to a nursing program is required with the application packet. This is a need based scholarship. Applications available at https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/nursing-medical-scholarships
National Co-Op Scholarship Program	Varies	Feb. 15th	Scholarship open to seniors with a min. 3.5 unweighted GPA planning to attend one of the following schools: Clarkson, Drexel, Johnson & Wales, Merrimack, Rochester Inst. Of Tech., SUNY Oswego, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, or Wentworth. Application available at https://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/partners.html
Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship	\$10,000	Feb. 20th	A scholarship open to seniors who live a vegetarian lifestyle. Applicants will be considered based on how well they have shown compassion, courage, and a strong commitment to the vegetarian lifestyle. An essay and letters of recommendation are required. Scholarship is only payable to students planning to attend a U.S. college. Full details and application available at https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm
Upwind Summer Scholarship	Free Flight Classes	Feb. 21st	Open to current juniors. A selected student will receive a scholarship to attend an intensive nine week flight and ground training program over the summer designed to help prepare students to receive their private pilot certificate. Applications available in the Career Center.
Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship	\$2,000	Feb. 23rd	This is open to any female student of Chinese heritage of any percentage with a GPA of at least 3.0 from the most recent semester and who will be between 13-18 on April 25, 2020. Applicants who are selected will compete in the Miss Teen Chinatown event on Apr. 25th in Foster City to try and earn the scholarship. Applications are available in the Career Center.
Information Security Undergraduate Scholarship	\$5,000	Feb. 23rd	Open to seniors who plan to pursue a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3. https://www.iamcybersafe.org/s/undergraduate-scholarships

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The Dream.US Scholarship for Undocumented Students	\$14,500 - Community College, \$29,000 - Four Year	Feb. 27th	This scholarship is open to undocumented seniors with a min. GPA of 2.5 who will attend college in the fall and have demonstrated financial need. In order to qualify applicants need to either qualify for DACA or have been in the U.S. since Nov. 1st, 2014. Scholarship is renewable. Full eligibility details and application available at https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/
Provident Credit Union Scholarship	\$5,000	Feb. 28th	Open to seniors with a 3.0 GPA who are members of Provident Credit Union and who plan to major in financial services, accounting, business services, or a related field. Applications available in the Career Center.
Scholarships for Students with Hearing Loss	\$4,000	Feb. 28th	This is open to high school seniors in San Mateo County who suffer hearing loss. To receive an application students will need to email the funding organization at scholarship@hearinglosspen.org
Sons and Daughters of Italy Scholarship	\$2,500	Mar. 1st	Open to seniors who are wholly or partially of Italian descent, reside in SF, San Mateo, or Santa Clara counties, and who plan to attend college in the fall. Applications are available in the Career Center.
Project Yellow Light	\$8,000	Mar. 1st	Created a video, billboard, or radio ad to convince your friends to avoid distracted driving, specifically texting while driving. https://www.projectyellowlight.com/
SEG Scholarship	\$1,000	Mar. 1st	A scholarship open to seniors who plan to pursue a degree in the geophysics field. Application details available at https://seg.org/Scholarships

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ACS Scholars Award	\$5,000	Mar. 1st	This scholarship is open to seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, identify as African-American, Latinx, or American Indian, have a GPA of at least 3.0, can demonstrate financial need, and who wish to pursue a degree in a chemical related field. Application and details available at https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html
Microsoft Disability Scholarship	\$20,000	Mar. 1st	Open to seniors living with a disability, a minimum GPA of 3.0, and plans to major in one of the following fields: engineering, computer science, computer information systems, business, law, or a related field. Three short essays are required. Application and information available at https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx
Tall Club International Scholarship	\$1,000	Mar. 1st	This scholarship is open to tall seniors who plan to attend college in the fall. The minimum height requirements are 5'10" for females and 6'2" for males. Applications are available in the Career Center. (Be aware that scholarship sheet says Houston area, but is open to Bay Area residents as well.)
American Chemical Society Scholars Programs	\$5,000	Mar. 1st	Open to seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, who identify as either African American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian, intend to major in chemistry or a chemistry related science, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 Full details and application available at https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html
Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship	Amount Varies	Mar. 2nd	Open to seniors who attend a high school in San Mateo County and who are members of the national JACL. Applications are available in the Career Center.
Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund	\$20,000	Mar. 2nd	Open to seniors of at least 50% Filipino heritage who plan to attend college next year to study a STEM field, excluding healthcare. Applicants will need to have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Applications available in the Career Center.

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Shui Kuen & Allen Chin Scholarship	\$1,000	Mar. 2nd	Open to a senior who will attend college next year, who has a track record of social justice work for the Asian-American community, immigrant community, LGBTQ community, or other progressive causes. Student or parent of the student also needs to presently work or have formally worked for an Asian owned business or Asian cuisine restaurant. Applications in the Career Center. No ethnicity requirement to apply.
Create a Greeting Card Scholarship	\$10,000	Mar. 2nd	Open to any high school student who is at least 14. Applicants will submit an original photo, artwork, or graphic for the front of a greeting card. Full directions and application available at https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm
Friends of the California State Fair	varies	Mar. 3rd	There are 14 scholarship categories available and students may select one to apply for. Qualification vary for each scholarship, so students should view the list and find scholarships available to them. Details can be found at https://www.castatefair.org/scholarship/
San Mateo Rotary Club Four Year Scholarship	Varies	Mar. 4th	Open to seniors planning to attend a four year school in the fall. Financial need is considered in this scholarship. Multiple recipients from high schools in San Mateo. Application available in the Career Center.
Tzu Chi Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000	Mar. 6th	Open to seniors with a GPA of at least a 3.0 and who can demonstrated financial need for college tuition. Applicants will need to get two letters of rec., write a short essay, and a short 2 - 5 page autobiography. Applications and details at https://tzuchi.us/scholarships
Northern California Cherry Blossom Community Service Scholarship	\$2,500	Mar. 7th	Open to seniors of Japanese American descent with a min. GPA of 2.5 unweighted. They are looking for applicants who are active and involved in their community. Two letter of recommendation letters required. Applications available in the Career Center.

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Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarships	\$500	Mar. 10th	Open to seniors who are of Portuguese descent with at least a 3.5 weighted GPA, three extracurricular activities, and are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Over 125 scholarships will be awarded. Applications available in the Career Center.
San Mateo OCA Scholarship	\$2,000	Mar. 13th	This scholarship will be awarded to a senior who identifies as Asian Pacific American and with a history of community service and volunteering. They will award nine scholarships with eight of them based upon a combination of financial need and merit and one scholarship just on merit. Applications in the Career Center.
Jeff Lamb Scholarship	\$500	Mar. 13th	This scholarship is open to student athletes who have an interest in becoming a teacher or coach one day with goals of trying to become a school athletic director. Applications available in the Career Center.
Joyce Ridgeway Scholarship	\$500	Mar. 13th	Open to seniors who have participated in at least six seasons worth of sports in her time at San Mateo with two of those years on the varsity level and with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications available in the Career Center.
Vella-Dankwerth Maltese Scholarship	\$1,500	Mar. 14th	This scholarship is open to seniors of Maltese descent. Essay required. Applications available in the Career Center.
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	Varies	Mar. 15th.	The AOPA is offering various scholarships for students interested in learning about aviation and being trained as a pilot. There are multiple scholarships students can apply to on their website. Though March 15th is the deadline, the priority deadline is March 1st. Full list of their scholarships and application found here: https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/flight-training-scholarships
Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship	\$400	Mar. 15th	Must be a baptized Roman Catholic senior of Italian descent with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Applications evaluated on scholastic record, activity record, and financial need. Applications available at https://www.icf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ScholarshipApplication2020.pdf

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SAE - Society of Automotive Engineering Scholarship Program	\$2,500	Mar. 15th	The society offers ten different unique scholarships for students interested in pursuing a future in engineering. Each scholarship varies slightly in the amount of the award and the criteria. To view all ten scholarships, visit http://students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/
San Mateo County Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship	\$1,000	Mar. 20th	This scholarship is open to any female identifying senior who plans to attend a college that has sororities on campus. Please note that applicants are NOT required to join a sorority in order to claim this scholarship. This scholarship is open only to students from eight area high schools. Applications in the Career Center.
San Mateo Rotary Club Two Year Scholarship	Varies	Mar. 27th	This scholarship is open to seniors who attend school in San Mateo and who also reside in San Mateo with plans to attend a community college in the fall. In addition to filling out the online application applicants are required to submit a statement of educational goals to the Career Center. http://bit.ly/sanmateorotary
Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	Mar. 31st	Open to students who are at least 15 and identify as being from a low income household or other demonstrated financial need. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Details and application available at https://hhf.smapply.io/prog/scholarship/
Young American Creative Patriotic Award	\$31,000	Mar. 31st	Open to U.S. citizens and U.S. Nationals of all high school grades. Students will create artwork expressing patriotism and what it means to them. Students will submit their artwork to the local VFW Auxiliary located in Daly City. Examples of previous winners and a link to the application form can be found at https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/
San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association Scholarship	\$3,500	Mar. 31st	This scholarship is open to seniors who are interested in law or criminal justice careers. Students will need to submit an essay describing their reason for choosing this career path. Directions and application in the Career Center.

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Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship	\$3,500	Mar. 31st	Open to any senior who has survived childhood cancer or a high grade or anaplastic brain tumor. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens who will be attending college in the fall. Applications available in the Career Center.
Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship	\$10,000	Mar. 31st	Open to any senior who plans to study full time in a program geared towards automotive, heavy duty, or collision repair. Details and application here: https://www.automotivescholarships.com/apply_online.cfm
AFSA Fire Sprinkler Scholarship	\$2,000	Apr. 1st	This is a scholarship contest that is open to all seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. No minimum GPA requirement, only that students will be required to learn about fire sprinklers. Full information and application available at https://www.afsascholarship.org/
National High School Essay Contest	\$2,500	Apr. 6th	Students wishing to apply will write a 1,000 - 1,250 word essay about how members of the foreign service work with other civilian parts of the U.S. government to promote peace, prosperity, and economic prosperity. Winner will receive \$2,500 to travel to meet a member of the State Department's leadership and a Semester at Sea educational voyage. Full details and application available at https://www.afsa.org/essay-contest
California Alarm Association Scholarship	\$25,000	Apr. 10th	This scholarship is for seniors who are children of active duty law enforcement or fire service personnel in the state of California. Details and scholarship available at http://www.caaonline.org/caa-youth-scholarship-2020/
Rotary Club of Foster City Scholarship	\$1,500	Apr. 14th	Open to seniors of San Mateo HS, Aragon HS, and Hillsdale HS. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plans to attend college in the fall. In addition to the application students will need to write a two page double spaced essay on how their service has made a difference to the community. Applications available in the Career Center.

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Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest	\$1,000	Apr. 15th	Open to any junior or senior. Students will write an essay based on one of the topics provided on the website about the novel <i>Wuthering Heights</i> . Any student interested in applying will need to have an English teacher submit the student's work. Full rules and details available at https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/signet-essay-contest/
We the Students Essay Contest	\$7,500	Apr. 15th	Open to high school students of all grades who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants will write an essay based on civic discourse. Full rules and prompt available at https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/
Class of 1969 Scholarship	\$3,500	Apr. 16th	This scholarship is awarded to an SMHS senior who has a history of volunteer service to the school and/or community, financial need, and personal characteristics of honesty, leadership, and caring for others. Application will require a letter of recommendation. Applications available in the Career Center.
Review It Scholarship	\$1,000	Apr. 30th	Open to any student planning to attend college in the United States by September of 2020 and with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in their most recent academic year. To apply students will write a 1,000 word or less review of their favorite movie. http://chiureviewsscholarship.com/reviews.php
Milton Fisher Scholarship	\$5,000 (renewable for four years)	May 1st	Open to juniors or seniors who have come up with a distinctive solution to a problem faced by their family, school, community, or the world. In order to qualify applicants must plan to attend college in either Connecticut or New York City. https://www.rbffoundation.org/
Ginnie Halpin Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	May 20th	This scholarship provides \$1,000 for a college bound senior or \$500 for a student entering the first year of an apprenticeship or vocational training. Applications available in the Career Center.

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1800wheelchair.com Scholarship	\$500	May 30th	This scholarship is open to any high school student who is at least 16 years old and who also has a GPA of at least a 3.0. Students will make a visual poem on the theme of overcoming a personal challenge. Students will also write a short essay of 500 to 1,000 words on how the visual poem relates to a challenge that the student has faced. There is no requirement that the student have a disability of any kind. https://www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/
SF Federal Credit Union Scholarship	\$2,500	May 31st	This merit based scholarship is open to seniors who are members of the San Francisco Credit Union, participate in their community, and have a record of academic success. Four students will be awarded a scholarship, and only applicants from San Francisco and San Mateo counties may apply. Details and application available at https://www.sanfranciscofcu.com/youth-scholarships
American Muscle Student Scholarship	\$2,000	June 15th	Open to any senior who is planning to pursue an automotive centered program of study or technical training after high school. https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html