

Scholarships

**Dates and information are continuously being updated.*

Access Extra Scholarship: The Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation's Access EXTRA Scholarship is a private scholarship for high school seniors who are eligible for the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program and have earned a 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale. <https://myscholarshipcentral.org/>

Eligibility

Open to graduating high school seniors who meet ALL of the following criteria:

- 2024 high school graduates; Missouri high school seniors who are enrolled full-time in a Missouri 4-year or 2-year higher education institution in the fall of 2024.
- Meet the eligibility criteria for the state's Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program by having an Expected Family Contribution of 12,000 or less as determined on the FAFSA.
- Have earned a 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Missouri resident.

Apply early. Scholarships will be prioritized on a first come, first served basis until the funding is depleted. • **Scholarship is open March 15- June 1 on My Scholarship Central.**

American Legion Scholarship Program: This selection of scholarships is for the descendants of veterans who have been Honorably Discharged. Proof of such service is required. Visit <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships> for more information and to print scholarship applications. Scholarships include the Joseph J. Frank Scholarship, Erman W. Taylor Scholarship, Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship, Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship, M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Fund Scholarship and others. Visit the website or see Mrs. Donley for a list of possible scholarships through the American Legion. Applications must be mailed by **April 19, 2024.**

ASU – MH General Scholarship – ASUMH does not require a scholarship application. All students become eligible for scholarships by completing the ASUMH admissions process and providing all necessary documentation for admissions as early as possible. All students planning on attending ASUMH are encouraged to complete the admission application by the priority deadline of March 15, 2023. <https://asumh.edu/scholarships/> The final deadline is **March 15, 2024.**

Baxter Health Employee Children and Grandchildren Scholarship: Applicant must be a current high school senior who is the child or grandchild of an employee who is in good standing for at least a year and worked a minimum of 500 hours in the past year. Student GPA must be a 2.0 or higher. The \$500/semester scholarship is due by March 15 of each year.

Baxter Regional Medical Center Scholarship: Students interested in nursing are eligible for this scholarship. Go to <https://www.baxterregional.org/foundation/scholarships/> for more information. Deadline is **April 1, 2024 for summer term & June 1, 2024 for fall semester.**

Brad Hambelton Memorial Scholarship – The Brad Hambelton family is offering a \$300 scholarship in memory of Brad. Financial need will be considered. Applicants must be attending college or a trade school. The application is due in the counselor's office on **May 1, 2024.**

Bulldog Scholarship – The Gainesville Lions Club sponsors the scholarship. Students who have applied, but have not been accepted to the Missouri Student Grant Program, are primary candidates for this award. Families, whose income falls just above the threshold of other need-based scholarships, yet lack the disposable income to send a student to college, will receive first consideration. A minimum of \$2,000 per year or \$1,000 per semester will be awarded. A student from Gainesville will get this scholarship. Deadline for applications is **April 12, 2024.**

Bumper to Bumper LLC Scholarship – Preference may be given to those students who are enrolled in auto mechanics or agriculture. Application must be submitted to the counselor by **April 12, 2024**.

Century Bank of the Ozarks Scholarship – Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship will be paid in two increments at the beginning of each semester of the student's freshman year. The applicant should show leadership in the classroom, have a strong work ethic, and be a self-starter. Minimum requirements include at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and a 20 ACT. Students should be able to demonstrate involvement in clubs and extracurricular activities as well as activities or groups outside of school. Demonstration of character, attitude, leadership, and goal-setting is important. An interview may be required. All applications must be returned to Mrs. Donley no later than **April 12, 2024**.

Daughters of the American Revolution: The objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are to Preserve History, Promote Patriotism, and Support Education. As an expression of those objectives, the Carl Neiman Chapter of Ava, MO seeks to award \$200 scholarships to three high school students from our area each year. Preference will be given to students whose education tracks may be leading them into vocational/technical education as well as college or university. See Mrs. Donley for an application. Deadline for applications is **April 1, 2024**.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship: This scholarship is for senior girls going into the teaching profession and is presented by the local Xi chapter of an international organization for women educators. Please see Mrs. Donley for an application. Deadline is **March 28, 2024**.

Gainesville Saddle Club Scholarship – Students who have been a member of the Gainesville Saddle Club for at least 1 full year and who plan to continue their education in a college or vocational program are eligible. See Mrs. Donley for an application. Application deadline is **March 1, 2024**.

Gainesville Student Council Scholarship – Current and former members of the student council may apply for this scholarship. Preference is given to the president/vice president. See Mrs. Donley for an application. Application deadline is **May 1 of each year**.

Hoerman Memorial Scholarship – Any Ozark County high school senior wishing to attend an accredited college or university may apply for the \$500 - \$1,000 scholarship. The Board of Directors of the Gainesville Lions Club will approve selection. See the counselor for an application. Applications must be received no later than **April 12, 2024**.

H.T. Harlin Memorial Scholarship – Any Ozark County high school senior wishing to attend an accredited college or university may apply for the \$1,000 scholarship. See the counselor for an application. Applications must be received by **April 12, 2024**.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Program – This scholarship is available to children of workers who were seriously injured or died in a work-related accident covered and compensated by workers' compensation. A serious injury is one that led to a paid settlement or judicial award and is verified with information from the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation. Go to <https://www.mokidschance.org/scholarships> for more information and application. The application is due **May 15, 2024**.

Masonic Scholarship Fund of Missouri – One application form can be used to apply for the Samuel Smith Stewart scholarship, the Masonic Merit Scholarship, and the Ruth Lutes Bachmann Scholarship. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and at least an 18 ACT. Students must be involved in extracurricular activities, demonstrate financial need, and enroll full-time in an accredited college or university in the United States. See Mrs. Donley for an application. The application deadline is **March 1, 2024**.

MFA Foundation Scholarship – The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000. Applicant must be a child or grandchild of a member-level MFA customer meaning \$5,000 in annual spending at MFA. Applications can be found at <https://www.mfafoundation.com/> and submitted by **February 15, 2023**.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship: This \$5,000 scholarship which is spread out over 4 years is available to the child, grandchild or stepchild of a Purple Heart Recipient. The

applicant must provide a copy of the related Purple Heart Recipient's DD-214 discharge papers or an equivalent. Please see Mrs. Donley for an application. Deadline is **August 10, 2023.**

Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship – The Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship Fund is designed to encourage college-level study for young people who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of banking. Application must include two letters of recommendation, transcript, and a resume of extracurricular activities. See Mrs. Donley for an application or visit <https://www.mobankers.com/MBA/AboutMBA/MissouriBankersFoundation/Scholarships.aspx> Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2024.**

MSU West Plains Scholarships – MSU-WP has many scholarships available. You may apply for several scholarships on the same application form. You will need to apply online <https://wp.missouristate.edu/finaid/>, and you must be admitted to MSU – West Plains before you can apply. Most of the scholarship deadlines expire **April 1, 2024.**

NAMI Youth Ambassador Mental Health Scholarship: Students should write an essay on what mental health means to them. The essay should be approximately 500-700 words. The student may also record a video of their presentation. The written essay, application, and video, if applicable, should be submitted online. Additional points will be awarded to students who submit both a written essay and video presentation with their application.

<https://namimissouri.org/get-involved/youth/youth-ambassador/> Due **March 29, 2024.**

Ozarks Healthcare Scholarship: Ozarks Healthcare will award a \$500 scholarship to select high school seniors who are graduating in 2023. Please see Mrs. Donley for an application. Deadline is **March 15, 2024.**

Ozark County Farm Bureau Scholarship – Applicants must be pursuing a career in the agricultural field, be a senior in an Ozark County school, and have parents who are Farm Bureau members. Applications must be received by the Ozark County Farm Bureau by **April 15, 2024.**

Patsy Hambelton Memorial Scholarship – The Hambelton family is offering a \$500 scholarship in memory of the late Gainesville business teacher, Patsy Hambelton. Applicants must have at least two years of active membership in FBLA. The application is due in the counselor's office on **April 22, 2024.**

Pontiac Ladies Club Scholarship – The Pontiac Ladies Club has a \$500 scholarship opportunity for **any senior (boy or girl) living in Pontiac or Price Place, AR** who plans on attending college. Interested seniors must write a brief letter stating where they plan on attending school, what they would be studying, and anything else they would like to share. Letters need to be sent to *Pontiac Ladies Club, P.O. Box 12, Pontiac, MO 65729* postmarked by **April 1, 2024.**

Red Cross Scholarship – The scholarship will be given to a graduating Gainesville High School senior planning on attending college or vocational school. Any volunteer experience or activities is a plus, but not required. Application must be returned to Mrs. Donley by **April 21, 2024.**

rootEd Undergraduate Scholarship: The rootEd Undergraduate Scholarship is a renewable scholarship awarded to graduates of eligible high schools in Missouri. It is a need-based award of up to \$12,000 per academic year and is renewable through graduation or a maximum of 10 semesters, provided the student continues to meet eligibility and selection criteria.

- Be a graduating high school senior, from an eligible high school, planning to enter college as an incoming freshman in the 2023-2024 academic year
 - Plan to enroll in a bachelor's degree-granting program at an accredited, nonprofit college or university
 - Have earned a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average while in high school
 - Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Application is on My Scholarship Central <https://myscholarshipcentral.org/>. Due date is **May 15, 2024.**

Shelter Foundation Scholarship – A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Gainesville student through the Shelter Mutual Insurance Company. Scholarship recipients are free to select any accredited college or university and any course of study they desire to pursue leading to an academic degree. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college to apply to the tuition, fees, room and

board of the student. The selection committee will consider applicants' scholastic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community activities, citizenship and moral character, and educational goals. The application must be turned in to the counselor by **March 31, 2024**.

Stan Morrison Memorial Scholarship – This is a one-time award of \$500.00 given by the Morrison family. Applicants must be a GHS senior and in good academic standing. Applications are in the counselor's office. Applications are due **April 21, 2024**.

Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education Scholarship: This \$500 renewable scholarship is open to women pursuing a college degree. This is a need and merit based scholarship. Mrs. Donley selects applicants. Due **February 15, 2024**.

Stockmen's Bank Scholarship – The local Stockmen's Bank is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior. Applications can be picked up in the counselor's office and must be returned to the counselor by **April 21, 2024**.

White River Valley Electric Trust Scholarship – The White River Valley Trust is once again accepting scholarship applications from qualified graduating seniors. Applicants must show evidence of financial need. Applicants must permanently reside in the White River Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory. The application must be completed in full or it will not be considered. Several GHS graduates have received this scholarship. You are strongly urged to apply if you qualify. You may complete this application online at <https://www.whiteriver.org/community/operation-round-up/scholarships/>. Applications will be accepted **Feb. 1 to Feb 29, 2024**.

Women Legislators of Missouri Scholarship - Women Legislators of Missouri are encouraging young women, set to graduate from high school, to apply for a \$500 college scholarship. Each year the group selects one student from each of Missouri's congressional districts to receive the awards. Criteria evaluated will be leadership, academics, and community service. Candidates must fill out an application and are required to submit a 500-word essay answering the question, "If you were a state legislator, what would you hope to accomplish and why?" You will have to apply for this at the following link: <https://my.scholarshipcentral.org>. The submission deadline is **March 22, 2024**.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Scholarships Due April 14

***Alternative Education Scholarship** – The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who has been or currently is in Foster Care/Alternative Care or is currently homeless. Students must be applying to a two or four year accredited college, university, or technical school. An essay addressing the topic of "Tell your story and why you feel you would be successful in college" is required. The application also requires two letters of recommendation. The scholarship is renewable providing the student maintains a 2.0 GPA and is enrolled in 12 credit hours. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through **March 24, 2024**.

***Arthur G. Tesar Scholarship** – Four \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors with cumulative GPA's of 3.0 or above and an ACT score of 22 or above. Students must be planning to attend Missouri State University or Ozarks Technical College. Financial need must be demonstrated by submitting the FAFSA-EFC. Applicants must describe participation in community service/school activities and submit two letters of recommendation. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through **March 24, 2024**.

***Benton & Genelle Breeding Scholarship Fund** – Students who have attended Gainesville High School for at least two of four years and who plan to continue their education in a vocational program or college are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 award. It is the intention of the donor to assist students who would otherwise not receive assistance. Applicants should have demonstrated the ability to succeed in their choice of vocational program or college. Scholarships may be based upon need, academic achievement, or both. The scholarship is not renewable. Please turn applications into Mrs. Donley by **March 24, 2024**.

***Betty H. King Scholarship** – Two \$4000 scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who are female from the following counties in Missouri: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas Greene, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, or Wright. Students must submit a transcript, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and an ACT score of 24 or above. Students must be majoring in Math/Science or Engineering. Financial need must be demonstrated by the FAFSA-EFC, and the applicant must describe community service/school activities. An essay is required as well as one letter of recommendation. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***GHS Alumni Scholarship** – The selection committee will consider demonstration of need as determined by the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution form, other financial aid received, ACT test scores, a 2.0 GPA, and teacher evaluations of applicants. If all applicants are determined to be equally deserving, preference would be given to applicants whose parent/parents are GHS graduates. The amount of the scholarship is \$350. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Grant A. Finley Memorial Scholarship** – Two \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to a graduating senior from an Ozark County high school. The student must have a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 21 on the ACT. The student may pursue an education at a 2 or 4-year college or university. Preference may be given to applicants who have participated in FFA or who plan to major in agriculture. A short essay is required. An interview may be requested. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Gravelin Scholarship** – This \$400 scholarship will be given to a graduating senior and Southwest Missouri resident who has experienced a life-altering circumstance such as but not limited to a major illness, long term hospitalization, home care, traumatic accident, or major disaster. A minimum GPA of 3.3 and a minimum ACT of 23 is required. Financial need must be demonstrated by the FAFSA-EFC, and the applicant must describe community service/school activities and work experience. One letter of recommendation and an essay is required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Greater Ozarks Chapter of National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses Scholarship** – Students who wish to obtain or enroll in a nursing degree program are eligible to apply for this \$900 award. The student must demonstrate financial need based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA and possess a GPA of 3.0 or above. Applications from southwest Missouri are preferred. Financial need must be demonstrated by the FAFSA-EFC. One letter of recommendation and an essay is required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Henry J. & Lucille J. Straus Scholarship** – Fourteen \$6000 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 3.2 GPA and an ACT of 24 or above. Students must be planning on attending a private college/university. An essay is required. Good scholastic records, letter of recommendation attesting to your character and non-discriminatory actions toward others of different ethnic/political/religious backgrounds, extra-curricular activities, and qualities of potential leadership, sincerity, and integrity are requirements. This scholarship can be renewed. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Henry Joseph Struck Memorial Scholarship** – Two \$5,000 awards will go to graduating high school seniors or current college students from southern Missouri who have a parent or grandparent that is an honorably discharged veteran or active personnel. Preference will be given to students with a parent or grandparent who are deceased/disabled as a result of military service. The student must demonstrate financial need based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA and possess a GPA of 3.0 or above. An essay, two letters of recommendation, and an interview are required. The scholarship is conditionally renewable. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Jim & Shirley Cook Scholarship** – This \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior from southwest Missouri with a preference for students with FFA leadership or GO CAPS program participants. The student must be majoring in mechanical engineering, CNC programming,

welding, or machine tool technology. The student must demonstrate financial need based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA and possess a GPA of 3.0 or above. Two letters of recommendation are required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Kaleb Tanner High Memorial Scholarship** – The \$750 scholarship will be given to a Gainesville High School graduate. The applicant must have attended GHS for at least three of four years, must be ranked in the middle 1/3 of their graduating class or have a cumulative 2.5 GPA, and must be attending a vocational post-secondary school. The student must demonstrate financial need by providing FAFSA-EDC. Preference will be given to a student who has work experience in high school, and who would not otherwise receive financial aid. An interview may be required. Two letters of recommendation are required and an essay is required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Margo Murray Scholarship** – The purpose of the \$2,000 scholarship, administered by Community Foundation of the Ozarks, is to provide support for further education for a female graduate of Gainesville High School who has demonstrated academic achievement sufficient for college admission and has also demonstrated financial need. The criteria for selection of a scholarship recipient includes: a) acceptance at a community, state, or private college, b) financial need, c) has volunteered at least twelve hours as a mentor to a younger student or an assistant to seniors in the community, and d) sufficient academic achievement for college entry. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Matt Abraham Memorial Scholarship** – One renewable \$500 award will be given to a Gainesville senior who plans to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited institution. The applicant is required to be involved in extracurricular activities and athletics. A 3.0 GPA and a minimum ACT of 25 are required. The student must enroll full-time. A selection committee interview will be required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Mearle and Stella Luna Scholarship** - A one-time \$1,000 scholarship given to a graduating senior of Gainesville High School who is applying to a 2 or 4-year accredited college, university, or technical training school. Applicant must demonstrate financial need as shown by completing the FAFSA and providing the EFC on application. See your counselor to apply for this scholarship. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***MO Association of RC & D Councils Scholarship** – The \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a college degree in agriculture, natural resources or related field as aligned with the Missouri Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils mission. Applicant must possess at least a 2.5 GPA and a minimum 21 ACT score. Demonstration of financial need as evidenced by FAFSA-EFC, participation in community service/school activities, and an essay are required. Two letters of recommendation are required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***PFC Matthew J. England Memorial Scholarship** – The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate from an Ozark County school. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, a minimum 24 ACT, and advanced courses in math or science. Participation in extracurricular activities is preferred but not required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Southwest Cattleman's Association Scholarship** – Applicants must be a Missouri resident and paid member of the Southwest Missouri Cattlemen's Association or a child of a paid member. Applicants must be agriculture majors and possess a 2.5 GPA. Three letters of recommendation are required. Applications will be accepted online at Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***Vern & Verla Cabbage Scholarship** – The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Students who have attended Gainesville for at least two of four years and who plan to continue their education in a vocational program or college are eligible to apply. Applicant must have participated in extracurricular activities. It is the intention of the donor to assist students who would otherwise not receive assistance. Applicants should have demonstrated the ability to succeed in their choice of a

vocational program or college. Scholarships may be based upon need, academic achievement, extracurricular participation, or all. The scholarship is not renewable. Applications will be accepted online at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks through March 24, 2024.

***If a scholarship states that you need to apply online at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) website, please use the following directions.**

1. Go to <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfozarksscholarships>
 2. Click Create New Account. Use your personal email account. Do not use your school email address. Do not use your parent's email address.
 3. After creating an account, follow the prompts and click Continue.
 4. Read the instructions carefully. When you are ready, click Apply.
 5. Complete all questions on the eligibility/universal application. At the bottom, click Submit.
 6. You will receive a confirmation page which lists the scholarship opportunities that you were found eligible for.
 7. **You are strongly encouraged to print your confirmation page.** You will not see that page again.
 8. The confirmation page also lets you know if any of these scholarship opportunities require supplemental questions. Not all scholarship opportunities will have supplemental questions.
 9. You must click Submit at the bottom of each supplemental question page of the individual scholarship opportunity to be considered complete.
 10. If a supplemental question is used on more than one scholarship opportunity, your response will carry across the applications.
 11. If you feel you should be eligible for any given scholarship opportunity, or have any questions, please call CFO at 417-864-6199. (Or ask Mrs. Donley & Mrs. Perry for help)
- NOTE: Using your dashboard gives you great information on each opportunity.

Resources for Financial Aid and Scholarships

- [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) – Information from the U.S. Department of Education on preparing for and funding education beyond high school including FAFSA
[.https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out](https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out)

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- Counselor's School Corner website on the Gainesville High School website
- Journey to College
- Going Merry
- Chegg Scholarships
- Fastweb
- Scholarships.com
- College Board BigFuture
- My Scholarship Central
- The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
- Coca-Cola Scholarship Page
- Scholar's App
- Bold.org
- Cappex
- Scholly
- CareerOneStop