

Central High School Counseling Office



**Scholarship & College
Planning Guide
2024-2025**



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Seniors & Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year, or better known as your senior year! Senior year can be a very exciting, yet overwhelming time. If your plans after high school include attending college, then there is a lot to do between now and May. The Central High School Counseling Department is here to support you with your post-secondary plans and walk you through the process. Please never hesitate to contact your counselor or the College and Career Counselor if you have questions!

This planning guide was created to assist you in the process of applying to college and for scholarships. You will find the following information in the guide: senior year calendar/timeline, ACT/SAT dates, college athletics, financial aid, scholarships, and more. The bulk of the guide is a list of all the scholarships that were made available through the Counseling Center last school year. These scholarships include national, college, and local scholarships and are by no means your only resources or the only scholarships available. However, you can use the list to see the scholarships that may be available this year and start planning ahead. Please keep in mind the scholarship list is only a guide. Scholarship deadlines, criteria, and amounts can change from year-to-year. The most updated scholarship information will be posted on our website as it becomes available. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

We look forward to working with you this year and assisting in planning for your future!

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Senior Year Calendar/Checklist

September / October:

- ___ Request college information from selected schools via websites
- ___ Continue school, community, and volunteer activities
- ___ Investigate scholarship opportunities – check Counseling Office website for CHS scholarships and applications, check college websites, employers, and community organizations
- ___ Create an activity list and update throughout the school year - see example pg. 13
- ___ Register to take ACT www.act.org or SAT www.collegeboard.com CHS School Code 262895
- ___ Attend the College Fair at MWSU (October)
- ___ Complete admission applications for selective colleges
- ___ Meet with College Recruiters when they visit CHS
- ___ Arrange college campus visits
- ___ Request letters of recommendations
- ___ Athletes register for the NCAA/NAIA (see pg. 5-6)

November / December:

- ___ Senior Conference with your counselor
- ___ Check name for diploma with Secretary in the Counseling Office
- ___ Complete admission applications for colleges of your choice – Nov 1/Dec 1 is the deadline for many colleges
- ___ Complete scholarship applications as they arrive – check for updates on the Counseling Office website
- ___ Register to take ACT or SAT
- ___ Meet with College Recruiters when they visit CHS
- ___ Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – www.fafsa.ed.gov (app opens in December)
- ___ Monitor check college application portals for any upcoming deadlines or other info needed by college

January / February:

- ___ Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to February 1st (or your school's deadline)
- ___ Attend FAFSA Workshop at CHS for help submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ___ Complete scholarship applications (Note: MANY local and college scholarships are due in February/March)
- ___ Register to take ACT or SAT
- ___ Meet with College Recruiters when they visit CHS

March / April / May:

- ___ Complete scholarship applications (Note: MANY local and college scholarships are due in March/April)
- ___ Register to take ACT or SAT
- ___ Complete Senior Exit Survey
- ___ Review financial aid award letter to school of choice
- ___ Secure housing arrangements for next fall
- ___ Notify your counselor of ALL scholarships received, even if you do not plan on accepting them
- ___ Send thank you notes for scholarships received
- ___ Notify colleges to which you have been admitted, but decided not to attend
- ___ Complete summer orientation registration at your selected school
- ___ Request final transcript from the Counseling Office to be sent to your college/university
- ___ Request transcript from MWSU (if you took dual credit classes) to be sent to your college/university

ACT/SAT

ACT Test Dates *check their website for the most current information

2024-2025 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

Registration Fees:

ACT (No Writing) \$69.00 (Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested)

ACT Plus Writing \$94.00 (Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested)

*Check with the schools you are applying to and see if they require the writing section.)

ACT Fee Waiver

Fee waivers for the ACT test are available in the Counseling Office. You must meet at least one of the financial need requirements listed on the form (i.e., Free & Reduced Lunch). If you are eligible, you may use **four (4)** fee waivers.

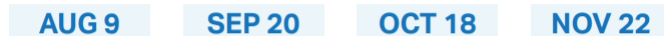
Go to the ACT website for more information and to register: <https://act.org/>.

SAT Test Dates *check their website for the most current information

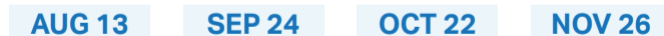
2024 TEST DATES



REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES



LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*



2025 TEST DATES



REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES



LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*



Registration Fees:

SAT \$68.00 (Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges – requested within 9 days after test date)

Go to the SAT website for other fee information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Selecting A College

September:

- Find a school that is right for you. College websites, campus visits, questionnaires and college fairs can be helpful.
- Talk to your parents/guardians about college admission and cost. Determine how much you can afford and if you meet college admission requirements.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, community leaders, and employers (adults who know you well). Provide them with all the necessary information (activity list-example pg. 13) and materials well in advance.
- Meet with college representatives that visit Central. College rep visits are posted on the Counseling Office website.
- Arrange college campus visits. Make sure you bring a letter from the college showing that you visited and give it to the attendance secretary. Avoid missing school by scheduling campus visits on Saturdays or days school is not in session.

October:

- Get your applications in order by creating files for your target schools. Make a list of application requirements and deadlines.
- Transcripts will need to be sent once applications have been submitted. Transcripts can be requested online via the Counseling Office website.
- Begin researching financial aid and explore your options for funding.
- Start applying for scholarships. Check the CHS Counseling Office website, private organizations, and the colleges you are applying to.
- Meet with college representatives that visit Central. College rep visits are posted on the Counseling Office website.

November:

- If you're applying through Early Action or Early Decision, get your application in this month.
- Complete applications accurately and neatly. Online applications can be more efficient.
- Transcripts will need to be sent once applications have been submitted. Transcripts can be requested online via the Counseling Office website.
- Know deadlines and prepare for application fees.
- Check with the colleges you have applied to about their scholarship deadlines (typically Nov 1-March 1).
- Meet with college representatives that visit Central. College rep visits are posted on the Counseling Office website.

December:

- Work on those college applications! Many applications are due in December or early January. Don't procrastinate.
- Transcripts will need to be sent once applications have been submitted. Transcripts can be requested online via the Counseling Office website.
- Check with the colleges you have applied to about their scholarship deadlines (typically Nov 1-March 1).
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.ed.gov).

January/February:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Check with the colleges you have applied to about their scholarship deadlines (typically Nov 1-March 1).
- Check with your prospective colleges about additional financial aid application forms and requirements.
- Follow up on submitted applications; occasionally mistakes can be made.

March/April:

- Compare your admissions offers and financial packages.
- Time for a decision! Many schools ask that you choose your school by May 1.
- Many deadlines for local scholarships are due during these months.

May:

- Don't forget to notify schools if you have decided not to attend.
- Double-check any final deadlines for housing, financial aid, summer registration programs, etc.
- Have your final transcripts sent to the college of your choice. This will be done through the senior exit survey.

College Admissions Guide

What Are Colleges Looking For?

-A rigorous course schedule. While high school grades and ACT/SAT scores are important, a college also wants to see that you have selected challenging courses that will help you grow academically. Don't take courses that will simply boost your G.P.A. – challenge yourself.

Recommended High School Curriculum for College:

English: 4 Units

Mathematics: 4 Units

Science: 4 Units

Social Studies: 3 Units

Many colleges also require additional courses in:

Foreign Language

Fine Arts & Performing Arts

Honors, AP, Dual Credit

-Genuine interest in the school. Make concrete connections between what you want out of your education and what that college or university has to offer.

-An interest in learning. Put less emphasis on what you want to do when you graduate and more on what you would like to learn while you are a college student.

-Willingness to lead. Colleges want students who will enhance their campus community in some special way. Many times, your abilities are best reflected in carefully chosen extracurricular, community and volunteer activities.

-Use Common Application when appropriate. The common application is used at over 900 colleges and universities. It is only available online at www.commonapp.org. Once completed, applications can be sent to any participating school. Be sure to follow up with other documents that the college you are applying to may require.

Early Decision/Early Action

These options allow students to submit their applications early to selective institutions, usually in November, and find out if they've been accepted in December. Colleges' policies vary, so read each school's guidelines carefully.

Early Decision is a binding agreement stating that you will attend the college or university, which accepts you, provided that school offers a reasonable financial aid package. If accepted, you must withdraw any admissions applications sent to other schools.

Early Action is not binding. It allows you to apply early in the fall and receive a response by the middle of December. Early action gives you the opportunity to compare admissions and financial aid offers without committing to one school.

***Early Decision/Early Action is most effective if you have a very strong interest in a school and you can compete academically with other Early Action applicants.**

College Athletics

NCAA – Division I & II

Every college-bound student-athlete who is attending an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time, must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. There is no deadline to register with the clearinghouse, however, college-bound student-athletes must be certified as an amateur before they may receive an athletics scholarship, practice, or compete at a Division I or II institution. Students must also be registered with a Certification Account before making official visits or signing a National Letter of Intent in Division I or II. Below is a list of steps and general information that will assist you in the process of becoming eligible.

1. Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org and complete the Student Release Form, the amateurism questionnaire, and pay the registration fee (\$100). **You can only register online with the Clearinghouse!**
2. Request that your sixth semester (end of junior year) transcript be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse.
3. Request from ACT/SAT that your test scores be sent to the Clearinghouse. **The NCAA no longer accepts ACT/SAT scores from your transcript – scores must come directly from the testing agencies!! When registering for the SAT or ACT, input the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported directly to the Eligibility Center.**
4. After April 1st of your senior year, you must log on to complete the amateurism certification questionnaire. You will also need to request that a final transcript be sent to the NCAA.
5. Fee waivers are available to those who qualify. You must be eligible for an ACT and/or SAT fee waiver in order to receive an NCAA registration fee waiver. See your counselor for more details.
6. **IMPORTANT:** There has been a big change with the new academic requirements for students in order for them to be eligible to receive an athletic scholarship as well as play a college sport. You need to make sure to visit with your high school coach, counselor, athletics director, and college coach to make sure that you are eligible to receive an athletic scholarship. You can find the updated eligibility requirements at <http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/EB17.pdf>

College Athletics

NAIA

Every college-bound student-athlete who is attending an NAIA institution for the first time, must be certified by the NAIA Eligibility Center. The NAIA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the NAIA eligibility of first-time student-athletes. Any student playing NAIA championship sports for the first time must meet the eligibility requirements. Students must have their eligibility determined by the NAIA Eligibility Center, and all NAIA schools are bound by the center's decisions. Below is a list of steps and general information that will assist you in the process of becoming eligible.

1. Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center. Go to www.playnaia.org, create your personal profiles and pay the registration fee (\$90). Your personal profile will provide basic facts about your academic history and sports participation to date. This information along with standardized test scores and official transcripts will be used to make a determination about your initial eligibility.
2. Request that your sixth semester (end of junior year) transcript be sent to the NAIA Eligibility Center.
3. Request from ACT/SAT that your test scores be sent to the eligibility center. **When registering for the SAT or ACT, input the Eligibility Center code of 9876 to make sure the score is reported directly to the NAIA Eligibility Center.**
4. Fee waivers are available to those who qualify. You must be eligible for an ACT and/or SAT fee waiver in order to receive an NAIA registration fee waiver. See your counselor for more details.
5. There are academic requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship. Please make sure you visit with your college coach, high school coaches, athletic director or counselor to make sure you are eligible.

Do you need to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center if you are registering with the NCAA?

Determining if you meet eligibility requirements for NAIA eligibility is separate from NCAA eligibility certification. The NAIA and NCAA are two separate associations, with two different sets of rules and certifications processes.

For more information, visit www.playnaia.org. You may also want to access the "NAIA Guide for the College-Bound Student", which can be found on the NAIA Eligibility Center website at

Financing Your Education

Determine College Costs per year – estimates based on most recent information.

Budget Items	MWSU	MU	KU – out of state
Tuition & Fees per year	\$10,306	\$14,122-\$17,722	\$27,500
Room & Board (Dorm & Meals)	\$12,311	\$13,550	\$12,252
Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,224
Total Budget	\$23,817	\$28,672-\$32,272	\$40,976

Other costs to consider: personal expenses, laundry, clothes, transportation, extra fees such as technology, parking fee, student activity fee, sports pass, extra meal plan fees, etc. These fees can add thousands of dollars to your bill per year.

- Investigate ALL possible resources:
 1. **Scholarships** – More information available on page 10.
 2. **Grants** – Free money awarded to students with the most financial need. Grants are available through the federal (Pell) and state government. The maximum Pell grant amount for 2024-2025 is \$7,395 per year.
 3. **Loans** – Money that must be repaid with interest. Several different types of loans are available. Interest rates will vary; some are interest free while a student is in college.
 4. **Work Study** – Employment on campus, based on financial need.
 5. **Parents**
 6. **Savings**
 7. **Summer Earnings**
- Secure necessary forms and note deadlines
- Apply for Financial Aid as early as possible (before February 1st). To apply for financial aid (grants, work study, and loans) you must complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Many scholarships and college financial aid offices will ask you for your FAFSA results even if you do not qualify for financial aid. See pages 8-9 for more information.

Remember...Check with college officials for accurate costs

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

What is the FAFSA? The FAFSA is a free online application for financial aid eligibility for college. It's used by schools to put together your federal student aid package. This package can include grants, work-study, federal student loans, and even state and school financial aid.

FAFSA IS CHANGING FOR 2025-26!

There are changes and improvements coming to the 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. As a result, the new form will be available on or before December 1, 2024.

What students can do before December when FAFSA opens:

- Create an FSA ID by going to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.
 - You will need:
 - Social Security number
 - Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Check for updates online: <https://studentaid.gov/>.

Is My Parent a **CONTRIBUTOR** When I Fill Out My FAFSA® Form?

A **parent** means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent. A **stepparent** is considered a parent if they have adopted you. Stepparents that have not adopted you will be identified as a parent spouse.

Are your biological or adoptive parents married to each other?



Your parents' marital status is married (not separated), and both of your parents' information must be included on the FAFSA® form. If your parents did not file taxes jointly, then both of your parents are contributors. Their individual information, consent and approval, and signatures will be required on the FAFSA form. If your parents filed taxes jointly, only one parent is required as a contributor and will report information for both parents.

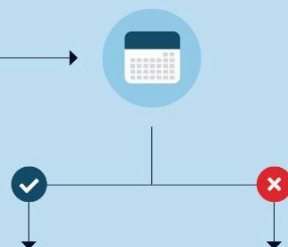
Note: Dependent students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA® form, and in most cases, a parent will be identified as a contributor for these students. All contributors are required to provide their information, signature, and consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form. Being a contributor on the FAFSA form does not mean an obligation to pay for the student's education.

Do your biological or adoptive parents live together?



Your parents' marital status is unmarried (both legal parents living together), and both of your parents are contributors, even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separated. Their individual information, consent and approval, and signatures will be required on the FAFSA® form.

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other over the past 12 months?

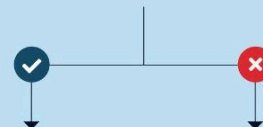


The individual information, consent and approval, and signature of the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months will be required on the FAFSA® form, and this parent will be identified as a contributor.

The individual information, consent and approval, and signature of the parent who has the greater income and assets will be required on the FAFSA® form, and this parent will be identified as a contributor.



Has this parent married/remarried?



Your parent's marital status is married/remarried. Your stepparent will also be identified as a contributor on the FAFSA® form if they didn't file their taxes jointly with your parent.

Your parent's marital status is single (never married), separated, divorced, or widowed. An additional parent will not be identified as contributor.

Types of Scholarships

College Affiliated Scholarships

College affiliated scholarships are funded by the sponsoring College, University, or Technical School. These scholarships are usually based on one or more of the following: academic achievement, athletic ability, career plans, or leadership ability. In order to apply for this type of scholarship, the student must first apply for admissions to the college. In addition to the admission application, most colleges require the completion of an additional scholarship application. In order to receive these funds, the student must attend the college offering the scholarship.

Local, State, & National Scholarships

Local, state, and national scholarships are offered from a variety of organizations and are funded to the student regardless of which particular post-secondary school they choose to attend. For example, such scholarships may be given to Central High School students, Buchanan County residents, or ten students in the United States. Thus, it is imperative that careful attention be paid to the eligibility criteria for this type of scholarship. Students who match the eligibility criteria closely will have a better chance of being awarded the scholarship.

Athletic Scholarships

Athletic scholarships are a form of college affiliated scholarships. Students may be offered athletic scholarships from many schools, but will only receive the funds from the school which they attend. If you are interested in athletic scholarships, please discuss the possibilities with your coach. **NCAA & NAIA regulations require you to register with the NCAA and/or NAIA Eligibility Centers.** For the NCAA, you can register online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. For the NAIA, register online at www.playnaia.org. See pages 5-6 for more information on registering with the eligibility centers.

Other Sources Include:

- Professional Organizations
- Church Groups
- Place of Employment (student and parent)
- Neighbors and Relatives
- Chamber of Commerce
- Newspapers/Magazines

Tips for a Winning Scholarship Application

- TIP #1:** **Apply if you are eligible** - Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully, and make sure you're eligible before you send in your application.
- TIP #2:** **Follow directions and complete the application in full** - If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave a blank. Be sure to supply everything that is required; all additional supporting material such as transcripts, letters of recommendation and essays.
- TIP #3:** **Neatness counts** - **Always type your application**, or if you must print, do so neatly, legibly and in **black** ink. Make a couple of copies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.
- TIP #4:** **Write an essay that makes a strong impression** - The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific; give examples. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive. The simplest experience can be monumental if you have a story and tell it well.
- TIP #5:** **Watch all deadlines** - To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. *A postmark deadline and a date received deadline are NOT the same.*
- TIP #6:** **Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong** - Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you'll be able to reproduce it quickly.
- TIP #7:** **Give it a final 'once-over'** - Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for spelling and/or grammatical errors. Ask a friend or teacher to proofread as well. Make sure your name is on all pages.

Scholarship Myths

Myth #1: “Only students with the highest academic achievement win scholarships.”

While grades may be important in selecting scholarship winners, your academic performance is not the end-all and be-all. Schools understand that your grades are not all there is to you.

Myth #2: “Scholarship applicants should seek to compile the longest list of extracurricular activities.”

What good is having a long list of activities if all you did was attend a bunch of meetings? You can better distinguish yourself by having a variety of activities and concentrating on the ones in which you excel or take a leadership role.

Myth #3: “Scholarship committees are all looking for the same kind of candidate.”

Each scholarship sponsor has its own idea of who would make the ideal candidate. Try to find scholarships in which you match the criteria.

Myth #4: “Applying for scholarships is just like applying to college.”

Most colleges will compare you to a standard, whereas most scholarships are simply measuring applicants against one another. If you creatively stand out, you already have an advantage, regardless of your other achievements.

Scholarship Scams

1. **“This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”**- No one can guarantee that they'll get you a grant or scholarship.
2. **“You can't get this information anywhere else.”**- There are many resources for scholarships. Check with colleges, the CHS Counseling Office website, and online searches.
3. **“May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?”**- Don't give out your credit card, bank account, social security, or PIN. It may be a set-up for an unauthorized withdrawal from your account or misuse of your personal information.
4. **“We'll do all the work. The process can be complicated.”**- Don't be fooled. There's no way around it. You will have to supply all the information for scholarships or grants yourself.
5. **“The scholarship will cost some money.”**- Don't pay anyone who claims to be “holding” a scholarship or grant for you. Free money shouldn't cost a thing.
6. **“You've been selected” by a ‘national foundation’ to receive a scholarship, or “You're a finalist” in a contest that you never entered.**- Before you send money to apply for a scholarship, check it out. Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate.

Below is a sample of an activity list.....

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School Activities

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Position</u>
A. Student Government	9-10	Senator
B. Volleyball	9-12	Varsity Player
C. DECA Club	11	Leadership Delegate
D. SADD	11-12	Member
E. Latin Club	11-12	Member
F. Chemistry Club	12	Reporter
G. Yearbook	12	Editor

Community Activities

A. Church Youth Group	9-12	Member
B. New Generation Singers	11	Treasurer

Honors and Awards

A. All-District Volleyball	9-12
B. National Honor Society	11-12
C. 1 st Place DECA Competition	11

Volunteer Activities

		<u>Total hours</u>
A. Mentor for local middle school student	11-12	22 hrs.
B. Local Hospital Volunteer	12	100 hrs.

Employment Experience

A. Subway, Cashier	11	20 hrs. per week
B. MC Sports, Sales	12	15 hrs. per week

Optional Information to Include:

GPA: 3.8/4.0

Weighted GPA: 4.2

Class Rank: 40/361

ACT: 24

Savings and Reducing Costs

Timeframe	Tips
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open a savings account• Get a part-time job and save at least HALF of every paycheck• Save money you receive as gifts• Take the bus or carpool to school to save on gas money• Ask yourself if you really need things before you buy them• See if you can take college classes while still in high school to save money on future tuition costs
College	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live at home and commute• Become a Resident Assistant (RA) and get free or discounted room and board• Live on campus or close by so you can walk to class and don't need a car• Pick the right meal plan so you don't pay for meals you're not eating• Buy used textbooks online or from other students• Look for special offers for students at places you shop

Beware of choices that could increase your costs once you get to school such as:

- Changing majors
- Taking longer than 2 or 4 years to complete your degree
- Changing schools
- Studying Abroad

Resources Available on Counseling Office website

<https://central.sjsd.k12.mo.us/student-support/counseling>

The following resources can be found on the CHS Counseling Office website and many are available for you to download. If you have difficulty accessing the information, see your school counselor and we will be happy to give you the information.

1. Graduation Requirements – check to see that you are on track to graduate. See your school counselor if you have questions!
2. Community Service Verification Form – 10 hours of community service are required for graduation. This form must be completed and signed by the necessary people that can verify the hours you have completed.
3. Scholarships – listing of scholarships, deadlines, and how to access the applications.
4. Activity List – here you will find a sample activity list to assist you in creating yours. An activity list shows everything you have done during your high school career. This list will assist you when you are completing college applications, scholarships, and job applications.
5. Volunteer List – list of places in the community to volunteer.
6. Campus Visit Form – form needed when visiting a college in order for Central High School to count it as an excused college visit day.
7. Campus Visit Questions – list of questions you may want to ask when visiting a college.
8. Upcoming Dates/Deadlines – up-to-date information on what is happening at CHS.
9. Junior/Senior Night PowerPoint Presentations
10. College Athletics Information – Information on how to register with the NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Centers.

PLUS MUCH MORE!!

Remember...

CHS Scholarship Update: Scholarship updates are listed on the CHS Counseling Office website. Announcements will also be made of scholarship deadlines that are approaching, but it is best to regularly check the website.

The following scholarship list and deadlines were developed from last year's database. This list is intended to be a guide – not a complete list of all scholarships available. Also, scholarship due dates and eligibility criteria change from year to year, so be sure to check the website for the most up-to-date deadlines and criteria!

Many of the scholarship applications will be available on the website for you to download and type directly on to.

Please document every scholarship you apply for and receive! Please do the same for the colleges you apply to and indicate your admissions status (accepted, denied, pending, wait listed, etc.). You will be asked for this information at the end of the year during the senior exit survey.

Scholarships

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Below is a list of all the scholarships listed in this book. To find the description of the following scholarships, refer to the page numbers following each scholarship.

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Another resource for scholarships may be your parent(s)/guardian(s) employer. Below is a list of local companies that typically provide scholarships to the children of their employees. Ask your parent(s) to check with their employer in regards to scholarship opportunities and the criteria.

Altec	Mosaic Life Care	Triumph Foods	Walmart
American Family	Pepsi	Tyson Foods	Weyerhaeuser
Burlington Northern	Postal Workers	Various Unions	

Name: The Gates Scholarship

Amount: full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and EFC

Deadline: September 2024

The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors.

To apply, students must be:

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

More information and the online application is available at <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org>

Name: QuestBridge

Amount: Varies

Deadline: September 2024

Applicants who have demonstrated academic excellence and come from low-income households are invited to apply. Questbridge works to help students access top-tier educational opportunities. The following is taken into account when evaluating applications: GPA, class rank (top 5-10%), rigor of high school curriculum, ACT/SAT scores, writing ability, and recommendations. Most finalists for this program come from households earning less than \$65,000 (family of four) and are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program. Applicants will need three letters of recommendation and a transcript. Apply online at www.questbridge.org.

Name: Missouri Cattlemen Foundation**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: September 2024**

Applicants must be a Missouri resident and a current paid member of the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association or the parent/legal guardian must be a current paid member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Students must meet the following requirements: 2.5 GPA or better, submit three (3) letters of recommendation, submit a transcript, and demonstrate leadership potential through extracurricular activities and work experience. Preference may be given to students who plan to attend a Missouri college or university & have financial need. Preference also given to those planning to major in an Agriculture field, Biochemistry, Food Science, and Nutrition and Plant Science. More information is available online at <http://www.mocattle.com/scholarshipprogram.aspx>.

Name: Mike Rowe Work Ethic Scholarship Program**Amount: Tuition Cost of Approved Program****Deadline: September 2024**

The Work Ethic Scholarship Program is about recognizing the people who understand the importance of personal responsibility, delayed gratification, a positive attitude, and, of course, work ethic. These are the folks we consider rock stars, and we want to reward them - the hardworking people who keep the lights on, water running, and air flowing—the next generation of skilled workers who will work smart and hard. To be eligible for this award, you must be enrolled or plan to enroll in one of the approved trade programs: Automotive Technology, Aviation Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Driver, Construction, Diesel Technology, Electrical Technology, Emergency Medical Technology, Farming & Agriculture, Fire Science & Technology, Heavy Equipment Operation, HVAC Machinery, Manufacturing, Marine Technology, Pipefitting, Plumbing and Welding. Apply online <https://www.mikeroweworks.org/scholarship/>.

Name: Army ROTC Scholarship**Amount: Full Tuition & Fees at participating universities****Deadline: 3 board deadlines each year (typically October, January and March)**

The Four-Year High School Scholarship is for high school students planning on attending a four-year college program. All who graduate and complete ROTC training are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The requirements include:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 17 years old
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have taken the ACT or SAT
- Meet physical standards
- Take current Army physical fitness test
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard

There are three separate board dates/deadlines during each year - typically October, January, and March. Visit <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html> for more information and specific dates. Some universities offer other incentives for Army ROTC scholarship recipients. Go here to review Missouri program details: <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/find-schools.mo-.results.html>.

Name: Evergy Scholarship**Amount: \$3,000****Deadline: October 2024**

A limited number of merit-based scholarships will be awarded annually to students completing Evergy's internship program. Strong consideration will be given to candidates living in an Evergy service area who are interested in a possible future career with us, especially students in the following degree fields: engineering, computer technology or other similar fields.

<https://www.evergy.com/careers/internships/scholarship-opportunities>

Name: AES Engineering**Amount: \$500****Deadline: October 2024**

AES offers scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. Scholarships are intended for future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. Students are not required to take engineering courses to be eligible for this scholarship. The student will submit an essay of 500-1,000 words in answer to the topic/question listed on the website. Essays must be submitted to the following email address: scholarships@aesengineers.com. There is no application packet and students must include their full name, name of high school, and plans for next year. The topic for the essay can be found online at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>.

Name: MASFAP Who's Making a Difference Scholarship (My Scholarship Central)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: October 2024**

The Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel (MASFAP) is offering a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship to a 2024 graduating senior who plans to attend a 2 or 4 year institution in Missouri in fall 2024. Applicants will write an essay describing a person in his/her life who is inspiring them to fulfill their post-secondary education dreams as well as answer supplemental questions (see website). To apply for this scholarship, students must complete the "general scholarship application" via Scholarship Central. Once the general scholarship application is submitted, students will select "opportunities" in the blue bar at the top of the page. Then select "recommended" and find the "MASFAP Who's Making A Difference Scholarship". Apply online at <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/>.

Name: Patrick L. Newman Mic-O-Say Scholarship**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: October 2024**

Any current Camp Geiger Tribesman of Mic-O-Say who is active in the program and registered with the Boy Scouts of America can apply for this scholarship. Must be planning to pursue a formal program of higher education. More information is available online at

<http://www.micosay.org/resource-center/scholarships>.

Name: Cotillion for Achievement (Local)**Amount: \$1,000-\$2,000****Deadline: October 2024**

Students attending school in Andrew and Buchanan county that demonstrate high academic achievements, involvement in school activities and community service, plus high moral and ethical standards should apply. An ACT or SAT score is required. If selected as a Cotillion finalist, students will need to attend "Adventures for Achievement" sessions, participate in the final interview, as well as

attend the Cotillion Ball in February (a formal event). Applications available in the fall from the Counseling Office.

Name: Heisman High School Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Deadline: October 2024

Students must have at least a "B" grade average (3.0 GPA), participate in at least one of the 48 eligible school-sponsored sports (see website for a list), be a leader in school/community and serve as a role model to underclassmen. Students nominate themselves by applying online. A counselor will review the student's information and make the final submission (you will need your counselor's email address). Winners are chosen at both the state and national levels. Application available online at

<https://heismanscholarship.com/>.

Name: Golden Door Scholars

Amount: Tuition plus room and board for up to 4 years

Deadline: October 2024

Applicants must have DACA, TPS, or be undocumented (meaning currently not have lawful status in the US). Applicants must not be eligible for in-state tuition or federal funding. Student must have a high GPA, take advanced/challenging high school courses, Be driven to excel and help others succeed, Has held leadership positions or be involved in the community, and be actively applying to a variety of scholarships. More information available online at <https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/>.

Name: Chick-fil-A Remarkable Futures scholarship

Amount: \$1,000-\$25,000

Deadline: October 2024

To be eligible, students must be an employee of one of the franchised, company-owned and/or affiliated restaurants at the time of application; Be recommended by an Operator, Interim Manager or Executive General Manager (depending on the Restaurant where the Team Member is employed), which should address the Team Member's professional achievement; Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent). Academic awards and recognition will be considered. Applicants are required to upload a transcript that displays their name, school name, classes taken, and GPA. Application online at <https://cfa.scholarsapply.org/>.

Name: VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000-30,000

Deadline: October 2024

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence. Students should record an original 3-5 minute essay on an audio CD or flash drive. The essay theme and more information including the official rules and judging criteria can be found on the VFW website:

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>.

Name: US Bank Student Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500-\$14,000

Deadline: October 2024

Get rewarded for learning about important topics like financing higher education, building a strong financial foundation and developing healthy habits. Simply register and complete short, free, online lessons for a chance to win up to \$14,000 in scholarships toward your education.

Name: Coca-Cola Scholars Program**Amount: \$20,000****Deadline: October 2024**

This is a merit-based program (minimum 3.0 GPA to apply). Students are evaluated on leadership, community and extracurricular activities; academic achievement and employment. The first application is a preliminary online application and does not require an essay or transcript. Students will be notified by mid-November if they are a semifinalist and will be asked to provide more documentation at that point. Applications are lengthy and available online at <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

Name: Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest**Amount: \$1,500****Deadline: October 2024**

Students must submit an essay about a specific topic shown on the website. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to apply. Essays must be submitted in English and the applicant does not need to be Hispanic to apply. Go here for more information: <http://alticeconnects.com/hhm>.

Name: Truth Impact Scholarship**Amount: \$1,000 - 5,000****Deadline: November 2024**

Tobacco and vaping pose a serious threat to social justice, mental health, and the environment. Advocating for change is no small feat, and we want to recognize and reward those putting in the work and making an impact in their communities. <https://www.thetruth.com/take-action/form/impactscholarship>

The Impact Scholarship is for people who are passionate about the issues facing our generation. If you are passionate about the environment, social justice, and/or mental health, add your voice to any of our current campaigns to amplify your impact and stay up-to-date with all things activism-related.

Name: John T. Belcher Scholarship Program (MO School Boards' Association)**Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500****Deadline: November 2024**

Central may only nominate one student and the SJSD Board of Education will make the final selection regarding the district winner. The district winner will move on to the next level of competition. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities, and the quality of an essay. The essay topic is on the application. More information and essay examples of last year's state winner are available to view online at <https://www.mosba.org/future-builders/#scholarships>.

Name: University of Arkansas - New Arkansas Non-Resident Tuition Award (NRTA) Scholarship**Amount: \$11,775-\$15,000****Deadline: November 2024**

Entering freshmen with a 3.60 or higher cumulative GPA will receive a New Arkansan NRTA that pays **90%** of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. Entering freshmen with a 3.40 or higher cumulative GPA will receive a New Arkansan NRTA that pays **80%** of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. Entering freshmen with a 3.20 or higher cumulative GPA will receive a New Arkansan NRTA that pays **70%** of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. Students can continue to improve grade point averages and/or test scores after admission. Qualifying GPA/test scores must be earned prior to the student's first day of classes at the University of Arkansas. Apply online for

admissions at <http://www.uark.edu/admissions/index.php> by November 1st in order to be considered for the November 15th priority scholarship deadline. Students are not required to complete a separate online scholarship application for the NRTA.

Name: University of Arkansas New Freshman Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: November 2024

Complete an admissions application, submit transcripts, and send test scores to the office of admissions by November 1st. Within 48 hours of application submission, the scholarship application will be available in the "New Student Center". More information available online at <https://scholarships.uark.edu/>.

Name: Prudential Emerging Visionaries

Amount: up to \$15,000

Deadline: November 2024

This program accepts applications from young leaders ages 14-18 who are bringing powerful vision and real change to their communities. The program supports young people across the country who are making changes that focus on two categories: solutions to financial barriers and solutions to social issues. Entries will be evaluated on the following criteria: Innovation, Potential to Scale, Connection, and Changemaker Quality. More information and application available online: <https://www.prudential.com/links/about/emergingvisionaries>.

Name: Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards

Amount: Up to \$4,000

Deadline: November 2024

The Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Education, Engineering, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, Sports & Fitness and Technology. Applicants must 1) be currently enrolled in high school and graduating in the spring of 2024; 2) must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale; 3) must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2024-2025; 4) be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines); 5) Be a U.S. permanent resident, U.S. citizen, or qualify under the DACA. Letter of recommendation, transcript and essay responses are required. Apply online at <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>.

Name: Elks Scholarship - "Most Valuable Student"

Amount: \$1,000-30,000

Deadline: November 2024

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. To be eligible, students must be current high school seniors. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. Note: there are some local Elks lodges (specifically Cameron and Maryville) that award scholarships based on this application also! More information and the application available online: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

Name: Wichita State University Freshman Merit Scholarships**Amount: Varies****Deadline: November 2024**

Incoming, domestic, high school seniors planning to attend WSU the semester immediately following high school graduation must be a degree-bound student with: a completed 6th semester transcript and ACT / SAT test scores. Students will be evaluated based on a composite of the following: High School GPA (unweighted) and National Test Score (ACT / SAT). Awarding begins in September for the following academic year and will continue until available funding is exhausted. Admission Priority Date is December 1 so plan to apply to Wichita State by November 15th to be eligible for consideration. More information available online at

https://www.wichita.edu/administration/financial_aid/scholarships/merit/Freshmen_merit.php.

Name: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship**Amount: up to \$55,000****Deadline: November 2024**

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. Applicants must 1. plan to graduate from a US high school in spring 2024, 2. intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2024; 3. have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above; 4. demonstrate significant unmet financial need.

Applicants with family annual gross income up to \$95,000 will be considered. For more information and the application go online at <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>. You will submit your application via the Common Application online.

Name: NHS (National Honor Society) Scholarship Program**Amount: \$3,200-25,000****Deadline: November 2024**

High school seniors who are National Honor Society members in good standing of an affiliated NHS chapter are eligible to apply. Students must first create a student account online at <https://www.nhs.us/create-an-account/> and then the NHS adviser must verify the account before the student can begin the application. There are three components to the application: NHS student application, NHS adviser application, and one recommendation form. More information available online at <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship/>.

Name: Hagan Scholarship Foundation**Amount: up to \$48,000****Deadline: December 2024 (there is also a secondary March deadline)**

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides up to \$6,000 each semester, for up to 8 consecutive semesters

Here are the eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
2. Must attend a traditional public high school located in the U.S. that is governed by a school district.
3. Must have achieved a 3.50 Cumulative Grade Point Average.
4. Must enroll at an Eligible Four-Year College or University the first semester following high school graduation.
5. Must maintain a four year or less graduation schedule in college.

6. Must work 240 hours each year, from January 1 until commencement of the fall semester in college. Must be regularly scheduled work performed under supervision for compensation.
7. Applicant's Gross Household Income reported for 2021 Federal Income Tax Purposes must have been less than \$85,000. "Household Income" is defined as the total gross income received by all members of a household living under the same roof.
8. Must complete the FAFSA and provide the EFC.
9. Must apply for Federal and State grants if eligible.
10. Must not have a felony conviction.

Go online for application and more information: <https://haganscholarships.org/>.

Name: University of Kansas (KU) Freshman Merit Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: December 2024

Students must complete the KU admissions application before the December 1st deadline in order to be considered for scholarships. Go online to <https://admissions.ku.edu/afford/scholarships> for more information.

Name: University of Missouri (Columbia) Freshman Automatic/Competitive Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Due: December 2024

The University of Missouri offers several scholarships for which students are considered automatically when they are admitted to MU. Other MU scholarships require the students to apply using ScholarshipUniverse which can be accessed via the Application Status Page (after submitting an application for admission). Students must be accepted to the university and complete the online scholarship application by December 1st. **Applying for admission by November 15th ensures students can complete the online scholarship application.** Instructions and additional information can be found online at <https://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships/>.

Name: University of Missouri (Columbia) Mizzou Scholars Award

Amount: \$11,000

Deadline: December 2024

Students must have at least 33 ACT and a strong academic record. Applicants must submit a resume and essay (topic provided) online by December 1st. A committee will review completed applications and make the final selections based upon credentials and supplementary materials. Approximately 30 scholarships will be awarded. More information is online at <https://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships/#competitive>.

Name: University of Missouri (Columbia) Alumni Association

Amount: Varies

Deadline: December 2024

Your parents DO NOT have to be alumni of MU to apply. Students must have a 26 ACT (or core GPA of 3.44) and have been accepted to MU. Applications will only be accepted through ScholarshipUniverse. Complete the application tied to the applicable scholarships called "Mizzou Alumni Application (Incoming Students)." You must first apply for admission to the university (by November 15) and receive your MyZou login information. More information available online at <https://www.mizzou.com/s/1002/alumni/19/interior.aspx?sid=1002&gid=1001&pgid=10326>.

Name: Kansas State University (K-State) Freshman Scholarships**Amount: Varies****Deadline: December 2024**

Students must complete the K-State admissions and scholarship application before the December 1st deadline in order to be considered for competitive scholarships (Presidential Scholarship, etc.). Go online to <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa/scholarships/> for more information about the various scholarships and to access the applications.

Name: Missouri State University Presidential Scholarship**Amount: \$15,000 (\$7,000 for tuition and \$8,000 for on-campus housing)****Deadline: December 2024**

Missouri State University offers this scholarship to students who have a 3.90 GPA (on 4.0 scale) and a minimum of a 31 on the ACT taken on or before the October test (SAT of 1390). Finalists are selected through an on-campus interview process. Apply for admissions and the scholarship by the deadline. The application is two parts: 1 - Address, contact and academic information, as well as a list of organizations and activities participated in and awards and honors received; 2 - An essay consisting of a personal profile describing interests, academic goals and career plans. Complete the online application at <https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/PresidentialApp.htm>.

Name: Truman State Freshman Competitive Scholarships**Amount: Varies****Deadline: December 2024**

Students wishing to be considered for all scholarships and financial aid programs are strongly encouraged to apply for admission and submit an activities list and essay by **December 1**. Truman has no separate scholarship application, unless otherwise noted. The materials submitted with the admission application are reviewed in the competitive scholarship selection process. More information is available online at <http://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/cost-aid/scholarships/>.

Name: Missouri S&T Chancellor's Scholarship**Amount: \$13,000****Deadline: December 2024**

Highly competitive scholarship awarded to 20 students and is renewable with a 3.0 GPA. Eligibility for this scholarship is met by the following criteria: 1.) Must have a GPA of 3.75 after six semesters; 2.) Must take the ACT (or SAT) by December 1st and receive a superscore of 31 or better. (See website for SAT information.); 3.) Be a resident of Missouri; 4.) Be a US Citizen or US Permanent Resident. Must apply for admission online (<http://apply.mst.edu>) and submit an official transcript (no later than November 14th). The scholarship application is only available online and cannot be completed until your paperwork for admissions is received and the student has set up their S&T student account. Applicants must also submit a 750-word essay (topic provided) and should follow the instructions. Finalists for the scholarship will be invited to visit campus in January for an interview. Apply online for this scholarship at <http://sfa.mst.edu/chancellors/>.

Name: Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**Amount: \$1,000-10,000****Due: December 2024**

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were founded in 1923 and, for nearly a century, have inspired bold ideas in creative teens throughout the country. Receive scholarships, cash awards, or tuition assistance by participating in the Awards. Entry fees are \$10 per individual entry and \$30 per portfolio. If the entry

fee is a barrier to your participation in the Awards, you can submit a Fee Waiver Form. Go to the website for more information: <https://www.artandwriting.org/scholarships/>.

Name: Wellroot Family Services Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000-4,000

Deadline: December 2024

To apply, students must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States for the entire 2024-2025 academic year. For most awards, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). Applicants must upload a transcript and one online recommendation form must be completed on behalf of the applicant also. For more information, go online to: <https://wellroot.org/scholarships/>.

Name: Burger King Scholars

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 2024

Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be involved in community and school activities, and plan to enroll at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applicant does not have to be an employee of Burger King to apply. High school transcript must be uploaded to your online application. ***Request your transcript online from the CHS Counseling Office website and indicate it is for the Burger King Scholarship - include your SCHOOL email address.*** Application and more information is available online at <http://bk-scholars.com>.

Name: Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) Scholarships

Amount: \$500-2000

Deadline: December 2024

Applicants must rank in the top 10% of their class, must be a United States citizen, a Missouri resident and attend a Missouri university/college EXCEPT for the Roberta Casteel Capps Scholarship whose recipients may attend the university/college of their choice. A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship.

- MSSDAR SCHOLARSHIP: A one-time preferred amount of \$2,000.00 awarded to a student pursuing a degree of his/her choice.
- IRENE AND LEETA WAGY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A one-time preferred amount of \$1,000.000 awarded to a WOMAN pursuing a degree in education.
- DOROTHY POIKERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A one-time preferred amount of \$500.00 awarded to a student pursuing a degree in business.
- ROBERTA CASTEEL CAPPS AMERICAN HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP: A one-time preferred amount of \$1,000.00 awarded to a student who will have a concentrated study of a minimum of twenty-four credit hours in American History and Government while in college. This scholarship is available to seniors in high school through juniors in college.

Students must submit:

- 1) Scholarship Application
- 2) Statement of 600 words or less setting forth his/her career objectives (typed)
- 3) Original transcript of high school grades which must also indicate class rank, size, GPA and test scores
- 4) Four letters of recommendation from the school now attending - one from a principal or counselor, two teachers, and one outside source. The letters should cover the applicant's ability, work habits, integrity, character, potential and volunteer activities.

5) List of extracurricular activities, honors received, and scholarship achievements (one side of 8 1/2" by 11" paper)

6) Photocopy of United States citizenship: birth certificate, naturalization papers, or information page from U.S. Passport. Cover your photograph if you are submitting a copy of naturalization or passport pages

7) Financial Need Form (when called for by a specific scholarship)

The forms and additional information are found online: <http://mssdar.org/state-scholarships/>.

Name: Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program

Amount: \$2,500-20,000

Deadline: December 2024 (or the first 10,000 applicants - whichever comes first)

Equitable Excellence award applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico; Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by Fall 2025; Be willing to provide a release to publicize their identities and information about their achievements along with photographs for use in program promotion and information. The Equitable Foundation has a renewed focus to recognize students who show potential by demonstrating the qualities of leadership, determination and resilience as critical enablers of their future success. Students will be asked to upload a transcript and select one online recommender. More information and application available online: <https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship>

Name: AGC of Missouri Education Foundation Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000-3,000

Deadline: December 2024

Applicants MUST desire a career in the construction industry upon graduation. This program provides scholarships to high school seniors entering construction related programs in 2 or 4 year schools, tech schools, or apprenticeship programs. Eligibility is not limited to students pursuing technical degrees. Applicants must complete the correct application for their program on the Kaleidoscope scholarship management platform for the AGC of Missouri Education Foundation, provide official high school or college or program transcripts, provide two letters of recommendation, complete an essay on their desire to work in the construction industry and be willing to submit to a personal interview. To access the application, click on the link below, set up an account, and complete the application by the deadline: https://www.agcmo.org/WCM/Workforce%20Development/AGCMO_Education_Foundation/Scholarship_Opportunities/WCM/Nav_Items/Education_Workforce/Scholarship_Opportunities.aspx?hkey=31edf5dc-b052-450e-a0bc-fd55583b5f29.

Name: FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) Free Speech Essay Contest

Amount: \$500-10,000

Deadline: December 2024

Open to juniors and seniors in U.S. high schools, including home-schooled students, as well as U.S. citizens attending high school overseas. Students must submit an essay between 700 and 900 words on the provided topic, which can be found on the website. More information and application online: <https://www.thefire.org/resources/high-school-network/essay-contest/>.

Name: Ron Brown Scholar Program**Amount: \$10,000****Deadline: December 2024**

African-American students who excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, make an impact on their communities, and demonstrate financial need. The scholarship may be used at any four-year college or university and is not limited to particular academic disciplines. Applicants need to complete two essays (500 words or less) and provide two (2) references (one must be from someone at school). More information available online at <https://www.ronbrown.org>.

Name: Kelly Lynn Lutz Scholarship**Amount: \$2,000 (renewable)****Deadline: December 2024**

For students who have lost a parent to cancer. Students who apply must 1. be a US Citizen and live in MO or KS, 2. attend a 2 or 4-year college, 3. have an interest in education, arts, environment, math or science, 4. show involvement in the community, church, school or other non-curricular activity, and 5. indicate financial need. Along with the application, applicants must submit a personal essay, one reference, a copy of the parent's death certificate, and a family photo that includes the deceased parent. More information and application available online at <http://kllscholarshipfund.org>.

Name: UMSL (University of Missouri-St. Louis) Freshmen Competitive Scholarship**Amount: Varies****Deadline: January 2025**

The University of Missouri - St. Louis offers several scholarships for which students are considered automatically when they are admitted to UMSL. Other scholarships require students to submit an online scholarship application. The link to the scholarship application can be found on this page <http://www.umsl.edu/services/finaid/scholarships/apply.html>.

Name: Danforth Scholars Program (Washington University)**Amount: Full and Half-Tuition awards****Amount: January 2025**

This program is open to prospective undergraduate students applying to Washington University. Students must apply for admission for the class of 2028 and submit essay responses via the Common or Coalition Application. More information available online at <https://students.wustl.edu/danforth-scholars-program/>.

Name: GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program**Amount: \$10,000****Deadline: January 2025**

This program acknowledges and rewards America's foremost young leaders who demonstrate the leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship exhibited by President Reagan throughout his life. Applicants must: 1. demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community, the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship; 2. demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent); 3. be citizens of the United States of America; 4. be a current high school senior attending high school in the United States; and 5. 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 United States for the upcoming academic year. More information and application available online at

<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

Name: SevenDays® Make a Ripple, Change the World Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Due: January 2025

SevenDays® believes the youth of our community have the power to make the world a better place through projects that promote ongoing kindness. Does your kindness project make ripples in the community? Does it encourage others to gain knowledge, change their mindset and have more kind behaviors? How is it continuing kindness once you have completed the project? We challenge you to be a force for good. SevenDays® has seven themes: Love, Discover, Others, Connect, You, Go, and Onward. We are looking for high school seniors who will take one or more of these seven themes and apply them to a lasting project that will start a ripple to change the world. To apply, you must write an essay explaining your kindness project. This is a project that you conceived and led. We not only want to know what you did, but how it impacted you and your community, i.e. what ripples it is continuing to make. More information online: <https://sevendays.org/get-involved/for-students/kindness-action-competition>.

Name: Earl Collins Foundation (Kiwanis International) Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: January 2025

Students need to meet one of the following requirements: 3.00 GPA OR rank in the top 35% of graduating class. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, volunteerism, honors, educational objective, letters of recommendation, and financial need. You get bonus points if you are a Key Club member or have a Kiwanis family member (you do not have to be a Kiwanis member to apply). Along with the application, you need evidence of your ACT/SAT scores, transcripts, extracurricular activities list (community, school, etc.) and a statement not to exceed one page in length of your educational plans and goals. Two letters of recommendation are needed.

Name: Taco Bell Live Mas

Amount: \$5,000-25,000

Deadline: January 2025

Students must be ages 16-26 to apply. No grades, test scores, or essays are required. Students must submit a video of 2 minutes or less in length that addresses specific questions.

<https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>

Name: Nash Music Scholarship (MSSDAR)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: January 2025

This scholarship is sponsored by the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is available to any boy/girl who has at least a 3.0 GPA and is pursuing a degree in music. The applicant must submit a DVD or a CD of three (3) selections, from one of their performances, for music professionals to judge.

The following documentation must be submitted:

1) Scholarship Application; 2) Financial need form (provided); 3) A statement of 600 words or less; 4) Transcript; 5) Activity list (maximum of 2 pages); 6) Four (4) letters of recommendation from faculty at Central; 7) A photocopy of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, passport, etc.); 8) CD/DVD of a performance

Please follow the instructions on the application carefully. More info and the application available online at <https://mssdar.org/mssdar-scholarships/>.

Name: Jackie Robinson Foundation

Amount: up to \$35,000 over 4 years

Deadline: January 2025

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

To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating, minority high school senior
- Be a United States citizen
- Present evidence of financial need
- Demonstrate a record of academic excellence
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service
- Submit an official SAT and/or ACT test exam score from junior or senior year*
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college within the United States or affiliated with a United States-based college or university
- Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college.

The online Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship application includes: one recommendation, demographics, high school information including an unofficial high school transcript, college plans, test scores (AP, IB, PSAT, ACT, or SAT), activities and distinctions, household information, and four essays. More information and application available online at <https://jackierobinson.org/apply/>.

Name: DECA's Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000-5,000

Deadline: January 2025

DECA's scholarship program provides over \$200,000 in scholarships to high school and college DECA members at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) each year. DECA Inc. administers the program based on guidelines set by the donor. DECA scholarships are strictly merit-based. See applications for eligibility requirements. <https://www.deca.org/scholarships>

Name: National FFA Organization

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

Scholarships support FFA high school seniors and collegiate members as well as non-FFA students. Just one application is required for multiple scholarship opportunities totaling close to \$2 million. The scholarship application must be submitted online. More information and application available online at <https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/>.

Name: John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Amount: \$100-\$10,000

Deadline: January 2025

This essay contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools. The essay topic and requirements are found on the website. All students must list the name of their nominating teacher on the registration form. The role of a nominating teacher is to provide students with support and advice during the writing of their essay.

Nominating teachers can be former or current teachers, but must still be teaching at the same high school as the essay participant. Usually students ask their English or History/Social Studies teachers. Go online for more information:

<https://www.ifklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/getting-started>.

Name: United States JCI Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: January 2025

Each year \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually will be at the discretion of the United States JCI Senate Foundation. They must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. The application must be typed and include a transcript, 3 letters of recommendation, and a personal statement (up to 500 words). The application has very specific details so please pay close attention. More information available online at <https://www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program>.

Name: UMKC Automatic & Competitive Freshmen Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

There is no separate application for automatic scholarships. Incoming freshmen admitted by January 15 will be considered for automatic scholarships. Eligibility requirements, deadlines, and applications for competitive scholarships can be found online at <http://finaid.umkc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>.

Name: Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

Foundation scholarships are awarded on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 words. The general awards are **unrestricted** as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average and financial need. It is **NOT** necessary that the applicant be a member of Mensa. Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited educational institution for the **2024-2025** school year. Do not use identifying information in the essay (name, address, etc). Apply online at <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>.

Name: GP M.A.D.E. Scholarship (My Scholarship Central)

Amount: \$2,000/year (renewable)

Deadline: January 2025

To be eligible for a scholarship, an individual must show a need in one of the three Foundation eligibility criteria: 1) a financial need, 2) possess the motivation to succeed, 3) be of good character. The applicant must be under the age of 20 and a Missouri resident. The scholarship must be used in the state of Missouri for a higher education program, at a trade school, or at a university. Applicants should apply via the My Scholarship Central website.

Name: Gilbert Balderrama Minority Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

This scholarship is sponsored by the Missouri NEA. Applicants must be a minority high school senior in a Missouri public school accepted in a college or university pursuing a college degree. In addition to

application, you must submit an activity list, two letters of recommendation, essay, and transcript. More information is available online <https://www.mnea.org/GBMS>.

Name: Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

Amount: \$10,000 (renewable)

Deadline: January 2025

This scholarship is for future engineers planning to earn a bachelor's degree in a computer science related field of study (see FAQ section for a listing of related majors) from an accredited 4-year college or from a 2-year college intending to transfer to a 4-year college. This opportunity is offered to support students with a notable need for financial assistance. Applicants must have at least a 2.3 (on 4.0 scale) GPA and be classified as one of the following: United States citizen, United States permanent resident, or Employment Authorized to work in the United States. More information and application available online: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/amazonfutureengineer/>.

Name: College Covered Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: January 2025

One winner will be chosen every month. Applicants only need to complete the online application once and can be considered for this scholarship throughout the entire sweepstakes, which runs until January 31, 2025. Application online at www.collegecovered.com.

Name: LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Scholarships

Amount: \$1,250-\$5,000

Deadline: January 2025

Scholarships are open to female graduating high school seniors who played golf in high school. There are scholarships for students who are planning on playing collegiate golf and for students not planning on playing collegiate golf. In addition to general scholarships, there are scholarships open to minority female students. The LPGA has multiple scholarship opportunities. The application is completed and submitted online. The application, transcript, autobiographical essay, and 2-3 letters of recommendation are required. Go here for more information: <https://www.lpga.com/lpga-foundation/scholarships>.

Name: Union Plus Scholarship Program

Amount: \$500-4,000

Deadline: January 2025

Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children can apply for a Union Plus Scholarship. Must be in a one-year continuous good standing union membership (satisfied by May 31, 2025) with a union participating in any Union Plus Program. A 3.0 GPA is recommended and the required essays are a very important part of the application. A list of eligible unions is found within the scholarship application. Application available online at <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/money/union-plus-scholarships>.

Name: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

The Daughters of the American Revolution society (DAR) offers multiple scholarships available for deserving students with certain majors and criteria. Applicants must be prepared to submit the following information with the application: personal statement of 1,000 words or less, high school transcript, one page activity list, and a photocopy of U.S. Citizenship. You will be asked to provide contact information

for at least two people to serve as a reference for you. Specific scholarship information available online at <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info>. Apply online here: <https://dar.academicworks.com/>.

Name: National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school and, if not selected, may re-apply through their junior year in college. Must be a NESA member to receive a scholarship. Applications for all scholarships are available online at <https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/scholarships/>.

Name: Missouri National Education Association Educators Rising Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: January 2025

This scholarship is established to encourage and support high school students wishing to become teachers. Applicants must be Missouri high-school seniors planning to attend a college with an education or pre-education program to pursue a career in teaching, and a member of the Educator Rising Association. Applicants must be in the top 20 percent of their class, and if 18, be a registered voter. More information can be found online: <https://www.mnea.org/edrising>.

Name: Missouri Conservation Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: January 2025

Multiple scholarships available from Soil and Water Conservation Society with various due dates. Please check the website for specifics. <http://www.moswcs.org/scholarship-and-awards/>

Name: Epsilon Sigma Alpha Scholarships and Grants (ESA Foundation)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

The ESA Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and continues to award numerous scholarships annually. You do not have to be an ESA member to apply for a scholarship, and our application process is 100% online. There is no fee to create an account and begin searching for scholarships. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for each scholarship for which you apply, although one current transcript may be submitted to cover all of your applications.

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>

Name: Missouri Western State University (MWSU) Freshmen Competitive Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

To apply for MWSU competitive scholarships, students must complete the General Scholarship Application by February 1. Please note there is only one general scholarship application for all competitive scholarships. Additional applications are typically required for scholarships offered by the Department of Music. This application also includes the William C. Vincent (\$3200) scholarship.

<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/finaid/scholarship-opportunities/>

Name: Missouri Western State University PLTW (Project Lead the Way) scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

Three \$500 one-time competitive scholarships are available in each of the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, and Engineering Technology. Applicant must graduate from a certified PLTW high school and complete a minimum of two PLTW courses. Applicant must have an overall high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicant must apply and be admitted to Missouri Western State University. Applicant must enroll in at least 12 credit hours. <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/pltw/>

Name: Northwest Missouri State University Freshman Competitive Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

To be considered for all of the general and departmental scholarships, you only have to complete one scholarship application through your CatPAWS account. Students will be asked to provide activities they have participated in, honors they have received, positions they have held, provide short answers, and upload attachments (resumes, transcripts, etc.). Must be accepted to the university in order to receive scholarships. More information is available online at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid/standardapp.htm>.

Name: William C. Vincent Scholarship - for future MU Students (Local)

Amount: \$9,000

Deadline: February 2025

This scholarship was established by the William C. Vincent family in order to provide scholarship awards to students from St. Joseph, MO who are planning to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia. High school applicants must have a minimum ACT score of 20. This scholarship is not necessarily based on financial need. First preference will be for seniors at Central High School who will be business majors planning to enroll at MU. Second preference will be for seniors at Central High School who are majoring in any field and planning to enroll at MU. Submit the following documents to the Counseling Office: 1. completed application; 2. essay; 3. financial aid award letter from MU. Application available from the Counseling Office in the fall.

Name: University of Central Missouri (UCM) Foundation Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

Future UCM students must complete the UCM Scholarship Finder application online. More information available online at <https://www.ucmo.edu/future-students/tuition-costs-and-financial-aid/financing-your-education/scholarships/index.php>. (You can still apply after February 1, 2025, as some scholarships will still be awarded after that date.)

Name: James L. & Nellie M. Westlake Scholarship

Amount: Covers cost of tuition + \$2,000 for additional fees

Deadline: February 2025

Applicants must: 1) Be Missouri residents; 2) Be graduating seniors at Missouri high schools who plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the entire upcoming academic year at an accredited four-year college or university, OR Be students who have completed one or two full years at a Missouri community college with sufficient credits to transfer to an accredited four-year college or university at the sophomore or junior level, respectively. 3) Demonstrate limited financial resources with a family

adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less and an expected family contribution toward college of \$7,000 or less. 4) Have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale except community college applicants with one year transferable credits must have 2.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students will be required to upload a transcript and the first two pages of the most recently filed IRS Form 1040 used for the Financial Information page. One online recommendation form must also be completed on behalf of the student. Application and more information online at <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/westlake/>.

Name: Missouri State University Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000-2,500

Deadline: February 2025

Missouri State University offers this scholarship to students who either rank in the top 50% or their class (or have 3.0/4.0 GPA) combined with an ACT score of 20. A successful applicant will excel in three of four areas of involvement: Leadership, Volunteerism, Performing Arts and Athletics. More information and application available online at <https://www.missouristate.edu/secure/financialaid/CentennialApp.htm>.

Name: Missouri State University Inclusive Excellence Scholarship

Amount: \$4,000 (plus \$1,000 for on-campus housing)

Deadline: February 2025

Missouri State offers this scholarship to students who have demonstrated commitment to the promotion of diversity and inclusion. Applicants must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Historically underrepresented group
- Low socioeconomic status
- First-generation student (i.e. neither of your parent(s)/guardian(s) has a bachelor's degree)

Your academic performance and your record of school and community service will also be considered. Applicants must have submitted an application for admissions, required test scores and transcript, and the FAFSA by February 1st. More information and application available online at <https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/InclusiveExcellenceApp.htm>.

Note: the priority deadline is December 1st, but students can apply up until the final deadline of February 1st.

Name: K-State Scholarship Network (KSN)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

The K-State Scholarship Network (KSN) is an online application portal that will connect students to additional scholarship opportunities. Students will create a profile in the system that will help match them to specific scholarship opportunities provided by K-State donors and offered through university departments, potentially including your own academic college and/or department. Apply online: <https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/scholarships-aid/scholarships/ksn/>.

Name: Project 21 Scholarship (Missouri Gaming Association)

Amount: \$1,500-2,500

Deadline: February 2025

The Project 21 Scholarship Program provides students an opportunity to disseminate their message by writing an article or creating a poster or video addressing the issue of underage gambling. See the application packet for details on what is to be included in the article, poster, or video. More information available online at <https://www.missouricasinos.org/>.

Name: Masonic Scholarship Fund**Amount: \$1,000-13,000 (renewable)****Deadline: February 2025**

Three scholarships are offered through the Masonic Scholarship Fund. Applicants must have at least 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT of 18. Along with the application, students need to submit a typed essay, activity list, community/volunteer activities, and short list of extenuating circumstances (if applicable).

The three scholarships and their specific criteria are as follows:

1. Masonic Merit Scholarship - A \$1,000/year scholarship available to students in any degree program.
2. Ruth Lutes Bachmann Scholarship - A \$1,000/year scholarship for students seeking a degree in the education or healthcare fields.
3. Samuel Smith Stewart Masonic Scholarship - An \$13,000/year scholarship available to students in any degree program.

One application is used for all three scholarships. More information available online at

<http://momason.org/scholarships/>.

Name: Masonic Scholarship Fund (Community College)**Amount: \$1,000 (renewable)****Deadline: February 2025**

This scholarship is intended for students who plan to attend a community college in the state of Missouri. Applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale and minimum ACT score of 17. Along with the application, students need to submit a typed essay, activity list, community/volunteer activities, and short list of extenuating circumstances (if applicable). More information available online at <http://momason.org/scholarships/>.

Name: McDonald's HACER Scholarship**Amount: Up to \$25,000****Deadline: February 2025**

Eligibility requirements: be a high school senior; be a legal U.S. resident; be younger than 21 years old; carry a minimum 2.8 GPA; eligible to attend a two- or four-year college or university with a full-time course of study; disclose other scholarship programs that you've applied for; enroll and attend an accredited institution in the academic year after your selection (verification needed, as scholarship funds are paid directly to the schools); have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage.

The scholarship recipients are selected based on: academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, personal qualities and strengths as portrayed in a personal interview, either in-person or by phone. No essay is needed. The only other requirements are these documents: transcript, personal statement, letter of recommendation to be submitted online, list of community service projects, FAFSA report and/or 1040s. Go here for more information:

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer/eligibility-and-requirements.html>

Name: Calla Varner Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$800 (renewable)

Due: February 2025

St. Joseph students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and an ACT score of at least 20. Student must show some financial need. Submit a completed application and an essay explaining your need for this scholarship. Application available from the Counseling Office in the late fall.

Name: Missouri PTA Teacher Education Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (Renewable)

Deadline: February 2025

Students must be planning to pursue a degree in education, demonstrate good character and personality, have above average scholastic ability and show financial need. **Students must attend a school in Missouri and work in a MO public school after earning a degree or repay the money.** CHS may only nominate one student. Three letters of reference are required with the application. More information available online at <https://mopta.org/accordion-slider/scholarships/>.

Name: Dr. Darrell "Jack" Holley/MUSIC Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: February 2025

Central High School can submit one application to the Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC) organization. All applications must be typed/printed. No handwritten applications will be considered. Application packet should include a letter of recommendation from a district administrator, counselor or teacher (submit only one letter).

Name: George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Scholarship (National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution)

Amount: \$500 - \$6,000

Deadline: February 2025

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range.
<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>

Name: Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$500-\$5000

Deadline: February 2025

The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a university degree. Eligibility requirements: Must be of Hispanic heritage; minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for high school students; plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the US, for the 2024-2025 academic year; be a US Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); and complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application (if applicable). The application is found online at <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>.

Name: MFA Foundation

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: February 2025

This scholarship will be selected by a local scholarship committee based on the following: 1) the applicant's interest in pursuing an education in studies relating to agriculture or other fields of study that benefit rural life; 2) participation and leadership in school, church, and community activities; 3) reputation for good citizenship and moral character; 4) financial need; and 5) satisfactory academic progress. Go here for more information: <http://www.mfafoundation.com/>.

Name: Scholarships for Military Children Program

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: February 2025

Only students with valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) cards may apply for a scholarship. In addition, a student's parent(s) must be one of the following: active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force.

Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program. High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis). College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.

Applicants or sponsors do not need to live at an installation with a commissary – simply select the commissary where you shop or the one nearest to you. More information online:

<https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>.

Name: Grow Your Own Teachers (local)

Amount: \$4,000 per year

Deadline: February 2025

We are excited to share a new program we have developed to assist our students and staff who want to become certified teachers! This program, called Grow Your Own, will help us identify and recruit promising future educators. Once admitted to the program, participants will receive up to \$4,000 annually from the district for up to four years to assist with the costs of obtaining teaching certification at an approved college or university. Participants will receive this financial assistance in return for a commitment to teach in the St. Joseph School District for at least one year for every year of financial assistance.

Name: NIAAA Student Athlete Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500-2,500

Deadline: February 2025

Applicants must be a senior in high school, must have achieved at least one of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1100 (Math and Reading). Applicants must have participated in two sports for at least two years in each sport and have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports. Must complete attached scholar/essay application and **must submit a letter of recommendation from the high school athletic administrator/director.**

Name: Missouri Hometown Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: February 2025

Missouri Hometown Mutual Insurance Company will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to an area graduating senior. Applicants must be attending a college/university or technical school in the state of Missouri to receive the award.

Name: College Board Opportunity Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$40,000

Deadline: February 2025

This scholarship is open to all class of 2025 students who attend high school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories. There is no citizenship requirement. This program is open to students regardless of their family income. There are various scholarship deadlines from July 2024 through the end of February 2025, so log into the website soon to be eligible for more scholarship opportunities. Go to the website for more information: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>.

Name: Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants (MOCPA) Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: February 2025

This scholarship is for seniors planning to pursue an accounting degree at a college in Missouri. Scholarships will be awarded based on a point system, rating their GPA, educator recommendation, leadership potential (activities and honors), and essay. In addition, ACT/SAT score is factored in for high school seniors. Must be a member of the Missouri Society of CPAs (high school membership is free). If you are not currently a member you can go online to sign up for a membership. Applicants must also be recommended by a teacher or school administrator - there is an online recommendation form that must be submitted. Apply online at <https://www.mocpa.org/become-a-cpa/student/scholarships>.

Name: Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: February 2025

The Missouri Bankers Foundation Scholarship Program is designed for graduating Missouri high school seniors who plan to pursue college studies in banking-related degree programs. These one-time \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to seven Missouri high school students per year for first semester college tuition, books and fees. More information online at <https://www.mobankers.com/MBA/AboutMBA/MissouriBankersFoundation/Scholarships.aspx>.

Name: Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

Amount: \$1,000-10,000

Deadline: February 2025

Students must major in engineering or a related science such as math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, computer science, etc.; meet GPA and ACT/SAT requirements and submit supporting information. There are many scholarships that are offered through this organization; therefore students may have more than one scholarship application to complete based on what they are eligible for. Transcript must be uploaded via the online application. More information as well as a list of scholarships available can be found online at <https://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships>.

Name: Brandon Charles Fauntleroy-McDowel Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: February 2025

The Omicron Xi Lambda Educational Foundation is a community service organization that is dedicated to providing programs and services of a charitable and educational nature to promote the development of the Grandview, Missouri community and the Greater Kansas City area.

In order to be eligible for receiving the BCFM scholarship, the recipient must be a male graduating senior from a high school in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be accepted to an accredited university or college within the United States.

The following scholarships can only be applied for via Scholar Link, an online application portal for approximately 40 of Central's local scholarships. Students will complete ONE online application and will upload a 7th-semester transcript, letter(s) of recommendation, activity list, and any other supporting documentation required. The portal typically opens January 15 and closes on March 1 of each year.

Name: Arthur & Anna McGlothlan Scholarship Trust Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: March 2025

St. Joseph student who plans on attending a college operated under the auspices of or closely related to some established church. Children of US Bank employees are NOT ELIGIBLE for this scholarship. GPA of 2.5 is required.

Name: Awalt & Helen Steffen Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating St. Joseph School District student from each high school to attend a college or university of his/her choice. The scholarship is open to all students with a 3.0 or better GPA. Applicants are required to write a one-page essay and submit an activity list. To apply for this scholarship, complete the application form and attach a one-page essay about how you have had an impact on your community while attending high school.

Name: Betty Knepper Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$200

Deadline: March 2025

Established by Dr. Paul A. Knepper in memory of his mother, Betty Knepper. Student must be a graduating senior of a public St. Joseph high school who will be majoring in a medical field. Applicants must have a 20 ACT composite or higher, rank in the upper 25% of their class, and be majoring in a medical field. The local scholarship cover sheet needs to be attached to this scholarship.

Name: Bill Tarpley Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$300-500 (depending on funding)

Deadline: March 2025

Must be a graduating senior of the St. Joseph School District who is especially disadvantaged or has a disability. The student should have some financial need.

Name: Bob Fitzsimmons Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

Bob, a 1958 CHS graduate, set up a scholarship to be given to a senior who wants to continue their education at a 2 or 4-year college or vocational-tech school. To be eligible, applicant must rank in the top 1/3 of his/her graduating class. To apply a student must submit the following: 1 letter of recommendation, activities list, 500-word essay describing future goals and why he/she is deserving of the scholarship, financial aid award letter, and a 200 word essay on 1 of the 3 questions found on the application.

Name: Cecile Steven Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$750-1,000

Deadline: March 2025

Students must reside in Buchanan or Andrew County, be active in school and community activities, and have an ACT score of 18. Students attending a Trade School must have a 2.5 GPA and those attending a college/university must have a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must show EXTREME financial need - tax forms 1040 for both applicant (if available) and parents for the current and previous tax years (2023 & 2024) are required along with the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). An essay is allowed though not required.

Name: Central Class of 1958 Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: up to \$2,000

Deadline: March 2025

The class of 1958 established this annual scholarship(s) in order to provide financial support to graduating seniors. The class of 1958 will award one or more scholarships to deserving seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited 2 or 4-year college of their choice. To be eligible, the student must: 1. rank in the top 1/3 of his or her graduating class, 2. provide 3 letters of recommendation, 3. provide an activity list, 4. provide an essay, and 5. a copy of their financial aid award letter (from the college the student is planning to attend).

Name: Central Class of 1980 Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in memory of the Class of 1980 by classmates to provide academic scholarships to Central High School. To be eligible, a student must: be a graduating senior intending to enroll at a vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college; consideration will be given to financial need, student's work and community service; student must have a 2.0 GPA.

Name: Chad R. Nold Family Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in memory of Chad Nold to provide academic scholarships to students pursuing a business degree at Missouri Western State University.

Name: Chris Pullen Memorial Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)**Amount: \$1,000 (renewable)****Deadline: March 2025**

This scholarship was established in memory of Chris Pullen by his family and friends to provide academic scholarships to seniors of Central High School. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must meet the following: be a graduating senior who has participated in cross country or track for 4 years and maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Consideration will be given to the student athlete's achievements, academic performance, citizenship and future goals. Must also submit a one-page essay and attach 2 letters of recommendation. *This scholarship has a June 1 deadline. Submit your scholar link application by March 1, but you may update your track accomplishments up until June 1. Email Mrs. McCamy by May 30 if you need to update your stats/accomplishments from your senior year track season.

Name: Cody Harter Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)**Amount: \$1,500****Deadline: March 2025**

Graduating seniors of SJSD public high schools intending to continue their education through a two or four- year college and/or technical school. Student must be participating in motocross, wrestling or musical performance and have a 2.0 GPA and show financial need. Student must provide 3 letters of character. The letters must elaborate on your participation in motocross, wrestling or musical performance.

Name: David Grimsley Memorial Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)**Amount: \$150****Deadline: March 2025**

The David Grimsley Memorial Scholarship was established in 1976 to honor David Grimsley, a Central social studies teacher and coach who died of leukemia in 1974. The graduating senior who receives the award should exemplify the qualities of David Grimsley - good citizenship, interest in social studies and sports. In addition, the recipient should have a 2.5 overall grade point average, should hope to pursue a career in social studies or a related field (geography, history, political science or social studies), and should need financial assistance to further his/her education.

Name: Deborah Joy Bollman Scholarship (Scholar Link)**Amount: up to \$500****Deadline: March 2025**

This scholarship will be awarded to a CHS graduating senior who will be attending any accredited college or university, and will be participating in the university's choir program. The scholarship will be announced at the Spring Scholarship ceremony. Eligible recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Participate as a member of senior CHS Choir at least six months of the year;
2. Have been in Choir throughout high school (full year enrollment);
3. Have a minimum 2.5 GPA;
4. Plan to attend and participate in an accredited Choir program at the college of their choice.

Students must submit the completed application, letter of recommendation, short essay, and activity list. The letter of recommendation must be from a CHS teacher, coach, or administrator (not the Choir Director).

Name: Delbert & Mary McLaughlin Teaching Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in memory of Delbert and Mary McLaughlin by their son, Bill McLaughlin to provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors of the St. Joseph School District pursuing a degree in Education. Consideration will be weighted evenly between financial need and the student's academic ability.

Name: Doug R. Stewart Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is for current Hillyard Technical Center students participating in any program. Applicants must plan to attend a post-secondary institution as a full-time student.

Name: Dr. Melody Smith Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in recognition of Dr. Melody Smith by the St. Joseph School District Foundation to provide academic scholarships to graduates of the St. Joseph School District pursuing a degree in education. Applicants must be planning to attend a four-year college/university and majoring in education. Preference will be given to early childhood, English, fine arts education, and agribusiness/life sciences majors. Applicants must also have a 3.0 GPA, 94% cumulative attendance, and submit an essay that includes community involvement, personal attributes, and how those attributes will apply to teaching and your goals and timeline for completion. *Please note: This scholarship will not be dispersed to the student until he/she has been accepted into an education program at an accredited college/university -- typically the earliest this would be is the student's sophomore year.

Name: Earl E. & Elmyra J. Euler Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Central High School student to attend a college or university of his/her choice. The scholarship is open to all students with a 3.0 or better GPA. Applicants are required to write a one-page essay and submit an activity list. To apply for this scholarship, complete the application form and attach a one-page essay about a significant event or accomplishment you had while attending Central High School and how it relates to your career plans.

Name: ECHO Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$600

Deadline: March 2025

To be awarded to a graduating second-year student of Hillyards Construction Technology program that will be employed in the construction field after graduation or continuing post-secondary training in the field of construction. Applications must have attended Hillyards both junior and senior year in the Construction Technology Program, plan to enter the construction field, evidence of satisfactory academic progress at Central (minimum C average), and complete a short essay (see application).

Name: Elmer Barton Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Student must be a graduating senior of a St. Joseph Public School or any student who attends Hillyard Technical Center, minimum GPA 2.0, recommendation from current Industrial Technology instructor and a commitment to the building trades. Must have one letter of recommendation from a current Industrial Technology instructor.

Name: FDH Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in honor of FDH by his family to provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors of high schools within the 18-county region of The Community Foundation of NW Missouri pursuing degrees in Agriculture, Business, or Health Care.

Name: Florence Hirsch Education Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000-3,500

Deadline: March 2025

St. Joseph students (several awarded) must have and maintain a permanent residence **WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS** and demonstrate extreme financial need. Students must be attending a four-year college or university and pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Name: Florence McCoy Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$200

Deadline: March 2025

Graduating senior who plans to major in the media field. Student must indicate journalistic promise by insight, reporting, and talent for writing.

Name: Frank Baker Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

Established for a graduating senior from Central who is a good citizen and demonstrates high quality in serving, working, and participating on the behalf of Central. Applicants must have a 2.5 unweighted GPA, 90% cumulative attendance or higher, and involved in school activities. In addition to the application a short essay (see application) and a student's financial aid award letter must be submitted.

Name: Gary Wright Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$250-500

Deadline: March 2025

The students eligible for assistance shall be a graduating senior of the SJSD intending to major in education with preference given to those in math and/or science. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and an ACT of 22 or higher. Students must have participated in school and community activities.

Name: Eugene "Gene" Hill Memorial Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$200

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in memory of Eugene (Gene) Hill who was a 1962 graduate of Central High School. While serving in Vietnam, he was killed in action in 1968. While Gene was at Central, he played football and was a member of the JROTC unit. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating senior from Central who demonstrates good citizenship and leadership through participating in school activities. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be involved in school activities. Preference will be given to students who have at least 90% cumulative attendance. Students that do not meet the 90% cumulative attendance requirement may write a brief statement explaining extenuating circumstances.

Name: GM Coleman Scholarship

Amount: \$100

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is for St. Joseph students who rank in the upper 5% of their class and score at or above the 90th percentile on the ACT (28) or SAT. Student must demonstrate financial need.

Name: Jerre Cooper Elementary Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is for a St. Joseph student planning on majoring in elementary education. Student must rank in the top 25% of class and have a 24 or higher ACT.

Name: Jim Cornett Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must be current students at Hillyard Technical Center participating in any program. Students must be performing a "B" average or higher in a Hillyard program.

Name: Jim & Helen Connors Memorial Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$100-500

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in memory of Helen L. Connors by her family to provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors of Central High School. The students eligible for assistance shall be graduating seniors intending to continue their education through a four-year college/university. In addition, 1) Students must be pursuing a degree in nursing (RN), music, law enforcement or theatre; 2) Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; 3) Students must have an ACT composite score of 18 or higher; 4) Students must provide a reference letter from a teacher.

Name: Liebling for Worthy Students Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,500 (renewable)

Deadline: March 2025

Graduating seniors of St. Joseph Public High Schools who have financial need and will be continuing post secondary education at colleges, universities, or technical schools may apply. Children of US Bank employees are NOT ELIGIBLE for this scholarship.

Name: Lourene Pilgram Memorial Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: March 2025

Any female senior from a public high school in Buchanan Co. or DeKalb Co. pursuing a degree in public service- including, education, journalism, health safety, EMT, nursing, environmental safety, occupational safety, social work, public policy, women gender studies, family & child science, urban planning, non-profit management, peace & conflict studies, psychology or sociology. Students must be attending a 2/4 year college. Consideration will be given to students with lower income and disadvantaged backgrounds. Students must have a record of good character, work ethic and concern for others.

Name: Midland Empire Safety Association Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is for any SJSD senior who is planning to pursue a degree in occupational safety and/or health, industrial hygiene, environmental safety, industrial fire prevention, risk management, and occupational medicine.

Name: Mollie J. and Nelson G. Allen Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established to provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors of NW Missouri who intend to pursue a degree in education at a 4 year college/university or a degree/certificate at a 2-year college or Vocational/Technical school. There are two scholarships available: both require students NOT be in the top 10% of their class and must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Consideration will be given to financial need and high school attendance record for junior and senior years.

Name: R.E. Townsend Educational Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,000-2,000

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established to provide academic scholarships to students intending to further their education. Students must be planning to acquire training in preparation for trades and vocation where skill in the use of hands is required. Also young women between the ages of 16 and 22 may be aided in the education and training required to teach elementary and secondary education.

Name: Roger Day Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

The students eligible shall be current students at Hillyard Technical Center participating in any program. The student must be performing at a "B" average or higher in a Hillyard program.

Name: Thomas Paul Memorial Trust (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: March 2025

St. Joseph students who plan on pursuing a medical career, demonstrate financial need, and have a strong GPA and ACT score. Students attending MWSU will be given preference. Children of US Bank employees are NOT ELIGIBLE for this scholarship.

Name: Tom Schneider Honorary Scholarship (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

This fund was established in honor of Tom Schneider by Jim and Jenni Clayton, former students, to provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors of Central High School. Mr. Schneider worked for the St. Joseph School District for 40 years, with a large portion of that time at Central High School as vocal music teacher, where he taught and inspired thousands of budding vocalists to be better, many of which now sing professionally on Broadway and elsewhere. He also served the SJSD as Supervisor of Fine Arts for many years. During that time he also served as the district liaison with the Kennedy Center's "Partners in Education Program", which brings nationally known fine arts experts to underserved communities throughout the nation, and even served on their national board. Additionally, he was an adjunct Music Teacher at Missouri Western State University, and has been a much sought after vocal music adjudicator for the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Tony Dudik Scholarship Fund (Scholar Link)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Students will not apply for this scholarship. Instead, a senior football player is selected by football coaches each year.

Name: Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500-5,000

Deadline: March 2025

Must be a practicing Catholic; Be a full-time High-School Senior; Be a registered young man or woman actively involved with a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship, Earned the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Light is Life Religious Award; Earned the Eagle Scout, Summit Award or Quartermaster Award; Provided service and leadership to the following: Church, Community, School, Scouting; Submit an application with four (4) letters of recommendations. One letter from each of the following: Religious institution, Community, School, and Scouting Unit. Please write the category at the top of each letter. Must also submit a high school transcript and provide a 3x5 picture with the application.

<https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

Name: Life Lessons Scholarship Program

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Between 17 – 24 years of age
- Have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian
- Will be attending college, university or trade school in the US or Puerto Rico in the upcoming fall semester
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree
- Legal resident of the United States or Puerto Rico
- No employees or household members employed by The Life and Health Insurance Foundation or its affiliates
- Have parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter if under age 18

More information available online at: <https://lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/>

Name: MSTA (Missouri State Teachers Association) St. Joseph Region scholarship (Local)

Amount: TBD

Deadline: March 2025

The St. Joseph MSTA is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a degree in education. Submit the online application including an essay about why you want to become a teacher. The application is found here:

<https://msta.org/Regions/St-Joseph-Region/St-Joseph-Student-Scholarship>.

Name: Missouri STEM Signing Day Scholarship (My Scholarship Central)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: March 2025**

Eligible students must be a: 2025 high school senior; Must attend high school in Missouri; Planning to attend a STEM program at a 2-year, 4-year or technical college in Fall 2025; Must attend a college in Missouri; Planning to pursue a STEM career pathway. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of passion for STEM learning, advancing society through STEM, high school activity involvement and scholarship. To apply, students will submit the application via My Scholarship Central:

<https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/4936>.

Name: Women Legislators of Missouri (My Scholarship Central)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: March 2025**

Applicants must be: Female; Missouri resident; Current high school senior; Graduating from a public high school, private high school or home school in Missouri this year. The Women Legislators of Missouri Caucus created the senior scholarship program to provide financial assistance to students on the basis of 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 is one specific goal you would hope to achieve and why?" Please be aware you must complete the General Application on My Scholarship Central before applying for this specific scholarship.

Name: Missouri Courage Scholarship**Amount: \$500-\$2,000****Deadline: March 2025**

Missouri Courage Scholarship (MCS) and our partner organizations award scholarships to graduating seniors from Missouri high schools pursuing higher education. Applications will be comprehensively evaluated on a variety of metrics including academic achievement, school involvement, community engagement, diversity, demonstrations of courage, and commitment to enhancing the lives of LGBTQ individuals and working toward social justice. Scholarships are paid directly to the accredited college/university/vocational school of their choice, where they must be enrolled as a full-time student. More information and the application is online at <http://courage-scholarship.org>.

Name: Missouri State University Foundation Annual Scholarships**Amount: Varies****Deadline: March 2025**

Complete the MSU Foundation Annual Scholarship Application no later than March 1. You must be admitted to MSU in order to access and complete this scholarship application. More information available online at

<https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm>.

Name: Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$2,500-10,000

Deadline: March 2025

Eligibility: Child or step-child of one of the following: Active duty, Reserve, or veteran* U.S. Marine A Marine killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman, Navy Chaplain or Religious Program Specialist who is or was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit or who was killed while serving with a U.S. Marine Corps unit*; Minimum unweighted 2.00 GPA; Demonstrate financial need through a family adjusted gross income of \$117,000 or less for the 2022 tax year; Attending or planning to attend an accredited school that is eligible for federal funding; Submit a completed application with all required documents by the deadline. More information:

<https://www.mcsf.org/apply/>.

*Veterans must have received an honorable discharge.

Name: American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500-10,000

Deadline: March 2025

Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron. Applicant must also have received the Eagle Scout award, be an active member of his religious institution and received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem. Demonstrate practical citizenship in church, school, scouting, and community. More information available online at

<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout>.

Name: FCS Financial

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: March 2025

Applicant must be a child or grandchild of a FCS Financial customer. Applicant must designate which office services the account and plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university (preference given to those attending college in Missouri). The application requires information on school activities, volunteer and work history, and two (2) essays are required. In the past, the school counselor needed to complete an Academic Achievement Form - be sure to include your school counselor's email address if this is required. Apply by March 1st online at <https://www.myfcsfinancial.com/about-us/scholarships>.

Name: Avenue City Educational Scholarship Fund (ACES) (Local)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Eligible students must reside within the boundaries of the Avenue City R-IX School District and have attended the Avenue City R-IX School for a minimum of one year. The selection criteria will be based on Academics, Activities, Personal Statement and Teacher Recommendation. Application will be available from the Avenue City School District.

Name: Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship Contest

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: March 2025

Scholarship contest for high school students in which you will create a Christmas card, holiday card, birthday card, or an all-occasion greeting card. All designs or photographs must be the original work of the applicant. Applicants can submit a photo, artwork, or computer graphic that is appropriate for business and consumer use. More information and application available online at <https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>.

Name: Ellevation Education Scholarship Program

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must be high school seniors who have been enrolled as an English Language Learner (ELL) at some point during their K-12 education. They must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. Students must upload a transcript and a signed recommendation letter from ELL administrator or teacher. <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/ellevationeducation/>

Name: MOACAC Braxton Rethwisch Scholarship (My Scholarship Central)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

MOACAC (Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling) is offering scholarships to students who exhibit a commitment to learning and have demonstrated leadership skills and/or community service involvement. Recipient must be attending a post-secondary school that is a member of MOACAC and have a 2.5 GPA. This scholarship application is available via a scholarship portal called "My Scholarship Central". To apply for this scholarship, students must complete the "general scholarship application" via My Scholarship Central. Once the general scholarship application is submitted, students will select "opportunities" in the blue bar at the top of the page. Then select "recommended" and find the "Braxton Rethwisch Scholarship". More information about this scholarship available online at <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/3047>.

Name: Missouri Women's Golf Education Association (MWGEA)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

Must be a female residing in the state of Missouri. Scholarship is given in recognition of overall high school record and community service activities. Must submit two letters of recommendation, several brief statements (see application for details) and an essay (see application for prompt). More information and application available online at <http://www.mogolf.org/mwgea-scholarship/>.

Name: Dr. George S. Richmond Memorial Scholarship (Sunrise Optimist Club) (Local)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

Open to all graduating seniors in Andrew and Buchanan County who will be attending Missouri Western State University. Three letters of recommendation are required and students will respond to a few short questions. The letters of recommendation and clarity to which the questions are answered influence the scoring of the application the greatest. It is important that students complete the Family Income Field as it influences 20% of the overall score. The winner of the scholarship will attend an Optimist Club Meeting as a guest. Submit the application, three letters of recommendation, activity list and essay.

Name: Rural Missouri High School Senior Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$750

Deadline: March 2025

Eligibility: Only senior high school level Missouri students (graduation eligible) qualify as scholarship recipients. Only senior students from MARE (Missouri Association of Rural Education) member school districts are eligible to apply. There is no limit on the number of scholarship applications that an individual member school district may submit. Applicants must have indicated plans to pursue a degree in education. More information available online:

<https://www.moare.com/vnews/display.v/ART/654a577db849b>.

Name: MAMIC (Missouri Association Mutual Insurance Companies)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: March 2025**

Each year MAMIC awards scholarships to graduating Missouri high school seniors planning to attend a Missouri college, university, community college, or vocational school. Candidate must be a graduating high school senior living in Missouri; Must be attending a Missouri high school; Must have successful admission to a college, university, community college, or vocational school in Missouri; Must submit the MAMIC High School Scholarship application with a copy of high school transcript and photo. More information and application available online: <https://www.mamic.net/scholarships/>.

Name: e2 Education emPowers Scholarship (Local)**Amount: Varies****Deadline: March 2025**

The e2 emPowerU® Scholarship has been established by Mosaic Foundation to provide financial assistance to aid past participants of emPowerU programs. Programs include: emPower Plant (now known as emPowerU), Public Achievement, Public Achievement Democracy Council, emPower Me, and e2 Fellowship. Note: Most students in the SJSD participated in an emPowerU program during their sixth grade year, making them eligible. Applicants must be accepted into a post-secondary education program (technical/career center, community college, or university), have a 2.5 GPA, and be a past participant of an emPowerU program. Please pay close attention to the additional documentation needed for this scholarship (see application). More information available online at <https://www.mlcfoundation.com/what-we-do/scholarships/>.

Name: Health Care Scholarships - Mosaic Life Care Foundation (Local)**Amount: Varies****Deadline: March 2025**

There are various scholarships available. Please read the specific requirements of each on the website. For example, the Health Care Workforce Development Scholarship: This renewable scholarship provides financial assistance to graduating high school seniors from the region pursuing a health care study area. Examples include, but are not limited to: nursing, respiratory therapy, medical lab scientist, surgical technologist, radiologic technologist, occupational therapy and physical therapy. Apply online: <https://www.mlcfoundation.com/healthytogether/scholarships/>.

Name: St. Joseph NEA Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$500****Deadline: March 2025**

Scholarship opportunity established for graduating seniors who are not receiving a significant amount of other scholarships or financial aid. Applicants must be a graduating senior from the St. Joseph School District and a 2.5 GPA or higher. Consideration will be given to community and school activities and

preference given to students who have 90% or higher cumulative attendance. Submit the completed application, activity list, one letter of recommendation, and one-page essay (see application for topic).

Name: Northwest Missouri Financial Women Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must be a female graduating from a high school in Buchanan County (other counties are included also). To be eligible for consideration the applicant must have a GPA of greater than or equal to a 3.0 on the scale of 4.0 (an official transcript must be attached), must be attending an accredited college or university, must be pursuing a degree in business or finance and must have a recommendation letter written by a mentor/professional with good knowledge of the applicant's character. Go here for more information: <http://www.nmfw.org/Scholarship.html>.

Name: Buchanan County Farm Bureau

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2024

The applicant's parent/guardian must be a resident or landowner in Buchanan County and must be a member of the Buchanan County Farm Bureau for at least two (2) years. Student must be pursuing a post-secondary education and have a 2.5 unweighted GPA. Complete the application, provide two recommendation letters (one from a teacher or school administrator), and an essay (see application for details).

Name: Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship Program

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: March 2025

TMCF Scholarships are designed to relieve the financial burden of students attending a TMCF member school or other eligible accredited colleges or universities. The scholarship process is highly competitive. Most scholarships are one-time, non-renewable scholarships unless otherwise indicated. Scholarships are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. Eligibility differs from one scholarship to another. You must meet ALL eligibility requirements for a scholarship opportunity in order to apply. <https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarships/open-scholarships/>

Name: North American Savings Bank scholarship

Amount: Remaining tuition/fees/room and board after other scholarships

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must meet the following criteria: Demonstrate financial need, be attending a Missouri public college, community college or trade school, and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must not be an employee or a relative of an employee at North American Savings Bank. Submit the completed application, essay, three letters of recommendation, and tax forms. Student may be selected to do an interview with a scholarship representative.

Name: Missouri United Methodist Foundation

Amount: up to \$3,000

Deadline: March 2025

Students must be a full member of the United Methodist Church and need his/her pastor to sign a page of the application form indicating the applicant is a full member of a United Methodist Church in Missouri, has been a member for at least one year prior to application, and is of suitable character to be considered for a scholarship. Applicants must also submit a one-page statement about college/career

goals, transcript and a photograph. More information available online at <https://mumf.org/students/undergraduate-scholarships/>. (Please note part of the application is completed online, but some materials must be mailed.)

Name: Culver's Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants must be employed by Culver's and meet their employment length requirements; have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale; have plans to enroll in any accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a 2 or 4 year college, university, or technical/vocational school in the 2025/26 academic year; Be employed with Culver's at the time of the scholarship announcements (May 2025). More information and application are available online at <https://www.culvers.com/about-culvers/culvers-foundation>.

Name: Greater Kansas City Officials Association (GKCOA) scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Scholarships from the GKCOA Scholarship Fund are available for current seniors attending a Missouri high school located within the Greater Kansas City Area that are involved in at least one of the following sports programs: baseball, football, softball, volleyball, girls' basketball, or boys' basketball. Students must have a 2.50 GPA or higher and intend to enroll in a college, university or technical school. This is a one-time, \$500 scholarship. Go to the website for more information: <http://www.gkcoa.org/>.

Name: North Central Missouri College Scholarship Application

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

To be considered for a scholarship from NCMC, students must be admitted as a degree-seeking student. Application includes an essay of 500 words or less. Many NCMC scholarships require students to demonstrate financial need. Therefore students are encouraged to complete and submit a current FAFSA. Go here for more information and application: <https://www.ncmissouri.edu/foundation/foundation-scholarships/>.

Name: St. Joseph Rotary Club #32 (Local)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a CHS student. The applicant selected should demonstrate qualities of leadership, initiative, enthusiasm, adaptability, maturity and seriousness of purpose. He or she shall not be a Rotarian, a dependent of a Rotarian, or a child, stepchild, grandchild, brother or sister of a local Rotarian or his/her spouse. The focus of the criteria should be on financial need and SECOND academic performance, in that order. The scholarship will apply to students who seek to attend higher education institutions. This shall include community colleges and two-year vocational training programs.

Name: Shelter Insurance Foundation Agents' Scholarship Program - Agent Lisa Findley (local)

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: March 2025

Applicants will be selected based on: scholastic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community activities, citizenship, moral character, educational goals, and financial need. Children of any Shelter Insurance Agent or employee are NOT eligible recipients of Scholarships. The scholarship recipient must accept the scholarship by enrolling in a college or university by the September following his/her high school graduation.

Name: Kochhar & Co. Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

Student must be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis no later than September 2025; must have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their academic year; must submit an essay and be a resident of either Canada or USA. Student does not need to be majoring in accounting to apply. Go online for application and essay topic: <https://kochharandco.ca/application>.

Name: National Federation of the Blind Missouri Scholarship

Amount: \$8,000

Deadline: March 2025

The National Federation of the Blind's annual scholarship program is the largest of its kind in the nation. All scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, community service, and leadership.

The following requirements apply to all applicants: Must be legally blind (PDF) in both eyes; Must be residing in the United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico; Must be 18 years of age by July 3, 2025. <https://nfb.org/programs-services/scholarships-and-awards/scholarship-program>

Name: Helen K. Joyce Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline March 2025

Applicants for this scholarship must be a female and a graduating high school senior or have a high school diploma from a high school located in Andrew or Buchanan County, Missouri. The applicant must be enrolled or intending to enroll in a full-time course of study through an accredited educational institution; including a four-year university, a two-year community college or a program to prepare for a career in a trade. A high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale is required. A recipient of the scholarship may apply for the award in subsequent years. The application, including two letters of recommendation, must be completed to be considered for this scholarship.

Name: Central PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$500 (number of awards given varies)

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship was established by the Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) at Central High School. Students must be a senior CHS student, be a member of the CHS PTSA (**December 1, 2024 is the deadline**), and have a 2.0 GPA. Applicants should submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or counselor, along with application and essay. Application will be available from the Counseling Office.

Name: Natalie Thompson Clizer Memorial scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$200

Deadline: March 2025

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a family in need in Andrew County to continue his/her professional development through enrollment in a Missouri College or University. The scholarship committee will evaluate the applicants on basis of need, completeness, clarity, student potential, and appropriateness. First preference will be given to those enrolled in a humanitarian course of study. All else being equal, preference will be given to those enrolling at Missouri Western State University.

Name: NWMASA (Northwest Missouri Association of School Administrators)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is sponsored by the Northwest Association of School Administrators). To be eligible for this scholarship: A student must attend a high school of a school district in the NWMASA district with the superintendent being a current member of NWMASA. The student must be pursuing a degree in education OR A student is the son or daughter of a current NWMASA member.

Name: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) YA Mental Health Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 2025

NAMI Missouri will award \$1,000 scholarships to two high school seniors who demonstrate an understanding of the significant role mental health plays in our everyday lives. The winning applicants will also receive an invitation to NAMI Missouri's Children's Mental Health Week Event, which may include the Governor's Proclamation Signing Ceremony in the Missouri State Capitol. This event is typically held the first full week in May each year. To qualify, students must be high school seniors in Missouri during the application period and submit a completed application, including an essay. More information is found online: <https://namimissouri.org/get-involved/youth/youth-ambassador/>.

Name: FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

FCCLA, along with FCCLA's generous partners and sponsors, award over \$13,500,000 in scholarships and awards annually. FCCLA members are strongly encouraged to apply for the following youth scholarship opportunities. <https://fcclainc.org/engage/youth-scholarships>

Name: Lighthouse Guild Vision College Bound Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is for high school seniors who are legally blind and planning to attend an accredited college/university. Scholarships are based on strong academic accomplishments and merit, and provide additional financial support to help students make a successful transition from high school to a college or university of their choice. Applicants must provide proof of legal blindness, proof of U.S. citizenship, high school transcript, ACT score, three (3) letters of recommendation, and two (2) personal statements.

Name: Missouri Farm Bureau Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation awards four \$500 scholarships annually to students pursuing a degree or appropriate certification in fields related to and supportive of agriculture. This includes, but is not limited to: 1) Heavy Equipment Operations; 2) Electronics; 3) Welding; and 4) Diesel and Farm Machinery Repair. All applicants or their parents or guardians must hold an active Farm Bureau member, must be

enrolled as a full-time student, must be enrolled for the fall semester of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and must be pursuing an associate of applied science degree or certification in a trade related to agriculture as listed above. Applicants must also have a 2.5 GPA. Submit a completed application, letter of recommendation from a school staff member, a letter of personal reference, a letter from an employer, and a high school transcript. <https://mofb.org/scholarships-and-grants/>

Name: The Maude and Alexander Hadden Scholarship

Amount: up to \$5,000 (renewable)

Deadline: March 2025

Established in 1968, the Maude and Alexander Hadden Scholarship is awarded to exceptionally worthy high school seniors with demonstrated financial need, for up to four years of college undergraduate study. Hadden Scholars must be U.S. citizens matriculating at a four-year accredited college or university established in the United States. In awarding Hadden Scholarships, Youth Foundation considers scholastic achievement, character, leadership, volunteerism, and financial need. There is a minimum unweighted grade point average requirement, 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, to apply for a Hadden Scholarship. There is no minimum test score requirement, but past winners have had competitive scores.

<https://youth-foundation.org/application/guidelines/>

Name: Made for Success Scholarship

Amount: \$350-1,000

Deadline: March 2025

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote and provide financial support/scholarships to high school seniors and college undergraduates. The students eligible for this scholarship must: be a resident of Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas, or surrounding areas within a 60-mile radius; Must demonstrate a desire to pursue higher education and have been accepted or are currently enrolled at a two-year or four-year college or university, a vocational/technical school or certificate program; Must be a high school senior or higher; Must have a 2.7 or higher cumulative GPA.

<https://www.gopfnd.org/scholarship>

Name: Missouri Insurance Education Foundation scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: March 2025

Must be a full time student attending college in Missouri and planning to major in insurance, risk management or actuarial science. Must also submit a letter of application addressed to the scholarship committee explaining career goals and biographical information, and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, administrator, or employer. <http://mief.org/>

Name: Savannah Domann Volleyball Memorial Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: March 2025

This scholarship is offered in the memory of Savannah Kay Domann, whose life was cut tragically short on January 14, 2022. Savannah leaves behind a legacy of a love for volleyball, through both playing and coaching. Because of the sport, she touched many lives, and it is our hope that her love of the game will be memorialized through the recipient of this scholarship. This is for a monetary scholarship to be determined by number of applicants. Any senior volleyball player entering college next year may apply.

Name: Poppy Fenner Art Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$1,500 (renewable)

Deadline: April 2025

This scholarship is open to a Central High School student pursuing any career field, but preferred career in art or an art-related field. Student must be admitted to a college or art institute and demonstrate artistic ability. Applicants need to submit 8 art work samples, demonstrate financial need, and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Email the 8 art work samples to Mrs. McCamy at meganmccamy@jsd.k12.mo.us. Please put in the subject line "Poppy Fenner Art Samples".

Name: Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship**Amount: \$400-\$5,000****Deadline: April 2025**

This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. To qualify students must be a US citizen and plan to enter an accredited 4-year college/university. Must submit an application and essay online at <https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/>.

Name: Foot Locker Scholar Athletes**Amount: \$20,000****Deadline: April 2025**

In order to be eligible for the Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program, the applicant must: Be entering college in the Fall of 2025 as a Freshman at a four-year school for an undergraduate degree; Be currently involved in high school sports, intramural sports, or community based sports; Have a minimum GPA of 3.0; Be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (you will be asked to prove citizenship and age if you win); Not be an employee, officer or director of Foot Locker, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries, or a member of the immediate family of such an employee, officer or director. Submit the application, including two essays and a letter of recommendation. More information available online at <https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/>

Name: Donnie Bell (SJYSA) Soccer Scholarship (Local)**Amount: Varies****Deadline: April 2025**

This scholarship is sponsored by the St. Joseph Youth Soccer Association (SJYSA). To be eligible for our scholarship, you must comply with the following criteria: You must have been a member/player of the St. Joseph Youth Soccer Association for at least 5 years; You must show some degree of involvement in our soccer program, either through volunteer coaching, assistant coaching, refereeing, or any number of other volunteer capacities; You must be a graduating senior giving evidence of your class rank (i.e. 20/200); You must show evidence of your grade point average (transcript); You must include two letters of recommendation from past or present coaches, officials, administrators, or teachers.

Name: Mattress Nerd's Sustainability Scholarship**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: April 2025**

Eligibility: All applicants must be enrolled, or due to be enrolled, as a full-time student at an accredited US college or university for the semester that they are applying to receive the scholarship; Applicants are not required to have a minimum GPA; Applicants are not required to have a specific major; Domestic, international, and undocumented students may apply; Students attending online universities are welcome to apply; Applicant must be someone who is promoting positive environmental change. Students must submit proof of enrollment to college/university (acceptance letter will be accepted -

submit as .jpeg, .pdf, or .doc). An essay must also be submitted (submit as .pdf or .doc). For more information, go to <https://www.mattressnerd.com/scholarship/>.

Name: Catholic College Admissions Association (CCAA) Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: April 2025

The National CCAA annually offers the National CCAA Scholarship to college-bound high school seniors from various geographic regions attending one of the National CCAA member institutions in the fall. In order to be eligible, student must be graduating in the spring of 2025, be accepted to one or more National CCAA member institutions, and enroll in the fall 2025 at a National CCAA member institution. See the website for a list of member institutions but typically the list includes these schools in MO and KS: Benedictine, Newman, St. Mary's, Fontbonne and Saint Louis University. Apply online at <https://www.catholiccollegesonline.org/students-parents/financial-aid/nccaa-scholarship.html>

Name: Union Pacific Black Employee Network Jerry Morris & Summer Houston Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$2,000

Deadline: April 2025

Recipients are chosen on the basis of scholastic ability and leadership. Personal or family financial situations can be a factor in consideration of eligibility and in awarding the scholarship. Current employees and dependents of employees are ineligible for this scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must: Be a citizen of the United States; Be an African-American that is a graduating high school senior, or a college freshman or sophomore and a resident of the following states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, and Texas; Either plan to be or is a full time student enrolled at an accredited college or university during the current academic year; Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent thereof; Be active in extracurricular school/community activities and demonstrate social awareness and involvement. More information available online: https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/ben_scholarship/index.htm.

Name: Brett Baltezor Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: March 2025

Any senior entering college next year with the hopes of a Fine Arts degree or who has been and will to be participating in a Fine Arts endeavor such as band, music, theater, etc. Or students with a significant financial need. Application will be available from the Counseling Office.

Name: Leadership Northwest Scholarship Application (Local)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: April 2025

Criteria: Must reside in one of the following 19 counties: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Sullivan, and Worth. Applicant must be a 2024 graduate of a high school located in one of the 19 counties; Applicant must be admitted to a vocational school, community college, 4-year college, or university and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours; Applications must be received by April 1st via email to: leadershipnorthwestmissouri@gmail.com; Award recipients agree to have their name and picture shared publicly.

Name: Triumph Foods Scholarship

Amount: \$1,250

Deadline: April 2025

To be eligible, the following criteria must be met: Open to all children of full-time Triumph Foods Employees; Child must be a high school senior, graduating in 2025; Child must be enrolling in an accredited college or university, or an eighteen-month or more technical/trade school program as a full-time student in the fall of 2025; The selection committee will be looking at GPA, class rank, ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular activities, personal recommendations and the completed student questionnaire, in order to select the winning candidates. Six \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded to the top six candidates.

Name: Victory Project Emerging Sports Leaders scholarship**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: April 2025**

Four (4) Emerging Sports Leaders Scholarships will provide financial assistance to students whose lives have been impacted by the sport of soccer. This scholarship is available for high school seniors with post-secondary education plans at a university, college, trade, or vocational school. Participation in collegiate soccer is not required.

Name: Ride for Ryan (Ryan D. Consolver Memorial) Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: April 2025**

This scholarship has been established as a memorial to Ryan D. Consolver, a 1996 graduate of Savannah High School and Graduate of Southeast Community College, Milford NE. Preference for this award will be given to students pursuing education in Building Construction i.e.: Heating & Cooling, Electrical, Architectural Engineering, or any other trade related to Construction.

Name: Cassandra Jo (CJ) Donaldson Memorial Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$1,000****Deadline: April 2025**

Cassandra Jo (CJ) Donaldson was a young woman full of kindness, love, laughter, and endless potential. She always looked out for those less fortunate and lended a hand when she could. CJ was involved in numerous high school and community organizations and always enjoyed giving back to those around her. CJ's selflessness and willingness to help others will continue to live on in many ways.

The mission of the Cassandra Jo Donaldson Scholarship Fund is to help young community members pursue their passions at the next educational level. The requirements for the scholarship are: Proof of acceptance into an accredited university, college, or technical institution; High school transcript; Completed application form; Essay on writing prompt; and a senior picture.

Name: Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$250****Deadline: April 2025**

This local scholarship is being offered to a graduating female senior attending high school in Buchanan, Andrew, Clinton or DeKalb counties. The student must be majoring in Education, be in the top 25% of the class, be in school and community activities and show some financial need. Applicants must submit the application, essay, and two letters of recommendation. Application will be available from the Counseling Office.

Name: Twelve Courts of Christmas scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: April 2025

The Twelve Courts of Christmas Scholarship is awarded to two current high school seniors who have participated in the recent Twelve Courts of Christmas. The \$500.00 award is presented to one senior boy and one senior girl. The scholarships may be used at any college, university or trade/vocational school and are available for tuition, books/fees and/or housing. The awards will be mailed to the chosen institution upon proof of enrollment.

Name: American Battle Monuments Foundation (ABMF) Essay Contest

Amount: up to \$10,000

Deadline: April 2025

The ABMF Past is Prologue Essay Contest invites students ages 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18 to compete within their age group with an original essay. Please see website for specific essay information:

<https://abmf.org/past-is-prologue-essay-contest/>.

Name: American Legion - Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$750 (2 given)

Deadline: April 2025

Current members or descendants of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion. Must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a resident of Missouri, and enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university. Must have some financial need. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$750 (3 given)

Deadline: April 2025

Must be an education major who is a descendant of a veteran (be able to provide copies of discharge papers), enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university, submit an essay of 500 words or less, and submit a counselor's statement. Must have some financial need. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - Joseph J. Frank Scholarship

Amount: \$750 (5 given)

Deadline: April 2025

Student must be a descendant of a veteran and have attended Boys or Girls State. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, and a current resident of Missouri and be attending an accredited college or university as a full-time student. Must have some financial need. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 (2 given)

Deadline: April 2025

Must have attended Missouri Boys/Girls State OR Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy and be a descendant of a veteran. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, and a current resident of Missouri and be attending an accredited college or university as a full-time student. Must have some financial need. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 (1 given)

Deadline: April 2025

This scholarship is for a male or female interested in pursuing a degree in nursing (registered nurse) and is a descendant of a veteran. Must be a Missouri resident, and graduate in the top 40% of high school class. Must have some financial need and submit a counselor's statement. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$750 (1 given)

Deadline: April 2025

One student from CHS may be nominated. Nominee will be selected based on an individual's financial need, participation in athletics, participation in school activities/clubs, volunteer work, exceptional leadership qualities, high moral standards, and extreme patriotism. Must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in Missouri. Must have some financial need. More information available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/scholarships>.

Name: American Legion - Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (1 given)

Deadline: April 2025

One award of \$500 is given annually to a student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion. The student must complete an essay on the topic "What being a member of the American Legion Family means to me".

Name: Aiden McVicker Charitable Fund Scholarship (Local)

Amount: \$250

Deadline: April 2025

This scholarship was developed to create awareness for children with special needs and to help recruit and develop the special needs workforce in our area. If you are considering a career working with students with special needs or if you have overcome hardships, your own learning disabilities or difficulties, you should apply for this scholarship. Preference may be awarded to those who are pursuing an education degree, emergency services, or entering into the medical field (doctor, therapist, nurse, etc.). More information and application available online at <http://www.aidenmcvicker.com>.

Name: Missouri Access Extra Scholarship (My Scholarship Central)

Amount: up to \$2,000/year (renewable)

Deadline: April 2025

This scholarship is for high school seniors who are eligible for the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program and have at least a 3.5 unweighted GPA as shown on the 7-semester transcript. Students must meet the state's Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program requirement of expected family contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less as determined on FAFSA. In addition, students must be attending a college in the state of Missouri. This scholarship typically opens February 1st, but awards are prioritized on a first come, first serve basis so students should apply soon after it opens. Students may be required to upload multiple documents, including FAFSA Student Aid Report and 7-semester transcript. Apply online: <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/5323>.

Name: Ava's Grace Foundation (My Scholarship Central)

Amount: \$5,000 (renewable)

Deadline: April 2025

Ava's Grace Scholarship Foundation is providing hope to young people who have dreams of higher education and a different life. The foundation awards scholarships to children of incarcerated parents in the state of Missouri. Applicant must have a parent who is or has been incarcerated in the US state or federal penitentiary. Student must be a permanent resident of Missouri (or certain counties in Illinois) for at least 2 years prior to the date of the application, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0/4.0 GPA, plan to attend an accredited, nonprofit college or university and be seeking a first technical, first associate, or first bachelor's degree. The application will be submitted via the "My Scholarship Central" website. Students must create an account and complete the general scholarship application then complete the specific Ava's Grace application. More information and the online application is available at <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/2538>.

Name: Elaine Chapin Fund

Amount: up to \$1,000

Deadline: April 2025

Recipients will be chosen on the basis of financial need, academic standing and the impact with which multiple sclerosis has affected their lives. Applicants must be citizens of the United States who plan to enroll or are enrolled at an accredited two or four year college, university, vocational or technical school located in the United States. Applicants must send their completed application, an official transcript of their most recent academic grades, a personal essay detailing how MS has affected your life (500 word maximum), plus (2) letters of recommendation. More information may be found online: <https://elainememorial.com/index.html>.

Name: Missouri Society of Professional Engineers - Northwest Chapter

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: April 2024

Provided for students who plan to major in Engineering.

Requirements for Northwest Chapter Scholarship:

- 1) Be a high school senior
- 2) Be a citizen of the United States at the time of application
- 3) Have at least a 3.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) for the 10th and 11th grades.
- 4) Have at least a minimum score on the American College Testing Program (ACT) test of 26 in Math and 24 in English.
- 5) Must enroll in an engineering program that has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET-EAC). (See application for accredited schools).

Submit the application, official transcript, one letter of recommendation, and an essay on career plans. Application will be available from the Counseling Office.

Name: Student-View Scholarship Program

Amount: \$500-5,000

Deadline: April 2025

Sponsored by the organization Student Insights which provides market research to higher education organizations. Students fill out a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in their area. The only requirement is that the student is planning to attend a four-year college, community/junior college, or career school. The scholarship will be awarded via a random drawing of all completed applications. Application survey is available at <http://www.student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html>. Click on the state of Missouri to begin.

Name: Local 77 Firefighters Auxiliary Scholarship**Amount: \$250****Deadline: May 2025**

Applicants must meet the following qualifications: 1) have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher; 2) be a high school graduate or have obtained a GED; 3) provide an official high school (college) transcript or equivalent; 4) must provide 2 written references from someone other than family members. In addition, one of the following must apply: Child of a firefighter (active or retired), Child of an Auxiliary member, Step-child of firefighter (Firefighter's household must provide 50% of support), Grandchild of firefighter (active or retired), Grandchild of Auxiliary member, Active Auxiliary member. This scholarship may be used for undergraduate, graduate, business schools, vocational, or Trade Schools. Preference of enrolling in fire science or emergency service related courses, but not required.

Name: American Postal Workers Union (APWU) Scholarship**Amount: \$2,000-3,000****Deadline: May 2025**

This scholarship is for a senior in high school who is the child or grandchild, including stepchild or legally adopted child, of a current, retired, or deceased APWU member. (Proof of membership required for deceased members.) There are two (2) different scholarships: E.C. Hallbeck Memorial Scholarship and Vocational Scholarship. See each application for details - you may only apply for one. More information available online at <http://www.apwu.org/issues/scholarships>.

Name: Mosaic Life Care Auxiliary Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$1,500****Deadline: May 2025**

The Mosaic Life Care Auxiliary Scholarship provides six annual scholarships to individuals that are pursuing a degree in the health care related field, who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills, academic achievement and community involvement. To be eligible, students must complete and submit the application, provide at least two references (one must be a Mosaic Life Care employee), be a current Mosaic volunteer, and provide documentation of acceptance into a college or secondary education program. More information online at <https://www.mlcfoundation.com/auxiliary-funding/>.

Name: William Toben King Scholarship (Local)**Amount: \$500-2,500 (Renewable)****Deadline: May 2025**

Student must be a resident of Andrew or Buchanan County and be a high school senior graduating from a high school within the boundaries of these two counties. A 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and ACT score of 18 or higher is required. Student must demonstrate financial need, or not receiving many scholarships and attend a 4-year accredited college/university, junior college, or vo-tech school. The application is lengthy and requires submission of your parent's tax return (2023 & 2024) and student's tax return (if applicable). Application will be available from the Counseling Office.

Name: Kids Chance of Missouri**Amount: Varies****Deadline: May 2025**

Scholarship program for children with a parent killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident that is compensable under the Missouri Workers' Compensation Law.

<https://www.mokidschance.org/scholarships>

Name: B. Davis Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: May 2025

To apply for this scholarship students will need to write an essay of less than 1000 words on the topic listed on the website. Submissions must be sent by email to awards@studentawardsearch.com. More information available on line at <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>.

Name: The Blue KC Scholarship in Honor of Danette K. Wilson

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: May 2025

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC) established The Blue KC Scholarship in Honor of Danette K. Wilson in May 2019. The \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman pursuing a business or healthcare degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Applicant must be:

- An incoming freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- In pursuit of a business or healthcare degree

Name: Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Deadline: June 2025

To qualify for the Balanced Man Scholarship, incoming students should submit an online application and enroll full-time at any of these institutions for the fall 2025 term (no essay required). Final deadlines vary by school, but the early application deadline for most scholarships is June 1, 2025. Applicants have no obligation to affiliate with or join SigEp to be eligible. This resource is intended to assist with college affordability while introducing students to campus life opportunities. <https://sigepscholarships.com/>

Here are the Missouri universities who qualify:

Central Missouri - \$4,000

University of Missouri - \$3,000

Missouri S&T - \$6,000

Northwest Missouri - \$1,000

Truman State - \$3,000

Name: University of Missouri True Gentlemen Scholarship - Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

Amount: up to \$1,000

Deadline: June 2025

The True Gentlemen Scholarship is awarded by Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity to a high school graduating male who will be attending the University of Missouri in the Fall of 2024.

To specifically qualify for consideration, the applicant must have an overall high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 and plan to attend the University of Missouri in the Fall of 2024.

An ideal candidate for the scholarship is an individual who is actively involved in one or several competencies of being a successful undergraduate student and exemplifies the values of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, including scholastic achievements, leadership development, friendship and camaraderie, and service to the local community.

Up to \$1,000 in Scholarship Funds will be awarded, with a deadline to apply by June 1, 2024. Applicants should complete the following form for consideration. There is no obligation to join or express interest in the fraternity to be eligible to apply or to win the scholarship.

Name: BigSun Athletic Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: June 2025

All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.

<https://bigsunathletics.com/>

Name: Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: June 2025

The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic listed on the website. <https://abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php>

Name: Missouri State University A+ Academic Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (renewable)

Deadline: June 2025

Students must qualify for Missouri State Admissions, meet the A+ program requirements, and submit the application. Can be combined with Board of Governors, Provost, Deans, Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders, Missouri State Advantage, Missouri State Promise, Academic Excellence, Academic Distinction, Academic Achievement, and Missouri Boys/Girls State scholarships.

<https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships/Freshman-policy.htm>

Name: Pi Kappa Alpha-Zeta Chi chapter True PIKE scholarship (Missouri State University)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: August 2025

In the Fall of each year, the Pi Kappa Alpha-Zeta Chi chapter at Missouri State University will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to incoming freshmen to cover the cost of tuition and or books.

The True PIKE scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman that exemplifies the four pillars of Pi Kappa Alpha (Scholars, Leaders, Athlete, Gentlemen) and our fraternity's true values. The Zeta Chi chapter at Missouri State University believes an experience that includes academic excellence, serving the community, leadership qualities, campus presence, and individual development will prepare male students for success in life. Pi Kappa Alpha is dedicated to finding men who show appreciation of what it means to have commitment to themselves, their brothers, fraternity, and community.

Applicants must be an incoming freshman attending Missouri State University in the Fall of 2025. However, you ARE NOT required to join PIKE to be awarded this scholarship, all awards are based on

character and their alignment with the values we share within Pi Kappa Alpha.
<https://www.mostatepikes.com/truepikescholarship>