

SEPTEMBER DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: The Gates Scholarship

Description/Criteria: The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

Eligibility requirements:

- 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 a good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

***For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.**

Deadline: September 12, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: The Nike HSI Scholarship Program

Description/Criteria: The Nike HSI Scholarship Program is designed to empower young leaders who currently attend a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). Scholars are selected based on merit. Award amounts range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, based on demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).
- Currently enrolled full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university that is officially designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) – as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965. For more information, visit the [US Department of Education NCES list](#).

Deadline: September 15, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Niche Back to School Scholarship - \$25,000 - 1 Award

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be planning to attend an accredited college or university within the United States by the Fall of 2024.
- Be a US Citizen or a valid US Visa holder.

Deadline: September 30, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Description/Criteria: Currently enrolled in high school/home-schooled students attending school in one of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or select DoD schools who will graduate high school during the 2023-2024 academic school year (Students graduating from an American or expat school abroad are not eligible for this award: individuals who have already graduated from high school are not eligible.)

U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees- Based on the guidelines utilized by U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility

- Expecting to receive high school diploma during current academic year
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post - secondary institution
- Able to verify a minimum overall B/3.0 GPA in high school coursework

Deadline: September 30, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

For information: <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

Name of Scholarship: Sallie Mae “No Essay” Scholarship - \$2,000- 12 Awards

Description: The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:

1. A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States
2. a student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States
3. a parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States
4. a student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located with the United States, within a year of graduating high school ("Entrant")

Deadline: September 30, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

OCTOBER DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: Heisman High School Scholarship- Up to \$10,000

Description/Criteria: The program recognizes and rewards male and female high school seniors who accomplish tremendous feats in the classroom, on the field, and most importantly, within their communities.

- A weighted GPA of 3.0 or better
- Participation in at least one sport
- Demonstrated leadership at school and in the community

Deadline: October 17, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Top of the Mountain Memorial Scholarship - \$5,000 - 2 Awards

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a high school senior or undergraduate student who has worked, interned, and/or volunteered in environmental causes. STEM majors are preferred but not required.

Deadline: October 22, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Women's Ministries Scholarship Program - \$20,000 - 49 Awards

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a woman who would not be able to attend college without financial help.
- Be a woman who is committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who would otherwise be unable to afford a college education.

Deadline: October 31, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Voice of Democracy Scholarship - \$35,000 - 50 Awards

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a high school student between the grades 9-12.
- Be enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States.

Deadline: October 31, 2024

To apply: [Click here](#)

NOVEMBER DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: National Space Club Scholarship - \$20,000 - 1 Award

Description: Since 2013, The National Space Club and Foundation has offered the opportunity for a student to give the keynote address at the National Space Club and Foundation's annual Goddard Memorial Dinner, one of the space industry's most prestigious gatherings. The student must intend to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields, be academically strong and excel in public speaking.

In addition to speaking at the Goddard Memorial Dinner, the individual selected will also receive a scholarship, in the amount of \$20,000. This scholarship is awarded to a U.S. citizen, and is open to seniors in High School through graduate students studying at an accredited educational institution in the United States, who has definite plans to pursue a career in the STEM fields.

Deadline: November 1, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships - \$10,000 - 5 Awards

Description: The Foundation is looking for students, ages 5 to 25, who are using their creativity, academic studies (like STEM), and organizational skills to help fight hunger in their communities. The Foundation would like to learn about the communities scholars serve and how they engage others in these efforts.

Eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled in an accredited educational institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the US.
- Have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services.

Deadline: November 1, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship - \$55,000 - 40 Awards

Description: The Cooke 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 top four-year colleges and universities.

Eligibility:

- Be a high-achieving high school senior with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Have financial need and plan to attend a four-year college.

Deadline: November 14, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Students with Disabilities Scholarship - \$5,000 - 1 Award

Description: Growing up with a disability comes with ample challenges that can beset one's dreams of attaining a higher education. The Platta Law Firm represents everyday people that develop disabilities as a result of unfortunate accidents.

Eligibility:

- Medical record of disability.
- Applicant must be an enrolled student at an accredited college, university, or high school in the United States.

Deadline: November 15, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Common Application Scholarship -\$2,000 - 2 Awards

Description: To encourage students to spend more time preparing for the Common App, Scholarship Guidance has created an annual scholarship to reward students.

Eligibility:

- Be in Grade 11 or Grade 12.
- Have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year.
- Be attending college or university no later than October 1, 2026.

Deadline: November 30, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Empowering Women in Tech \$3,000-1 Award

Description: This application is open to female high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students. Due to complexities with international funding, we will only consider submissions from U.S. citizens.

Eligibility:

A short bio with your intended field of study and education level

- Proof of education
- Evidence of U.S. citizenship (valid address)
- A 1,000-word essay

Deadline: November 30, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

DECEMBER DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: The Hagan Scholarship

Description: The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, designed to provide recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. Applicants must attend a traditional public high school governed by a school district. Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Recipients graduating college while in the Hagan Scholarship Program can apply for a Hagan Graduate Scholarship good for up to four additional consecutive semesters.

Deadline: December 1, 2024

For more information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Ron Brown Scholarships Program - \$40,000 - 50 Awards

Description: The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans.

Eligibility requirements:

- Be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, Black/African American and current high school seniors.
- Demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and have a demonstrated financial need.

Deadline: December 1, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Science Ambassador Scholarship - \$40,000 - 1 Award

Description: The Foundation is looking for students, ages 5 to 25, who are using their creativity, academic studies (like STEM), and organizational skills to help fight hunger in their communities. The Foundation would like to learn about the communities scholars serve and how they engage others in these efforts.

Eligibility requirements:

- Be a high school senior or an undergraduate student.
- Attend a school in the United States.

Deadline: December 16, 2024

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

JANUARY DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship- **Amount: Up to \$35,000**

Description: The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) perpetuates the memory of Jackie Robinson by providing generous four-year scholarships and comprehensive support services to highly motivated college students with financial needs to ensure their success and further develop their leadership potential.

Requirements:

- 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;
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college/university 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.

Online Application Components:

- One recommendation;
- Demographic information;
- High school information, including a high school transcript;
- College plans;
- Four essays;
- Activities, honors, and distinctions;
- Completion of CSS profile;
- Test scores (AP, IB, PSAT, ACT, or SAT) if applicable.

Deadline: January 9, 2025

To Apply click here: jackierobinson.org/apply/

FEBRUARY DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: SME Scholarships-STEM

Description: The SME Education Foundation annually awards millions of dollars in scholarships to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students pursuing two-year, four-year or advanced degrees in manufacturing or engineering.

The SME Education Foundation offers nearly 60 scholarships for students pursuing two-year, four-year or advanced degrees in STEM-based manufacturing or engineering programs.

Complete one application to be considered for nearly 60 different scholarships.

Deadline: February 1, 2025

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: ISCA Student Scholarship

Description: The applicant must be graduating from high school in 2024.

At least one school counselor at the applying student's high school must be an ISCA member.

The applicant must be enrolling in one of the following post-secondary options: 4-Year College/University, 2-Year College/University, Trade School, or Apprenticeship/Vocational Program.

Student must answer all application questions to be considered eligible.

Deadline: TBD

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Big Future Scholarship - \$40,000 - 24 Awards

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a senior in high school.
- Be attending college or university no later than Fall 2025.

Deadline: February 28th, 2025

To apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: LGBTQ+ Student Scholarship Fund

Description: The OPALGA+ Scholarship Fund provides financial support for continuing education of local LGBTQ+ students and allies who have demonstrated service and advocacy to the LGBTQ+ community and/or the larger community. OPALGA+ plans to award eight \$5,000 scholarships in 2024 paid directly to the college or program you plan to attend.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Identify as an LGBTQ+ person; or be the child of an LGBTQ+ person; or be an LGBTQ+ ally.
2. Be a graduating high school senior in Cook County, Illinois who resides in one of the following municipalities: Bellwood, Berkeley, Berwyn, Broadview, Brookfield, Chicago, Cicero, Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Forest View, Franklin Park, Harwood Heights, Hillside, La Grange, La Grange Highlands, La Grange Park, Lyons, Maywood, McCook, Norridge, North Riverside, Northlake, Oak Park, River Forest, River Grove, Riverside, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Stickney, Stone Park, Summit, Westchester, or Western Springs.
3. Have applied or been accepted to a 4-year or 2-year degree program or trade school/certificate program.

Deadline: TBD

For information and to apply: [Click here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Sarah's Inn Youth Voice Award

Description: Sarah's Inn is launching the 4th annual Youth Voice Award! We are inviting *high school students (ages 14-18)* to write, sing, dance, or create a work of art to use their voice to end the cycle of relationship violence in their community! Two projects will be selected to each win a \$2,000 award!

Requirements: Use your voice and join Sarah's Inn to break the cycle of relationship violence. To participate in the 2024 Youth Voice Award, select one of the questions listed below and finish the sentence, "*Together, We Can...*" Based on your experience and observations, how would you work to break the cycle of relationship violence in your community?

- How does the way that media supports/promotes the ideals of gender roles and toxic masculinity impact you?
- How does the way we address relationship violence need to change?
- What impact does it have on you to see professional athletes, celebrities, and politicians involved in high profile instances of relationship violence with their partner?

Deadline: TBD

Amount: \$2,000

For more information: [Click Here](#)

MARCH DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: Fueling The Minds of The Future Scholarship Program

Description : This program is dedicated to giving back to the communities in which Graham Enterprise, Inc and Graham C-Stores Company operate. The program provides support to local youths by offering \$2,500 scholarships to entering college freshmen. Since its inception in 2012, The Fueling The Minds of The Future Scholarship Program has helped 508 students attend college, including 22 super-scholars who receive support for up to four years of their undergraduate education. To date, nearly \$1.2 million has been provided in scholarships to academically strong students needing a little help to achieve their college goals.

Requirements:

1. Current high school senior planning to enroll as a full-time student (12 semester hours or more) in an accredited two or four-year college or university, trade school or vocational school in the U.S. for the 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Possess at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
3. Reside in the Chicagoland area.
4. Be able to demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: TBD

Amount: \$2,500 to a limited number of qualified High School seniors

To Apply click here: <https://fuelingminds.com/>

For more information: Call (630) 428-2412

Name of Scholarship: Dabrowski Foundation

Description: There are a limited number of scholarships available. Awards will be determined based on your past performance, future career goals, school recommendation, and an interview.

Requirements:

1. Student is a graduating high school senior preparing to enter an accredited college or university on a full-time basis.
2. Student demonstrate good character, high level of academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need.
3. Student is of Polish ancestry and is recommended by a school official (teacher, counselor, or principal).
4. Student must be available for an interview with the Crusade for Education Committee.
5. Student cannot be a member, an immediate family member, substantial contributor or an immediate family member of a substantial contributor to the Dabrowski Foundation.
6. Student should be able to attend the Dabrowski Foundation Crusade for Education Annual Awards Presentation in the Summer or Fall of 2024 (if held).

Deadline: TBD

Amount: Potential Scholarship Award Levels: \$500, \$750, \$1,000

To Apply click here: [Application](#)

For more information: info@dabrowskifund.org. or call 773-792-1800

Name of Scholarship: Horatio Alger Scholarship

Description: The Horatio Alger Association is opening the doors of opportunity to young people who may have otherwise been limited by financial constraints and other adversities. Through its need-based scholarships and holistic support services, the Association has made a profound impact on the lives of its Scholars, inspiring hope, fostering resilience, and empowering them to strive for success and achieve their potential. Our Scholars, most of whom are first-generation college students, graduate at a 70% rate, which stands in stark contrast with the national graduation rate of 16% for students from similar underserved backgrounds.

Requirements:

- Be enrolled full time as a high school student in the United States; be progressing normally toward graduation with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- Be a United States citizen

Deadline: TBD

Amount: From \$10,000 to \$25,000

For more information: <https://horatioalger.org/>

To Apply: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/93417-Horatio-Alger-Association>

Name of Scholarship: Cook County Sheriff's Office (ISA Scholarship Program)

Description: The Juvenile Justice & Advocacy Unit coordinates an annual scholarship program for students residing in Cook County. Four scholarships are awarded to students who will be attending a college or university in Illinois in the next academic year.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.
- Scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois.
- Students must be enrolled as full-time college students during the 2024-2025 school year (excluding summer session).

Deadline: TBD

Amount: \$500

Application: [Click Here](#)

For more information: [Click Here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Palumbo Family Foundation

Description: The Palumbo Family Foundation strives to make a difference in two sectors of our communities in the Chicagoland area. One is providing scholarships to well deserving students of lower income families. Without scholarships, many of these students would not realize their dream of furthering their education.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Permanent resident for a minimum of 6 months prior to application date in Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, or Will counties of Illinois. If selected as a finalist, proof of address is required.
- US Citizen If selected as a finalist, proof of citizenship is required.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 or above If selected as a finalist, a complete transcript reflecting a GPA of a minimum 3.0 is required. If selected as a finalist a 1040 Federal Income Tax return form from 2022 reflecting an annual adjusted income of \$65,500 or less on which the applicant is claimed as a federal tax exemption is required. ****NOTE**** This is the only form of income verification that will be accepted.
- Will enroll in a full time or part time undergraduate course work at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school beginning with the fall term of 2024 through February 1, 2025.
- If selected as a finalist, two or more references from a teacher, coach, religious organization, or supervisor of a community service program.
- If selected as a finalist, consent to my name and photo being used for the Palumbo Family Foundation promotional materials including, but not limited to: website post, yearly newsletters, and fundraising event programs.

Deadline: TBD

Amount: Between \$1,000 - \$15,000

To Apply: [Click here](#)

Information: <https://www.palumbofoundation.org/about-us/>

APRIL DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: For Samantha

Description: For Samantha, Inc. is a foundation whose purpose is to remember, raise awareness, support and give hope to victims of suicide and the loved ones left behind. The Foundation's most loving and meaningful intent is to grant scholarships on behalf and in memory of Samantha Spano.

Requirements:

- Student must be a United States citizen.
- Student must be a graduating high school senior.
- Student must have been accepted by and plan to attend an institution of higher learning (university, college, community college, trade school) within the United States of America.
- This scholarship is NOT based on grade point average.

Deadline: TBD

Amount: \$1,000

For Information and application: [Click Here](#)

Name of Scholarship: Joint Civic Committee Of Italian Americans (JCCIA)

Description: Each year, Italian-American organizations award tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to worthy high school and college students. Most scholarships have attendance and other requirements, so gather your applications early and study them carefully before applying!

Requirements/Criteria:

- Resident of Illinois
- At least one parent of the applicant must be of Italian descent.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be enrolled full-time in a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university or of an accredited vocational/technical school.
- Recipient must be present to accept the award.

Amount: Varies depending on scholarship

Deadline: TBD

For more information: [Click Here](#)

To Apply: [Click Here](#)

MAY DEADLINES:

JUNE DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: Abbott & Fenner

Description/Criteria: Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The winner(s) of this annual scholarship will receive their award within 2 weeks of the listed deadline. All applicants should include their full name and mailing address with their submissions as well as the school they are currently attending.

Application Process: Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the web site: Full details are available the site

Deadline: TBD

Amount: up to \$1,000

Information: [Click here](#)

JULY DEADLINES:

AUGUST DEADLINES:

Name of Scholarship: HispanoFest Scholarship

Description: Scholarship Award: Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate four-year institution are eligible for a \$1,500.00 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution or a trade school are eligible for a \$750.00 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution or trade school are eligible for a \$750.00 scholarship or part time students \$325.00.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in a four-year or two year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support.
- One parent must be of Hispanic ancestry.
- Recipients must also be available to attend the 3 day HispanoFest festival on Sept 6th, 7th and 8th, 2024.
- Students must live within one of the following communities: Bellwood, Berkeley, Broadview, Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Hillside, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, River Grove, Schiller Park, Stone Park and Westchester.
- Students must be a high school graduate, student of a community college or of a university.
- Students need to maintain a GPA of 3.00 during the two semesters or thru the entire year in order to receive the second portion of payment.

Deadline: Postmarked by August 5, 2024(Closed)

Applications will be available at the Student Services Office