

Scholarship Update: Week of September 30, 2024

Please remember to visit the AC Flora School Counseling Website for a list of ALL scholarships that are available.

<https://www.richlandone.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5323>

Here are a few we thought you might be interested in:

South Carolina High School Writing Contest

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - The contest is open to South Carolina high school juniors and seniors in public, private and home schools.
 - All requirements and contest rules found on the site below.

Award Amount: Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

To Apply:

https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/about/writing_contest/index.php

Deadline: October 7, 2024

AES Engineering Scholarship (Engineering major not required to apply)

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Our belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason we are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by an evaluation of the essays that are submitted.
 - Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post secondary educational facility.
 - You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible.

Award Amount: \$500

To Apply: <https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

Deadline: October 8, 2024

The Claes Nobel Legacy Award

Eligibility:

- High school seniors graduating in 2025 and current college freshmen (GY: 2024)
- minimum GPA of 3.5
- have demonstrated in an outstanding manner the values of NSHSS Co-founder Mr. Claes Nobel.
- Meet all application requirements

Award Amount: (5) \$5000

To Apply: <https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/the-claes-nobel-legacy-awards-2024/>

Deadline: October 10, 2024

The Gregg Goff Leadership Scholarship

Eligibility:

- 2025 High school seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Meet all application requirements

Award Amount: (5) \$2000

To Apply: <https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/gregg-goff-leadership-scholarship-2024/>

Deadline: October 10, 2024

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Thomas Wolfe Scholarship

- This scholarship, designed for young writers, provides full undergraduate funding for four years, including tuition, room and board, textbooks, and a new laptop, along with a \$5,000 annual summer stipend to support the recipient's creative work. The application process consists of two steps:
 - Apply to UNC Chapel Hill by October 15, 2024.
 - Apply for The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship by November 15, 2024.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Applications are welcomed from student poets, playwrights, fiction writers, essayists and journalists across the country, and each Wolfe Scholar will be a young writer who shows extraordinary promise.

Award Amount: full tuition, room and board, textbooks, a new laptop, \$5000 annual summer stipend for the students creative work

To Apply: <https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-and-awards/>

Deadline: October 15, 2024 (apply to UNC); November 15, 2024 (apply for scholarship)

Chick-Fil-A Community Scholars Program

- **Eligibility:**
 - Chick-fil-A has established a scholarship program to assist students who plan to continue their education in college, vocational, or graduate school programs.
- Applicants to the Chick-fil-A Community Scholars Program must:
 - Currently reside* in the United States (U.S.), Puerto Rico or Canada
 - *Applicants are NOT required to be citizens or permanent residents of either country. Individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA) and international students attending college in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada are eligible to apply.
 - Be current high school seniors/students in their final year of upper or higher secondary school, college/university undergraduate (including CEGEP students) or graduate students or planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university (or equivalent), or full-time study at a vocational-technical school or CEGEP institution for the upcoming academic year
 - Be involved in community service, extracurricular activities and/or a leadership role in the twelve (12) months prior to application deadline (for example, volunteering for non-profits, helping others less fortunate, tutoring/mentoring, etc.)
 - Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)

- Be willing to participate in Chick-fil-A’s Scholars Program (a one-year experience of mentoring, activities, and professional development), if selected.
- Chick-fil-A Team Members are not eligible to apply.

Award Amount: (12) \$25,000 scholarships

To Apply: <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/cfacommunityscholars/>

Deadline: October 30, 2024 (by 3:00 pm)

Builders Association Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- plan to be a full-time college student in the Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 semester
- study in a construction-related program (construction management, engineering, or architecture)

Award Amount: \$3,000 (29 scholarships available)

To Apply: <https://thebuildersagc.com/BA/BA/Workforce-and-Professional-Development/Scholarships.aspx>

Deadline: October 31, 2024

Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Elks Foundation

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
 - Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
 - High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
 - Students must pursue a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
 - Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Award Amount: \$1000 - \$7500 annual scholarships (500)

To Apply: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

Deadline: November 12, 2024

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program

▪ Eligibility

- To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:
 - **Fall College Enrollment** – Intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2025.
 - **Senior Standing:** Complete four years of high school in the U.S., a U.S. Territory, or on a U.S. military base and plan to graduate in the spring of 2025
 - **GPA** – Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or above.
 - **Income** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will

conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.

Selection Process: The selection process for these awards is rigorous and highly competitive with approximately 45 scholarships awarded each year out of thousands of applicants. A review panel of distinguished college admissions professionals and faculty judge the applicants using criteria including:

- **High academic ability and achievement:** Strong academic record, academic awards and honors, and substantive assessments by educators providing confidential recommendations. In addition to:
 - **GPA** – minimum 3.75 unweighted
 - **Participation in available advanced courses**
 - **Commitment to learning**
 - **Intellectual curiosity**
- **Unmet financial need:** Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000.
- **Persistence:** Demonstrates perseverance when facing obstacles, is goal-oriented, and exhibits the ability to adapt to change.
- **Leadership:** Considered a positive role model, takes initiative, and contributes meaningful service efforts to a community or social issue.

Award: varies; can be up to \$55,000 per year

Apply: <https://apply.commonapp.org/> - must apply through Common Application add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation as one of your schools

Deadline: November 14, 2024

Hagan Scholarship

- The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients “regardless of nationality” with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free.

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must graduate from a high school located in the United States as a member of the current graduating class.
 - Eligible high schools include public, private, charter, magnet, and STEM schools.
 - The Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for 2023 Federal Income Tax Purposes must not have exceeded \$100,000.
 - Recipients of a Hagan Scholarship must enroll in an eligible four-year or higher college or university the first fall semester following high school graduation. The Hagan Scholarship cannot be used to attend a community college or online institution.

Award Amount: up to \$7500 for up to 8 consecutive semesters; Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad

To Apply: <https://www.nacme.org/scholarship/504>

Deadline: December 1, 2024

South Carolina Teaching Fellows

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- a United States citizen or will be an eligible non-citizen under State Residency statutes at the time of high school graduation (Please note - students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows.)
- a legal resident of South Carolina (Please note - The Teaching Fellows Institution will verify residency after a student has been offered an award.)
- a high school senior or a junior who is graduating early
- Meet all eligibility requirements as stated on the application

Award Amount: \$6,000 annually for four years

To Apply: <https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows-application.html>

Deadline: December 1, 2024

Ted and Holly Rollins Scholarship

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors based on the most compelling stories -- regarding their life story, their intended field of study, career and how they will make an impact on the world.

Award Amount: \$5,000

To Apply: <https://www.rollinsscholarship.org/scholarship-application>

Deadline: December 1, 2024

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Awards

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be age 18 or younger, and enrolled in a Richland School District One elementary, middle or high school.
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Meet all eligibility requirements as stated on the application

Award Amount: \$1,000(1st); \$500 (2nd); \$250(3rd)

To Apply: <https://parksandrec.columbiasc.gov/test-page/2024-mlk-dream-keeper-scholarship-awards/>

Deadline: December 2, 2024

Burger King Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be living in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico
- Be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico), graduating from grade 12 (Canada) or graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent

- Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2023-24 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school or CEGEP or equivalent in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam or Canada

Award Amount: up to \$1000

To Apply: <https://bk-scholars.com/>

Deadline: December 16, 2024 (Opens OCTOBER 15)

National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering

- NACME's mission is to increase representation of Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic-American and Native/American Indian in the fields of engineering and computer science.

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Common Application
 - Complete Tasks
 - Under “My Scholarships”
 - View “Common Application”
 - Complete Current Tasks
 - Upload GPA Confirmation
 - Upload Profile Image
 - Upload Resume
- Be a high school senior applying to an engineering or computer science program, within one year of graduating from high school, or matriculating in a community college program with the intent to apply to a NACME Partner Institution, or be currently matriculating in an engineering or computer science program at a NACME Partner Institution
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet the minimum GPA requirement of the specific scholarship.

Award Amount: Varies

To Apply: <https://www.nacme.org/scholarship/504>

Deadline: December 31, 2024

Sallie Mae Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Legal resident 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.

Award Amount: \$2000

To Apply: https://www.salliemae.com/scholarships/2k-scholarship/?dtd_cell=SMPLSODCZPPSOTOTOTHOTHRN010000&utm_source=studentscholarships&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=acq1p_ss_s_u_u_sch_u_u&utm_content=app

Deadline: December 31, 2024

College is Power Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - age 17 years or older who plan to start a program of higher education within the next 12 months
 - Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <https://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm>

Deadline: December 31, 2024

Big Future Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must attend a public, private, or home school located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other US territories and possessions, or are US Citizens or residents who attend a US Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school outside of the US or US territories
- Complete steps on BigFuture to explore careers, plan for college, and pay for college.

Award Amount: Monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 (24)

To Apply: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships/scholarship-details#>

Deadline: One (1) winner per every two (2) months till January 2025.

Ron Brown Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents
 - Black/African American
 - Current high school seniors at the time of their application.
 - Demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and have a demonstrated financial need.
 - All requirements can be found on the site below.

Award Amount: (45) \$10,000 (yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: <https://ronbrown.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-RBSP-Application.pdf>

Deadline: January 9, 2025

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - 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 within the United States of affiliated with a United States-based college or university
 - Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college
 - Complete all application requirements.

Award Amount: up to \$35,000 over four years

To Apply: <https://jackierobinson.org/scholarship/>

Deadline: January 9, 2025

The Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Eligibility:

- Student must be a United States high school student in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools; U.S. students under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories; and U.S. citizens attending schools overseas.
- Employees of John Hancock Financial Services and members of their families are not eligible to participate.
- All portions of the application and essay must be complete.
 - Essays can be no more than 1,000 words but must be a minimum of 700 words. Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count.
 - Essays must be the original work of the student.
 - Essays must have a minimum of five sources.
- Student must have a nominating teacher throughout the essay process.

Award Amount: (1st place) \$10,000; (2nd Place) \$3,000; (5 finalist) \$1,000; (8 semi-finalists) \$100

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

Deadline: January 17, 2025 (opens September 1, 2024)

Mensa Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Only one application is allowed per student in this scholarship competition.
- Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited educational institution for the 2024-25 academic year.
- Applicants must complete all required information on the entry form.
- Essays must be the applicants' original work and no more than 550 words in length.

- Essays must be entered via cut/paste on our scholarship application form on this website. Essays will be truncated to the limit specified.
- Essay submissions are stored and reviewed as “plain text” without additional markup. Please make note of this when crafting your essay.
- Applicants’ names, addresses, and other identifying information **must not** be included in their essays.
- By submitting the form electronically via our website, applicants provide their digital signature certifying that their information and essays are their own work and that they have read these rules and guidelines.
- Applications must be submitted online on or before 11:59 p.m., CST (Central Standard Time) January 15, 2025, or 05:59 a.m. GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), on January 16, 2024.
- Application judging is done anonymously. The judges do not know who has entered the competition. If, by chance, you know a scholarship judge, do not contact that individual regarding the competition or your application may be disqualified. Instead, questions regarding the competition should be directed to Director@mensafoundation.org.

Award Amount: awards more than \$200,000 each year through various scholarships

To Apply: <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

Deadline: January 15, 2025 (opens September 15, 2024)

The Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- High School Senior
- US Citizen
- Planning on a career in service to the United States in local, state, or federal government.
- All portions of the application and essay must be complete, including:
 - Essays
 - Letter of recommendation (from Principal or School Counselor)
 - Resume
 - Transcript
 - Test Scores
 - Additional information explained in the application.

Award Amount: (30) from \$500 to \$5000 (non-renewable)

To Apply: <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

Deadline: January 15, 2025

Harry Hampton Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must have a major in the natural resources discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental

science to qualify.(NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship.)

- The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$5,000 (yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: <https://hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarships/>

Deadline: January 31, 2025

Thomas Webster Hardwick Jr. Scholarship:

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must have a major in the natural resources discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science to qualify.(NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship.)
 - The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$5,000 (yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: <https://hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarships/>

Deadline: January 31, 2025

Wallace F. Pate Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Wish to further education in the natural resources discipline such as wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, or marine science

Award Amount: \$2,500 (for 1 year)

To Apply: <https://hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarships/>

Deadline: January 31, 2025

David M. Cline Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Wish to further education in law enforcement/criminal justice/forensic science

Award Amount: \$2,000 (yearly for 1 year)

To Apply: www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarship.html

Deadline: January 31, 2025

James O. Thomason Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Wish to further education in electronic, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations, or mass communications
 - The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$2,000 (yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarship.html

Deadline: January 31, 2025

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

(7 different scholarships available)

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be a U S citizen and and meet requirements as a South Carolina resident.
 - International, foreign exchange, and doctoral program students are not eligible.
 - Must be enrolled as a full time student with a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes as an undergraduate and 9 graded hours of classes as a graduate student.
 - Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
(Exception Pearl Fryer Award GPA is 2.5 on a 4 point scale)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- All applications received by GCSC Chairman will be judged by that chairman and a committee of 8 in order to choose the winning applications.
- After judging is complete at the state level the SAR and NGC Scholarship Chairmen will receive their application by March 1 for judging.
- The following Sample Scale of Points may be used for evaluation of each application.
 - Academic Record 40%
 - Applicant's Essay 25%
 - List of Honors/ Extracurricular Activities/ Work 13%
 - Financial Need 15%
 - Recommendations 5%
 - Conformance 2%
- GCSC will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decisions on or before March 15. Winners will be honored at the April GCSC State Meeting.
- Applicants who continue to maintain a 3.0 average are encouraged to apply next year.

Award Amount: range from \$500 - \$2,000

To Apply: <https://gardenclubofsc.org/Scholarships> ; the AC Flora School Counseling Office,
Class of 2023 Schoology page

Deadline: February 1, 2025

Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Eligibility:

- You're a high school senior
- Must possess a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Applications must maintain a Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union membership account in their own name and the account must be kept in good standing.

Award Amount: 10 scholarships valued at \$1,500

To Apply: <https://www.ctelco.org/scholarship-opportunities/>

Deadline: February 1, 2025