

Monthly Scholarship Newsletter

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Welcome to our monthly scholarship newsletter. Here you will find our most up to date listing of available scholarships with eligibility requirements and links to apply. Remember to request any needed letters of recommendation at least three weeks in advance. All transcript requests must go through Naviance. Reach out to your school counselor with any questions.

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Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship due November 12

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

- Eligibility: 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.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Dr. Juan Andrade JR. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders due November 30

Scholarship Qualifications

- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as full-time undergraduate students in an accredited four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories
- Applicants must demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support
- At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry.
- Non-U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply (DACA or undocumented).
- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students for the Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 academic year. This includes high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors up to age 25.

Ron Brown Scholarship Program due December 1

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.

RBSP competitively awards 45 – 50 four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship – the four pillars of the late Ronald H. Brown's mission to uplift people of all races, cultures and ethnicities – especially our disadvantaged youth.

Recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. Since the Program's inception in 1996, 634 students have been designated as Ron Brown Scholars.

Applicants for the Ron Brown Scholarship MUST be Black/African American, US citizens or permanent residents, and a current high school senior at the time of their application.

Hagan Scholarship Foundation due December 1

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. The scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters. Applicants must graduate from a high school located in the United States. 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. 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. Hagan Scholars have attended 637 colleges and universities located in 49 states and the District of Columbia.



GE Regan Foundation due January 1

The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship offers college scholarships of up to \$40,000 for high school seniors nationwide who showcase leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship.

Candidate Requirements

- Demonstrate the attributes of leadership, integrity, drive, and citizenship within their communities, schools, and workplaces
- Display strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent)
- Be citizens of the United States of America
- Be current high school seniors attending high school within the United States, (including any U.S. territories or commonwealths), and graduating in winter 2024 or spring 2025. Homeschooled applicants and applicants living on a U.S. Armed Forces base and attending high school outside the U.S. are eligible.
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2025-2026 academic school year

Daughters of the American Revolution MD due January 15

The Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution will award a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating Maryland High School Senior who is a US citizen. Applicants pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree are eligible. Scholarships are renewable for up to an additional 3 years upon annual review and approval of an official college transcript by the state chairman. It is expected that students maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

MENSA Foundation Due January 1

Who is eligible?

Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who will be enrolled in accredited colleges for the following academic year may apply.

When can I apply?

Applications for Foundation scholarships are available only during the fall of each year. In general, applications are available from Sept. 15 until Jan. 15, which is the application deadline.

How do I apply?

Applicants must complete the online application, including an essay describing their career, vocational or academic goals. Essays must be no longer than 550 words.

Penguin Random House due January 15

Applicants to the **Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards Program in Partnership with We Need Diverse Books** must:

- Be current high school seniors at a public high school in the United States graduating Spring of 2025
 - Be 21 years of age and under
 - Plan to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or approved vocational-technical school Fall 2025
 - Submit one original literary composition in English in one of the following genres of poetry, spoken word, fiction, personal essay/memoir, or book bans prompt.
 - All submissions must be typed, double-spaced with a minimum 12 point font size and no longer than 10 pages.
 - All submissions with multiple pages must be numbered with a page number and total number of pages (Ex. 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).
 - A four-page minimum is recommended for the fiction genre.
 - Spoken word entries must upload a typed entry along with an emailed audio format file.
 - Only one entry per student may be submitted and considered.
 - Freedom of Expression entries must write about the provided topic.
 - Book bans are on the rise in America, driven by new laws and regulations limiting the kinds of books young people can access—and books by and/or about LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities are disproportionately targeted. Penguin Random House and We Need Diverse Books believe books change lives, and that everyone deserves to see themselves in a book.
 - **Freedom of Expression Prompt:** In the face of these book bans and attacks on free expression, we are celebrating the power of books and stories. Tell us about one banned book that changed your life and why.
- Only the first 1000 applications will be accepted.**



Daughters of the American Revolution National due January 31

Applicants must be citizens of the United States to apply for one of the national scholarships offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee. Applicants must also attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required, however, applicants may want to reach out to a DAR chapter in their area for help with their applications.

Important Information

- Applicants should submit their scholarship applications using the DAR's online process from November 1 through January 31 at 11:59 pm (Hawaii Time).
- To access the DAR Scholarship Committee's online scholarship application portal, [click here](#).
- The scholarship application portal is not to be used when applying for the the DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contests or state or chapter level scholarships.
- [DAR Scholarship Information and Application Checklist](#)
- [Scholarship FAQs](#)

United States JCI Foundation Scholarship Due January 17

Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary college or university. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited vocational or industrial school. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice.

HOPE Jeanette Cartwright Memorial Scholarship Due March 15

Each spring, in memory of its co-founder, Jeanette Cartwright, H.O.P.E. awards academic scholarships to deserving high school seniors. The award is based on financial need and a history of cancer in the student's immediate family. For those interested in applying, please download [2025 Jeanette Cartwright Scholarship](#). The successful candidate must have someone within his or her immediate household with cancer, must demonstrate a financial need, and be accepted into a college or trade school. Scholarship winners must then prove completion of one year of the college or trade school of their choice. Since 1995, H.O.P.E. has awarded over \$80,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. Candidates not only demonstrate exemplary academic and extracurricular talent, but continue to do so through the lingering effects of their families' cancer journey.



We Are Carroll (Opens November 15)

The Community Foundation of Carroll County supports more than 75 scholarships.

These scholarships vary in the amounts they award and cover a wide variety of student interests. Qualifiers range from academic achievements, sports played, and community service performed, to 4-H and FFA involvement. While the majority are for graduating Carroll County high school seniors, there are several for students in college or technical school, and even opportunities for students attending private primary school.

First Financial Federal Credit Union (opens December 1)

We are proud to offer a scholarship opportunity through our annual Scholarship Program. Typically, a \$3,000 college scholarship is made available to each high school within our field of membership. Additional scholarships are available to existing student members who attend schools outside of our field of membership.

Students must have a minimum 2.5 unweighted GPA to qualify. Scholarship funds can be used for post-secondary institutions (including college, technical, and trade schools); and are for related expenses during the student's first year of study. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.

Students must have their own Savings Account with First Financial FCU (Custodial, Health Savings, and special IRA accounts not eligible). Length of membership does not factor into the scholarship decision. If you're eligible for membership, join now and apply for the scholarship right away.

Application Requirements:

- Must be a First Financial Federal Credit Union of Maryland member
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024
- Have a GPA of 2.5 (unweighted) or higher
- Attend a high school in a community that FFFCU serves
- School counselor's email address to request copy of transcript
- List of school and community activities
- Two email addresses for letters of recommendation
 - Academic Recommendation
 - Character/Personal Recommendation
- Essay 300 words or less - What do you expect to gain from your post-secondary education?



First Financial employees, volunteers and their family members are ineligible to apply.

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (opens mid-November)

Since 1986, FEEA has given over 11,000 merit-based scholarships to federal public servants, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. An additional nearly 200 scholarships to surviving children whose federal employee parents died or were severely injured in the line of duty during terrorist attacks, such as those on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Pentagon on 9-11, and the US Embassies and Consulates in Kenya, Tanzania, and Libya. Collectively, our scholarship program to date totals over \$14 million. FEEA champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports over 200 students with merit-based scholarships.

National Eagle Scout Association (Opens December 1)

- Eagle Scouts must be a member of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) to apply.
- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or by the halfway point of their associate degree program or skilled trade program.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited educational institution as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to an academic degree (including associate degrees) or a skilled trade program.
- Cooke four-year scholarship awardees must be enrolled in an accredited four year college or university as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to a bachelors degree.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESA scholarships are not available to graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree.

Horatio Alger Scholarships (Opens December 1)

While most other scholarships focus exclusively on academic achievement or leadership potential, Horatio Alger Scholarships are also intended for promising students who have critical financial need, demonstrate integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and are determined to succeed.

Horatio Alger offers both undergraduate and career and technical scholarships. See the website for more information.
