






2024-2025 Scholarship Information

Red denotes deadline is approaching

Anything that is Blue is a link

Highlighted scholarships-new to the list

SC State Scholarships: There is no application for the state scholarships. LIFE, HOPE, Need-Based & Lottery Tuition are determined by the college/university. Students that qualify for Palmetto Fellows will be notify by Guidance. [Click Here for the brochure.](#)

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education		& Grant Programs	
 <p>Palmetto Fellows</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5 SC UGP GPA, 1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and Top 6% rank in Grade 10, 11, or 12 <p>If class rank criteria not met...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.0 SC UGP GPA, and 1400 SAT or 31 ACT 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 institutional GPA, and Earn 30 credit hours per academic year* <p>*cannot include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.</p> <p>Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.</p>	
	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>Attending a 2-Year Institution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 SC UGP GPA <p>Attending a 4-Year Institution?</p> <p>Meet 2 of following 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 SC UGP GPA 1100 SAT or 22 ACT Rank in top 30% of graduating 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 LIFE GPA, and Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year* <p>*includes hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.</p> <p>Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.</p>	 <p>LIFE</p>
 <p>SC HOPE</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>4-Year Institutions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 SC UGP GPA 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 LIFE GPA, and Earn an average 30 credit hours by end of first academic year (can include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment). <p><i>If SC HOPE recipients have satisfied these criteria at the end of their first academic year, they can be enrolled in the LIFE Scholarship program.</i></p>	
<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>Determined "in need" by completing the FAFSA.</p>	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.0 GPA, Earn 24 credit hours, and Complete the FAFSA annually, so "in need" status can be confirmed. 	 <p>SC Need-Based Grant</p>	
 <p>Tuition Assistance</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>2-Year Institutions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete FAFSA or FAFSA waiver, Enroll in at least six credit hours 		<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain satisfactory academic progress; After attempting 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA; and Complete the FAFSA annually <p><i>Students are not eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.</i></p>

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship: Contact Local Recruiter Minimum Qualifications

- SAT:1000, ACT: 22, ASVAB: 74
- Between ages 17-23
- Physically Qualified

CollegeBoard.org Scholarships- Please [click here](#) for a list of various scholarships that Collegeboard gives out.

https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/?SFMC_cid=EM566370-&rid=67096027

StudentScholarships.org-

October

VFW: Voice of Democracy

DEADLINE: October 31

[Click here](#) for information

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private, parochial school, or home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools are also eligible to participate.

HOW TO ENTER

Download the Voice of Democracy entry form and brochure to submit your essay to your local VFW Post. Students should record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to an audio CD/flash drive, they can submit their typed version, CD/flash drive and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post by the Oct.31 deadline.

Here is the website for more information.

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

November

December

SC Teaching Fellows

DEADLINE: December 1

Here's what you need to know about the Teaching Fellows Program. Teaching Fellows participate in advanced enrichment programs at Teaching Fellows Institutions and are involved with communities and businesses throughout the state. They receive up to \$24,000 in fellowship funds (up to \$6,000 a year for four years) while they complete a degree leading to South Carolina initial teacher certification.

• Students must complete the application online via the Kaleidoscope system. **Students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows**

Beginning on October 1st, the Teaching Fellows application will be available at

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

Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship: Amount \$ 1,000

DEADLINE: December 15

The Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship is an award for any current or soon-to-be undergraduate student in the United States who has had his or her life altered due to an injury from a car or truck accident, be it their own injury, that of a loved one, or an influential individual.

Students applying must submit an essay where you explain, present, inspire, or otherwise convince us as to why you deserve to win this scholarship. There are no conditions or outside requirements for this essay. Please keep submissions to 5 paragraphs and 600 words at the absolute maximum.

To apply please visit: <https://www.derricklawfirm.com/library/scholarship.cfm>

Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program

DEADLINE: December 18

Equitable Foundation has established the Equitable Excellence® Scholarship Program Scholarship Program to assist high school seniors who are planning to continue their education at a two- or four-year college in the United States by Fall 2025. This program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Eligibility for individual programs is determined at the sole discretion of the sponsor and eligible applications are reviewed by Scholarship America's evaluation team.

- Be current high school seniors in one of the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive to be a force for good in school, community or work activities
- 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.
- Have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Please visit the website to apply: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>

NCDA Poetry & Art Contest

DEADLINE: December 20

THEME: Creating my Career Path: Embracing Change in my Journey

Participants are invited to explore creating their futures and embracing the changes that come with them. They can explore how they overcome obstacles and adapt to new situations at home, school, work, or with friends.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the contest.

"No Sweat" Scholarship

DEADLINE: December 31

The Cirkled In "No Sweat" Scholarship is a \$2500 CASH scholarship you can use for any educational purpose, from books to summer camp. In just two steps, you're in! Apply by signing-up for a Cirkled In account and then complete your portfolio.

- No GPA requirements or Essays to write
- No minimum income requirements
- Selection based on their holistic Cirkled In profile

Application URL: <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships/>

January

BBB Educational Foundation

DEADLINE: January 1

The [2025 BBB Spark Jr Award](#) recognizes current high school students who display entrepreneurship. Either a business operated by a student or a business model developed for future execution will qualify. Applicants must reside or attend school within BBB of Eastern Carolinas' 48-county service area. Like the [BBB Spark Award](#), candidates must demonstrate Character, Culture, and Community. The winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize!

Applications for our Spark Jr. Award are due by 11:59 pm on December 1, 2024. [Use this link to apply today!](#)

Students are also encouraged to apply to our [2025 BBB Torch Scholarships](#). These scholarships recognize students who personify high ethical standards as demonstrated through leadership, community service, overall personal integrity, and academic history. Torch Scholarships are given to college-bound high school seniors and college undergraduates who reside or attend school within BBB of Eastern Carolinas' 48-county service area. Last year, we awarded students with over \$20,000 in scholarships.

Applications for our scholarships are also due by 11:59 pm on December 1, 2024. [Use this link to apply today!](#)

South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship: Various scholarships

DEADLINE: January 15

- Current seniors enrolled in SC high school.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0
- SC resident
- Must demonstrate community involvement through service/volunteer work.
- Have a competitive or recreational interest in golf.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

Applications available at <https://www.scholarshipprograms.org/golf/index.php?&testing=N>

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Essay Contest:

Varies Opens September 1

Deadline January 17

Contest Topic: Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level.

- 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.

Click the link below to submit essay and for more information

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

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: January 9

The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) Scholarship program addresses the financial needs of college students and provides extensive, hands-on mentoring and support services. The JRF scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited, four-year college or university.

- - 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

- - Not possess a degree from, or be enrolled in, a 2 or 4–year college when applying

Application Components

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
- Four essays

For more information about the scholarship and to apply please visit:

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

Hampton Wildlife Fund- Amount Varies

DEADLINE: January 31

The Hampton Wildlife Fund is offering 4 different scholarships.

Scholarship information and applications can be found at

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

Harry Hampton Scholarship-\$5,000 (4 years) for students in the natural resources disciplines of wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine or environmental science.

Wallace F. Pate Scholarship- \$2,500 (1 year) for students in the natural resources disciplines of wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine or environmental science.

Natural resource students may apply for the Hampton and Pate scholarships together on one application, but are eligible to be awarded only on. Agriculture, general biology, pre-medical biology, and veterinary science are NOT eligible curricula for these scholarships.

David M. Cline Scholarship- \$2,000 (1 year) for students who wish to further their education in law enforcement/ criminal justice/ forensic science. Pre-medical curricula on a path to forensic medicine does NOT qualify for this scholarship.

James O. Thomason Scholarship- \$2,000 (4 years) for students who wish to further their education in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications. This scholarship requires the student to submit a topical essay.

February

March

Carolina Trust & HTC- KEY Scholarship

DEADLINE: March 3

Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (HTC) have partnered to offer two scholarship awards to local graduating high school seniors who wish to continue their education at either Coastal Carolina University (CCU) or Francis Marion University (FMU). Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to rising college freshmen seeking a four-year degree from CCU or FMU.

- Current high school seniors; cumulative 3.0 GPA;
- Accepted by and plan to attend either Coastal Carolina or Francis Marion for at least 4 years.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 12 college credit hours

Please visit <https://info.carolinatrust.org/key-scholarship> to complete the application.

April

Mildred H. Gerald Memorial Scholarship: Amount \$ 1,000

DEADLINE: April 30

This Scholarship was established by the Moving Forward Carolina Foundation to honor the legacy of Mildred Hemingway Gerald, a lifelong educator and community service advocate. The goal is to provide financial support to a deserving high school student.

- Male or Female African American senior student in Horry County
- GPA 2.5
- 500 Word Essay
- Application, with official transcript and 2 letters of recommendations

Please visit: <https://www.movingforwardcarolina.org/> for more information and application.

May

June

College Scholarship Resources

- Visit <http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/> for scholarships for follow on social media We are @TFSscholarships on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- <http://www.college-scholarships.com/>
- **The Center for Scholarship Administration:** Various Scholarships available. Visit <https://www.csascholars.org/>
- <http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com>

Please also visit St. James High School Guidance website for information

<https://www.horrycountyschools.net/domain/2649>

Deadline Varies

The Center for Scholarship

Administration Deadline-Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities. Visit <https://www.csascholars.org/>

Elks National Foundation Scholarships

Deadline – Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities Applications available at:

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars>

MALDEF Scholarships (Latino Legal Voice for Civil

Rights) Deadline- Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities. Applications available at: <http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html> or

https://www.maldef.org/assets/pdf/FINAL_2018-2019_MALDEF_Scholarship_List_102717.pdf

American Legion Scholarships

Deadline - Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities Applications available at:

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

VFW

Scholarships

Deadline- Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities Applications available at:

<https://www.vfw.org/Youth/>

Coastal Carolina University

Scholarships Deadline – Varies

Amount varies per scholarship. Various scholarship opportunities

<https://www.coastal.edu/admissionsaid/scholarships/>

DAR-Daughters of the American Revolution

Scholarships Deadline-FEBRUARY 15

<https://dar.academicworks.com/>

