

***Hello class of 2025! If you're looking for scholarships, you are in the right place. Check out the list below and apply to anything that's a good match.***

### **What is a Scholarship/Grant?**

Grants & scholarships are free money that you apply for and do not have to pay back. They can come from the U.S. federal or state government, a college, or a private organization. This type of aid can be a one-off payment or renewable, meaning that you receive a fixed amount over a specified period of time. Make sure to review the eligibility requirements of each scholarship and grant before you apply. Eligibility requirements can include GPA, citizenship status, state residency, financial need, achievements, group membership, heritage, athletic skill, and much more.

**Signs of a Scholarship or Financial Aid Scam:** Not sure if an offer is a scam? Here's how to tell. If someone advertises an offer with any of these phrases, or a variation, it's a scam.

- Scammers say: "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- Scammers say: "You can't get this information anywhere else."
- Scammers say: "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
- Scammers say: "We'll do all the work. You just pay a processing fee."
- Scammers say: "The scholarship will cost some money."
- Scammers say: "You're a finalist [for a contest you never entered]."

***For paper copies of PDF Applications,  
see Career Center Specialist, Michaela  
Tanis, in Room 123!***

## COUNTY/LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Bellingham - Whatcom County Professional Fire Fighters Memorial Scholarship  
(PAPER APPLICATION - ROOM 123) ([SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025 1.docx](#))

- **Application OPEN, closes MARCH 14th, 2025**
- Applicants must be related to an Active or Retired member of IAFF Local 106
- Must be a HS Senior
- Applicant must be planning to pursue a degree in one of the following areas: Fire Science, Health, Medicine
- 2.5 GPA minimum

JAMIE VERMEULEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2025 (PAPER COPIES IN ROOM 123) ([Link to PDF application - JV Memorial Scholarship Application PDF](#))

- **Currently OPEN, closes APRIL 1st, 2025**
- Current FHS senior graduating in 2025
- Must have lettered a minimum of 2 years in a HS sport
- Shows aptitude and ability to succeed academically at a university level

FFA Booster Club 2024-25 Scholarship (PAPER COPIES IN ROOM 123 OR TORRETTAS ROOM) ([Link to PDF Application - Application](#) , [Community Member Evaluation](#) , [Advisor Evaluation](#) )

- **Currently OPEN, closes APRIL 15th, 2025**
- Must be a current senior at FHS
- Must be a current, paid member of the Ferndale FFA

Ferndale Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship (PAPER COPIES IN ROOM 123) ([Link to PDF Application - Ferndale Kiwanis Application](#) , [Ferndale Kiwanis Scholarship Letter](#))

- **Currently OPEN, closes APRIL 15th, 2025**
- FHS Senior graduating in 2025
- 2.5+ GPA
- Demonstrate achievements in scholastics, leadership, athletics, music, community, and/or school service etc.

[Scholarship | Carmen Denson Foundation | Live Like Carmen](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes May 15th, 2025**

- The scholarship is open to students attending a technical, community or 4 year college/university
- Applications will be evaluated based on Community Involvement, Academics, Leadership ExtraCurricular Activities, Special Circumstances

### [Whatcom Community College Scholarship Application](#)

- **Application OPENS JAN 21st 2025**

- For students attending Whatcom Community College in Fall 2025

### [BTC Foundation Scholarships](#)

- **Application OPENS Spring Quarter (April '25)**

- For students attending BTC in Fall 2025

### [NW College Career Federation Scholarship](#)

- **Currently OPEN, no due date posted**

- For students intending to attend EVERGREEN BEAUTY COLLEGE

## **WA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS:**

### [American Indian Endowed Scholarship Application](#)

- **Currently OPEN, applications due MARCH 3rd, 2025**

- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe, or an American Indian community, in Washington State.
- Intend to use their education to benefit American Indians in Washington.
- Have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college financial aid office).
- Meet Washington State residency requirements for state financial aid. (<https://wsac.wa.gov/student-residency>)
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at an eligible Washington college or university by fall term of the award year, and for every term in which the student receives the scholarship. Less than full-time enrollment in any term results in forfeiture of the balance of the award.
- Not be pursuing a degree in theology.

[Association of WA Cities | 2025 Application](#) - The city of Ferndale will nominate ONE graduating HS Senior for this scholarship.

- **Currently OPEN, applications due Jan 27th, 2025**
- Applicants must be a senior at FHS
- Students that are active in city government, community or school and plan to pursue post secondary education.

#### [Phillips 66 STEM Scholarship](#)

- **Opens JAN 6th, 2025, closes MARCH 3rd 2025 (or until 1,000 applicants have applied)**
- Be an FHS senior
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Be pursuing a STEM degree (interested in energy, chemicals or manufacturing)

[Pride Foundation](#) - Scholarship Program that supports and prioritizes LGBTQ+ student leaders in the Western United States.

- **Currently OPEN, applications due JAN 10th, 2025**
- Applicants must be a resident of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington
- Pursuing Post-Secondary Education
- Demonstrate a commitment to advancing justice and the well-being of their communities, past, present, and future
  - *AND/OR* Have experienced family rejection and/or haven't been able to access a larger community support system
  - *AND/OR* Face systemic barriers to educational access, and have been impacted by systemic discrimination and oppression

[Scholarships | Washington State Fair Events Center - Puyallup, WA](#) - One Application for every scholarship offered!

- **Currently OPEN, due JAN 31st, 2025**
- Any WA state HS senior

#### [2025 WSSRA High School Scholarship Application](#)

- **Currently OPEN, due MARCH 1st!**
- **Robert J. Handy/WSSR Foundation Scholarships**
  - Students planning to pursue a career in public education (teacher, counselor, speech therapist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, social worker or school psychologist)
- **Gene Forrester Memorial Scholarship**
  - Students with a 3.0+ GPA majoring in Agricultural Education at WSU.

### [2025 Truman D Picard Scholarship](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes MARCH 21st, 2025**
- **Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation**
- **Must be enrolled in natural resource courses in HS (example: aquaculture, agriculture, etc)**

### [Career & Technical Scholarship - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship \(waopportunityscholarship.org\)](#)

- **Fall 2025 scholarship opens March, 2025**
- **For students planning to get apprenticeship, certificate, or associate degrees in STEM, health care, and/or the trades.**

### [Baccalaureate Scholarship - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship \(waopportunityscholarship.org\)](#)

- **Fall 2025 scholarship opens Jan 8th, 2025**
- **For students planning to earn an associates or bachelor's degree in the fields of computer science, nursing, engineering, or another STEM or health care field**

## **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

### [Scholarships | High School | DECA Inc.](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes Jan 10th**
- **Scholarships for active DECA Members**

### [Essential Visionaries Scholarship Fund](#)

- **Applications open in DEC, applications due JAN 16th, 2025**
- For students seeking a degree or certificate in EDUCATION, COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY, or NURSING
- 2.5 minimum GPA

[Apply for FFA Scholarships! | National FFA Organization](#)

- **Opens NOV 1st, applications due JAN 9th, 2025**
- HS Senior FFA member
- Pursuing trade school, vocational cert, or 2- or 4- year degree

[Equitable Excellence Scholarship](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes JAN 13th, 2025 by 3:00 PM**
- For HS Seniors planning to enroll full time in an accredited 2-or 4-year school
- Demonstrate ambition & self-drive to be a force for good in your community by encouraging others to pursue higher education
- 2.5+ GPA

[100 Scholarships for Hispanic Students 2024 \(scholaroo.com\)](#)

[Chairish Design Your Future Scholarship - Scholaroo](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes JAN 1st 2025**
- Must be 18 to apply, 3.0+ GPA, Race/Ethnicity: Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black, Hispanic, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander

[Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship - Scholaroo](#)

- **Currently OPEN, closes JAN 11th 2025**
- For HS Freshman - HS Seniors
- No GPA requirement, Race/Ethnicity: Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black, Hispanic, Pacific Islander

[McDonald's HACER National Scholarship - Scholaroo](#)

- **Opens OCT 1st, closes FEB 5th 2025**
- For Hispanic HS Juniors - Undergraduate Students
- 2.8+ GPA required

### [Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail Endowed Scholarship - Scholaroo](#)

- **Opens NOV 1st, closes FEB 1st 2025**
- For WOMEN of the following race/ethnicities: Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
- 2.5+ GPA, intending to study manufacturing engineering, manufacturing engineering technology, or a closely related engineering or technology discipline

### [Supporting Future Welding Society Professionals \(aws.org\) American Welding Society](#)

- **National, District, & Section Scholarships currently OPEN, closes MARCH 1st**
- For HS Seniors intending to pursue welding

### [Phillips 66 Scholarship](#)

- **Application Opens in JAN 2025, Closes in FEB 2025**
- For students focused on earning a STEM field related degree
- Applicants do not need connections to Phillips 66

## **CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- [Regents Scholars Program | Student Financial Services | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](#)
- [Aim High Flight Academy Aviation Scholarship](#)
- [STAR Scholarship - P.E.O. International \(peointernational.org\)](#)
- [Hagan Scholarship Foundation – "Helping students with financial need graduate college debt-free"](#)