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Scholarship (Public-Facing Name)	Eligible High School(s) and Residential Areas	How to Apply	Available to Graduating High School Seniors?	Available to Current College Students?	Available to Non-Traditional Students?	Description
Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Established by Paul and Michele DeRitter in honor of Alyn J. Heim, this award is for graduating seniors pursuing a degree in vocal, instrumental or music education at a 2- or 4-year institution, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and/or top 5% of class. Preference given to students recommended by Cattaraugus County Music Teachers Association.
Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	Established by Yvonne McHone in memory of her husband and founder of McHone Industries, Arnold McHone, this scholarship is for graduating seniors or graduates from any high school in Cattaraugus County pursuing a technical education at any post-secondary 1- or 2-year institution in any field related to manufacturing, such as machine technology and heavy equipment operation. Financial need will be considered. Past recipients may reapply.
Bernadette E. "Bernie" Taylor Memorial Scholarship	Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Established by the Taylor family of Cuba, this scholarship is in memory of "Bernie" Taylor, who taught chemistry at Bradford Area High School, then Allegany High School and Allegany-Limestone Central School for over 30 years. This award is for a graduating student of any high school in Cattaraugus or Allegany counties, with first preference for a student who plans to major in education, particularly in math or science fields; nursing; or a health-care field. Second preference is for a high school student graduating from any high school in Cattaraugus or Allegany counties who will be attending St. Bonaventure University and entering the ROTC program. Students graduating from Allegany-Limestone Central School also will be given preference. Students must be in good academic standing. Financial need will be considered, but is not the only factor.

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Cattaraugus County Trappers Memorial Scholarship	High Schools in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Created by the Cattaraugus County Trappers Association, this scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who plans to pursue a degree in Natural Resources Conservation, Fish & Wildlife Management, Forest Management or similar area of study at a 2- or 4-year college. Financial need will be considered. Minimum grade average must be 75 or higher. Applicants must include list of outdoors sports in which they participate, a statement on importance of the role of sportsmen in conservation and management of fish and wildlife and natural resources, and information on career path in their goal statement.
Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship	Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This scholarship benefits students in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, in good academic standing, with a preference for those entering a business-related field of study. Two $500 awards are made to two students each from Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties.
Community Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	This fund will provide scholarship opportunities for all students in Cattaraugus County at the direction of the CRCF scholarship committee.
Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY); Potter and McKean Counties (PA)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Given through the generosity of the Catherine M. Cridler Trust and named in honor of Daniel McCarthy, one of the founders of Olean Business Institute, this scholarship is available to students pursuing undergraduate business studies. The fund was renamed in 2023 to include Patrick McCarthy, son of Daniel, who also served as director of Olean Business Institute for many years.
Deputy Wayne and Carol Krieger Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Established in memory of sheriff's deputy Wayne Krieger by his family, this scholarship benefits graduating seniors of Cattaraugus County and Allegany County high schools intending to study criminal justice, with a preference for a student who is a BOCES criminal justice student.

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Don and Bern Holcomb Memorial Scholarship	Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This scholarship was created in memory of Don and Bern Holcomb and is for high school students from any school in Cattaraugus or Allegany county who plans to attend an accredited post-secondary institution, with a preference for a student majoring in an agricultural or conservation-related field or a female pursuing an engineering degree.
Dresser-Rand Employees Scholarship	Any	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who are the children of employees of Dresser-Rand/Siemens Energy. Employees must have been Olean-based employees as of February 2, 2020 with at least 12 months of service.
Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Scholarships will be awarded annually from this fund for college-bound students from any Cattaraugus County High School committed to advancing their skills in any aspect of the arts. Preference will be for graduating seniors of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus-Little Valley, West Valley, Salamanca or Franklinville/Ten-Broeck Academy high schools. First preference will be for students pursuing the fine arts, with second preference for students pursuing performing arts fields. This award is not limited to students majoring in art.
Ginger D. Schroder Cattaraugus County Legislative District 2 Scholarship	Students residing in Cattaraugus County Legislative District 2 (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	The Ginger D. Schroder Legislative District 2 Scholarship is given to a graduating high school student residing in Cattaraugus County Legislative District 2 who will pursue a trade degree or 2-or 4-year college degree.
John J. Murphy Family Scholarship	Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties (NY); McKean and Potter Counties (PA)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Named in honor of John J. "Jack" Murphy, Olean native and former CEO and Chairman of Dresser Industries, this scholarship was established initially through a grant from the Communities Foundation of Texas and is continued with donations from generous donors. Preference is given for students pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing, engineering or business, as well as those with family members employed by or retired from Dresser-Rand in Olean. Selection criteria includes scholastic achievement, school and community participation, demonstrated leadership potential and financial need.

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Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship	Allegany-Limestone Central School; Cattaraugus County (NY) or McKean County (PA)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	Established by Drs. Ashok and Yogini Kothari, this fund supports two annual scholarships for students pursuing a health-care related degree, one available to Allegany-Limestone High School students and one for students attending high school in Cattaraugus County or McKean County (PA).
Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY); McKean and Potter Counties (PA)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	First preference for a graduating high school senior from any high school in Cattaraugus County, second preference for a graduating senior from any high school within a 30-mile radius of Olean, NY, who will be attending a four-year college and who has had an immediate family member or guardian who has gone through cancer treatment. The student must be in good academic standing. Financial need is not a factor. The applicant must submit an essay of no more than 350 words explaining what the student learned from his/her family member or guardian who struggled with cancer and the impact it left on him/her and what advice the student would give to someone else who may face the same situation.
Maryetta's Mission Scholarship	Residents of Western New York or Western Pennsylvania	Universal Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	Established by Maryetta's Mission at the First Church of God of Eldred, PA, this scholarship is awarded to students who are entering or currently in a post-secondary program for Christian-based ministerial studies including majors or fields of study such as theology, music liturgy, youth development, Christian administration, etc.
Nelson M. Beard Memorial Scholarship	Salamanca High School; Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This scholarship is for a student from the Salamanca City Central School District who is planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or technical/trade school, with second preference going to a student from any school in Cattaraugus County planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or trade/technical school.

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OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship	Olean High School	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This scholarship was created by the Olean High School Class of 1983 in memory of all of the deceased members of the class. The scholarship shall be awarded with first preference to a graduating high school senior who is a relative of a member of the Olean High School Class of 1983 and second preference to a student from Olean High School who demonstrates financial need.
Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship	57th NY State Senate District: Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties	Universal Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	Established through the Pat McGee Endowment, named in memory of the former late New York State Senator representing the 57th district, awards are given each year to students, traditional or nontraditional, in the 57th State Senate district (which includes much of Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties) who are pursuing nursing degrees. Students must maintain at least a C average. Students previously receiving the award also can reapply.
Patrick Shinners Memorial Team Player Scholarship	Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties (NY)	Must be nominated by your football coach using the downloadable PDF on our website	Yes	No	No	This scholarship is available to players in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties who are a graduating senior and participated in football for at least one school year. The ideal candidate will be a player who was there for the team; a player who was not the team hero, but who came to practice knowing that he may not be in the game on Friday night.
Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship	Residents of the Southern Tier (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	This scholarship fund will honor the work of the Southern Tier Military Support Group. The annual distribution will be available for a scholarship award for nontraditional students who are veterans, or for graduating high school seniors who are the children or dependents of a veteran or who are planning to enroll in an ROTC program during their college education.

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Two Joes Scholarship	Cattaraugus County (NY)	Universal Application	Yes	No	No	This fund, named for two local community-minded businessmen, Joe DeRose and Joe Sgro, will support a scholarship for students in Cattaraugus County interested in pursuing technology-, marketing and communications- or business-related degrees.