



## **THE BIG LIST of Scholarships 2024-2025**

**This is a list of local, state, and national scholarships and their deadlines.**

**Please keep in mind that scholarship offerings constantly change,**

***So this should just be used as a guide.***

### **Frequently Asked Questions about Scholarships**

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BEGIN LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:**

##### **How should I use this list?**

Check out each of the scholarships listed to determine which scholarships you are eligible to apply for. Do not wait until the last minute.

##### **Where can I get an application for a scholarship?**

Most scholarships provide an online address to apply. If a paper copy is needed, please see your counselor..

##### **Are deadlines really deadlines?**

Yes, Yes, Yes. If you miss a deadline, chances are that you've missed your opportunity at a scholarship. Please adhere strictly to deadlines. Make sure the documents you submit are labeled correctly and can be opened.

##### **What if a scholarship application asks for tax information?**

You will need to use your parent's tax info from 2023. [You only need the first two pages.] Always be sure to **delete social security numbers for safety measures**. **The Counseling Department usually hosts a FAFSA meeting to help in filling out financial information. You and your parents should plan to attend that meeting.**

### What if a scholarship application asks for SAT or ACT scores?

In most cases, you can download the report straight from the website (College Board for SAT, ACT.org for ACT). If you need help with this, see your school counselor.

### Should I have someone proofread my essays?

YES! Request help from your English teachers first or a counselor if your English teacher is not available. Ms. Pataro in room 501 has agreed to assist with essay writing and editing. Ms. Jackson is also at STHS on Wednesdays to help students with essays. To schedule an appointment, please email Ms. Jackson at [bdjackson@edgefield.k12.sc.us](mailto:bdjackson@edgefield.k12.sc.us)

### Who should I ask to complete my recommendations?

In most cases, teachers who know you best should be asked to write your recommendations.

- **Always provide those you ask with an academic resume** (a listing of all classes, clubs, sports, activities, awards, recognitions, community service, etc.).
- **Also, remember to give your recommenders adequate time (2 weeks preferably) to write a recommendation.**
- **Always thank your recommenders. A thank you note is appropriate for anyone who writes you a recommendation.**

### How will I know if I won a scholarship?

Most scholarships will contact you directly if you are named a recipient. Please notify your counselor immediately if you receive official notice of a scholarship award. Some local scholarships will be announced at the school's official Awards Day ceremony.

### Can you recommend any sites that advertise national scholarships?

**THE SHORT LIST:** There are many, but here are a few of our favorite sites:

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

<https://www.goingmerry.com>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.cappex.com/>

<https://www.raise.me/>

[PACE SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMY on Facebook](#)

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## The Big List

### Strom Thurmond Specific Scholarships

Name of Scholarship/Contest	National/ State/or Local	Due Date	Amount Awarded	Information
<b>Strom Thurmond Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	(3 Students) \$3,000	Needs-based scholarship. Requires an essay explaining financial need and career plans.
<b>Ryan Wood Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	\$1,000	Applicants must plan to attend a post-secondary school, have been a member of the Marching Band, Drama, or Mock Trial during their time at STHS. Must include an academic resume, recommendations, and essay.
<b>Commander Stamey Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	\$750	A senior enrolling into a military type school or institution, or a college where the student plans to participate in a ROTC program.
<b>Ted Connelly Art Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	\$200	Senior nominated by Art teacher. Student must have plans to major in an art related field.
<b>L.J. Carson Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	(2 Students) \$1,000	The L.J. Carson Scholarship will be presented to seniors at Strom Thurmond High School who intend to become an educator. Applicants must be planning to major in education, and must be accepted for admission to a post-secondary institution.
<b>Joanne T. Rainsford Scholarship</b>	STHS Students		\$2,000	Must be a senior planning to pursue a degree in an horticulture related field. Must have a 2.75/4.0 GPA, provide a financial need statement, be accepted to a college, and complete an application,
<b>Raymond Morton Citizenship</b>	STHS Students	April	\$500	Must be a senior who plans to enter the workforce after graduation. Must demonstrate outstanding character and preparation for the workforce or for enlistment in the military.
<b>Ridge Healthcare Scholarship</b>	STHS Students			Must be a senior planning to pursue a degree in a healthcare related field.

<b>Johnston Women's Club Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	\$1200	Must be a senior who demonstrates leadership, service, and outstanding scholarship. 3.0 with admirable class ranking. One page essay required.
<b>Claudette J. Fick Scholarship for Art MAjors</b>	STHS Students	April	\$2,000	Strom Thurmond High School senior planning to pursue a major in a fine arts field, GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale, provide a financial need statement, and complete an application.
<b>Johnston Elementary Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	April	TBD	This scholarship is for a student who attended Johnston Elementary School and has a financial need.
<b>"Lord, let me make a difference" Yonce-Nichols Scholarship</b>	STHS Students	Mar	\$5,000	Must be a senior with a minimum 2.5/4.0 GPA accepted to an accredited college, university, or trade school.

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<b>Coca Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship</b>	National	Sep 30 by 5 pm	\$20,000	150 students are chosen nationwide for this scholarship; 3.0 unweighted GPA is only requirement; Achievement (not need based). Scholars chosen will be well-rounded, bright students who not only excel academically, but are also actively involved in their schools. These leaders are passionate and service-oriented, and demonstrate a sustained commitment to bettering their community. <a href="https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/">https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/</a>
<b>High School Heisman Award</b>	Local/ State/ National	Oct	\$1000 state award \$10,000 national award	Senior athletes must have a 3.0 GPA, participate or have participated in grades 9, 10 or 11 in sports at school and be a leader in the school and community and serve as a role model for underclassman. Information and application available is online at <a href="https://www.heismanscholarshipapplication.com">https://www.heismanscholarshipapplication.com</a> . Note: Please list your counselor as the reviewer.
<b>VFW Voice of Democracy</b>	National	Oct	Multiple awards (Top-\$35,000 scholarship)	Essay competition for grades 9-12. Students must record an original 3-5 min audio essay on a given theme
<b>Palmetto State School Counselor Association's "How a School Counselor Made the Difference" Scholarship</b>	State	Dec	\$1000 (5 scholarships awarded)	Applicant will submit a short application with an essay of 500 words on a topic provided. It's usually about ways a school counselor has assisted them Apps must be submitted online. This is a state contest but Aiken County has had several winners in the past
<b>SC Teaching Fellows</b>	State	Dec	Up to \$24,000	Plan to pursue a degree in education and attend one of 11 participating colleges/universities. ANYONE planning to be a teacher should apply <a href="https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows.html">https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows.html</a>
<b>National Honor Society Scholarships</b>	National	Nov/ Dec	Up to 600 scholarships awarded	Must be a member of NHS in good standing. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

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Hagan Foundation	National	Dec	Up to \$12,000/yr	Applicants should have 3.5/4.0 GPA and have a financial need (Household income less than \$85,000).
Burger King Scholars Program	National	Dec	\$1000-\$50,000	Scholarships for employees or children of employees as well as any seniors planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college. Applicants must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent; demonstrate community involvement through volunteering, sports, clubs and/or religious organizations. Apply online
SC Junior Golf Association	State	Jan	\$1500-\$2500 (renewable)	Applicants must be planning to attend college in SC and have 3.0/4.0 scale; must demonstrate financial need
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	National	Jan	Up to \$7000/yr	Applicants should be minority who has financial need who plans to attend a 4 year university. Apply online
Kitty Moss Fairey Educational Fund	State	Jan	varies	Must attend SC university and have 3.0/4.0 scale; must demonstrate financial need. We had a winner last year!
Vocational Rehab Journalism contest	State	Jan	Full tuition and fees to a four year SC college or university	Must write a 3 page article on a specific theme relating to being successful with disabilities.
ACS-SR America Chemical Society Savannah River Local Section Scholarship	Local (CSRA)	Jan	\$1000	Applicants must have 3.0/4.0 GPA, taken or currently in Chemistry, planning to attend 2 or 4 yr college, and must major in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemical technology, materials science, forensic science, or other chem related field. Requirements: App, Essay, transcript and letter of rec from STEM teacher. All parts must be emailed.
Ron Brown Scholars Program	National	Jan	\$10,000 annually and renewable	To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, Black/African American and current high school seniors at the time of their application. Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and have a demonstrated financial need.

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Hampton Wildlife Fund	State	Jan	\$2000-\$5000 Multiple scholarships	Must be planning to attend college in South Carolina and major in natural resources discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science, or environmental science to qualify.
SRNS/SRR Family Scholarship	Local	Jan/ Feb	\$3000 (15 scholarships awarded)	Open to sons and daughters of active full service employees of SRNS/SRR; SEE Mrs. Tice for written or electronic application when available
CNTA (Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness)	Local	Feb	Up to \$1000; several \$500 winners	Usually 1000-1500 word essay on one of three topics related to nuclear technology
James Byrnes Foundation	State	Feb	\$4500/ Year (renewable)	To be eligible, a student must have at least 1 parent who is deceased, have financial need, and plan to attend a 4 year college/university. Applications will open on Jan 2 and must be emailed.
Venus Morris Griffin Scholarship	Local (CSRA)	Feb	\$10,000 to 1 recipient	Scholarship given by a realtor in Augusta. Students that have a biological parent that is currently incarcerated can apply.
Dixie Youth Softball/Baseball	State	Feb	Amount varies	Must have participated in a Dixie softball program for at least 2 seasons.
Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program	State	Feb	5 scholarships of \$2000	Applicant must have strength in one of the areas: Creative writing dance, music, theatre or visual arts; must submit original compositions or folios
Watson Brown Foundation	Local	Feb	\$6000; Renewable for 4 years	Plan to attend a 4 year college; Requires 1 letters of recommendation, essay, transcript. WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS ONE! Stay tuned
Aiken Electric Trustee Scholarship	Local	Feb	\$1000	Applicant's primary residence must have an active account with Aiken Electric; Must submit 150-200 words explanation of why scholarship is needed. Also need two references
Aiken Electric Touchstone Energy Application	Local	Feb	2 \$1000 scholarships	Applicant's primary residence must have an active account with Aiken Electric; \$1000 scholarship for students attending 2 year school and \$1000 for students attending a 4 year school. Brief app and references needed

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<b>Garden Clubs of South Carolina</b>	Local and State	Feb	\$500-\$2000	Several different scholarships to apply for but most of them require you to major in something dealing with horticulture. Requires personal essay, photo and letters of recommendation including Garden Club President (We won this last year too)
<b>Nina Neely Scholarship Essay</b>	State and national	Feb	3 awards-amount TBA	Applicants should be planning to attend any college/university. Only major requirement is an essay based on a given topic
<b>SC Federal Credit Union Scholarship</b>	State	Feb	\$2500-\$10,000	Application to include a short essay (500 words or less), Rec letter, transcript, and photo needed.
<b>Josie K. Claiborne Memorial Scholarship-AABE</b>	State	Feb	\$350 to \$3500	Applicants should be minority student planning to major in STEM or business; 3.0/4.0 GPA; Apply online
<b>SC Law Enforcement Officers Association</b>	State	Feb	\$2000 or \$3000	1000 word essay and application; must attend college in SC
<b>Peach State Federal Credit Union Scholarship</b>	Local	Feb	\$3000	1-2 recipients will be chosen from Aiken County Schools based on financial need, academic credentials, and commitment to community service. Essay, application, 2 letters of reference, SAT/ACT scores and transcripts. (We have won the past 2 years in a row)
<b>Hispanic Scholarship Fund</b>	National	Feb	\$500-\$5000	10,000 students are selected each year! Applicants who are eligible to apply should be of Hispanic heritage, US citizen/permanent resident/DACA, 3.0/4.0 GPA, plan to attend a 4 year school and must submit FASFA.
<b>Carrie L. Williams PINK Scholarship</b>	Local	Feb	\$1000	Applicants must plan on attending 2 or 4 yr college; 3.5/4.0 GPA; Racial minority; 1 page essay on how breast cancer has impacted your life. Forms/Link will be provided when available
<b>Marine Corps Scholarship Foundations</b>	National	Mar	Varies	Applicants must be the child of someone who served in the Marines. Scholarships available for 2 or 4 year school as well as trade schools.

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<b>Advocates for African Americans Carolinas Scholarship</b>	NC and SC students	Mar	\$2000	Applicants must be: Graduating senior at a North or South Carolina high school; 3.5/4.0 minimum GPA.; Must attend full-time at a four-year college or university located in North or South Carolina; Must enroll in engineering, computer science, the sciences, accounting, finance or business administration; from website: Must be an American citizen and a member of a race/ethnic category typically considered "people of color." Finalists must agree to an interview with the scholarship selection committee.
<b>Aiken Tech- Within Reach</b>	Local	Mar	\$500-\$1500 several scholarships awarded	Must be accepted to ATC and have GPA of 2.5; ANYONE with these credentials planning to attend Aiken Tech will apply to this scholarship. Normally we will do this one together at school
<b>USC-Aiken Writing Scholarship</b>	Local	Mar	\$1500 (3 scholarships)	Scholarship is available to students planning to attend USC-Aiken and major in professional or creative writing. You must submit an original writing in 1 of 4 genres: nonfiction, fiction, poetry, and drama.
<b>Martha Schofield Scholarship Fund</b>	Local	Mar	\$500-\$1000	Applicants must have had a relative attend or be presently or formerly employed at Schofield. Application, copy of tax returns, acceptance letter, transcript, college expenses and photo
<b>College and Career Night at USC-Aiken</b>	Local	Mar	Multiple \$1000 scholarships	This is a Career and College Fair at the USCA Convocation Center where you can meet with colleges and potential employers. All seniors attending will be put in for drawing for scholarship.
<b>SC Education Association-Retired</b>	State	Mar	\$1000 (4 scholarships given)	Applicants can be planning to attend 2 or 4 yr college and plan to pursue a career in EDUCATION; App, short essay, 2 letters of rec, transcript, financial status report, optional SAT/ACT scores.
<b>Grace Brewster Murray Hooper Scholarship</b>	Local	Mar	\$500	Applicants should be a female who has exemplified skills in STEM and plans to pursue a career in a field related to national security, defense or STEM. App, 3 short essays, 3 letters of rec, and academic resume. App MUST be typed and sent electronically.

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"Ride of your Life" State Fair Scholarship	State	Mar	\$1500 annually (total-\$6000) 50 scholarships awarded	Applicants can be planning to attend 2 or 4 year college; Applicants will be judged based on need, academic and extra-curricular achievement, communication skills, and on aptitude for completion of application.
Foundations of the Carolinas Scholarships	State (SC & NC)	Mar	Over 150 scholarships of varying amounts	Multiple Scholarships for SC and NC students; App opens early Dec and are due in March
Bobby Chapman Junior Golf Foundation	State	Mar	\$1500/ year for 4 years	** MVHS can ONLY send 5 applications for this scholarship. To be fair, I will send the first 5 apps turned in that meet the requirements. Applicants must complete app, short essay, 3.0/4.0 GPA, SAT or ACT scores, & letter of recommendation.
SC Soil & Water Conservation Society Scholarship	State	Mar	\$1000	Available for students majoring in conservation or natural resource field; Application must be typed; Letters of recommendation and short essay
SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports-Education	State	Mar	\$1000	Applicants must be females planning to major in <b>EDUCATION</b> ; participate in at least 1 high school sport; Min. score of 1000 on SAT and 22 on ACT. Recommendation forms are provided for you to give to recommenders. Essay, resume, and app needed.
SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports- "M" Scholarship (Medical Field)	State	Mar	\$1000	Applicants must be females planning to major in <b>MEDICAL FIELD</b> ; participate in at least 1 high school sport; Min. score of 1000 on SAT and 22 on ACT. Recommendation forms are provided for you to give to recommenders. Essay, resume, and app needed.
Ted Wilson Memorial Scholarship	State/National	Mar	\$1500	Applicants should be planning to attend a 4 year college and major in Construction or Engineering directly related to the construction industry.
CTEA Scholarship	State	Mar	\$1500	Applicants should be CTE completer (Career and Technology Education). Application (we are in District 4), 3 letters of rec, essay, sealed transcript.

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<b>Sisters Only Club Scholarship</b>	Local	Mar	\$1000 (5 awards given)	Applicants must be: female, 2.7/4.0 GPA, 1000 word essay, app, three letters of recommendation, transcript. Scholarship MUST be emailed
<b>Aiken County Educators Association- Retired</b>	Local	Mar	\$1000	Applicants must be planning to major in education. Application, Transcript, letter of recommendation, and bio sketch/essay. APP MUST BE NOTARIZED as well.
<b>Aiken County Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Alliance Scholarship</b>	Local	Mar	\$500	Applicants must have 2.5/4.0 GPA, type app or write in black ink, academic resume, 1 page description of career goals, 2 letters of recommendation.
<b>Aiken County Democratic Women's Club- Beverly Clyburn Scholarship</b>	Local	April	\$500 (4 scholarships awarded)	Applicants should be female, 2.5/4.0 GPA, be a registered voter (under 18 are exempt). Application, proof of college acceptance, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, and essay.
<b>Aiken Master Gardener Association</b>	Local	April	Minimum of \$1000	Applicants should be interested in careers in agriculture, horticulture or related fields. Application, letter of rec, copy of acceptance, transcript, and evidence of your plans to major above fields.
<b>AFCEA CSRA STEM Scholarship</b>	Local	April	\$2000	Applicants must major in a STEM degree program. Examples of acceptable STEM fields are: aerospace, chemical, computer, electrical, mechanical, or systems engineering; chemistry, physics, science or mathematics; computer science, telecommunications, information systems, or cyber and information security. 2 letters of rec, essay, SAT scores.
<b>Tywanza Sanders Foundation Scholarship</b>	State	April	3 separate scholarships of varying amounts- \$500-\$5000	Three different scholarships that have different requirements but all you must have 2.5/4.0 GPA.
<b>SCABSE Scholarship (SC Alliance of Black School Educators)</b>	State	April	TBD	Applicants should be African American with 3.0/4.0 GPA and have completed a minimum of 100 community service hours from Sept.2017-present. App, Academic resume, essay, transcript and 2 letters of rec are needed.

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Joye Law Firm	State	April	\$2000	Selection of the recipients is based on creative entry, school activities, positions of leadership, special honors and awards, community involvement, academic performance, and professional pursuits.
Anita Eubanks Scholarship for Crowning Lupus	Local	April/ May	TBD- usually between \$250-\$1000	Applicants must send proof of acceptance to a 2 or 4 year college or technical school for post-secondary studies; transcript; <b>MUST be a nursing major</b> ; 2 letters of reference and proof of community service hours.
ANS Richard Benjamin Memorial Scholarship	Local	April	Depends on # and quality of applications (usually over \$500)	Applicants must be planning to attend 2 or 4 year college, majoring in a STEM career particularly with fields associated with nuclear science, engineering and technology. Cover letter, essay, transcript, and 2 letters of recommendation are required.
Buster Bynum Education Scholarship	State/ National	April	\$2500	Parent must be active employee in public school transportation for past 3 years; 3.0/4.0 GPA and brief application
Friends of the Augusta Choral Society	Local	April	\$500	Must be a college bound senior who is involved musically in the community and plan to participate (not necessarily major) in vocal music in college
SCADA Scholarship for Automotive Excellence	State	April	Up to \$5000	Applicants must be planning to attend college in the fall to study Automotive technology.
Aiken County Farm Bureau Trent Hutto Memorial Scholarship	Local	April/ May	\$2000	Students applying should plan to pursue education in agriculture or ag related majors. Scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, agricultural activities, statement on career and letters of rec
North Augusta Sertoma Scholarship Program	Local	April	\$1000 (several awards)	Applicants should have 3.0/4.0 GPA; Short essay and application requires; Can be for 2/4 year college or vocational school.
Axel Adams Foundation Scholarship	Local	April	\$500 (usually 7-8 awards given)	Applicants must be African-American, demonstrate leadership qualities, participate in extracurricular activities, 3.0 GPA, and have community service.

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Jeremiah's Sports Foundation Scholarship	Local	April	\$500-\$2000	Applicants should have 2.6/4.0 GPA and plan to attend a 4 year college. Brief application, 2 letters of recommendation, essay with specific questions to be answered and transcript.
George Rogers Foundation of the Carolinas	State	May	TBA	Must be a first generation college student for a 2 or 4 year degree; GPA- 3.0/4.0; 2 letters of recommendation
National Society of Black Engineers	National	Multiple deadlines	Varies	Scholarship for minority students; Must plan to major in engineering, technology, physical science or mathematics;
SC Teacher Loan (Forgives student loan debt for teachers)	State	May	Varies	Students interested in teaching can apply for teacher loan. The loan is 100% forgivable if you teach in a critical geographic or critical subject area in SC for 5 years. Wonderful opportunity
National: Society of Women Engineers	National	May	Varies	Several different scholarships available to females majoring in engineering
Anastopoulos Law Firm Second Chance Scholarship	State	June	\$2500	Applicants must be admitted to a college or university and have 3.0/4.0. Must write a 1000-1500 word essay on how being in a traumatic motor vehicle wreck changed the applicants life and future goals. Must submit online: <a href="https://www.akimlawfirm.com/second-chance-scholarship/">https://www.akimlawfirm.com/second-chance-scholarship/</a>
Anastopoulos Law Firm-Tragedy to Triumph Scholarship	State	June	\$2500 (2 awards)	Applicants for this scholarship should describe in a 1500 word essay how being in a traumatic car accident's life and how they overcame adversity. Must also have 3.0/4.0 GPA

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***Most importantly, stay up to date on notifications from the Counseling Department.***

***Finally, check your school email daily for info about available scholarship opportunities and deadlines.***