

Scholarship Update: Week of October 27, 2025

Please remember to visit the AC Flora School Counseling Website for a list of ALL scholarships that are available.

<https://www.richlandone.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5323>

Here are a few we thought you might be interested in:

Big Future Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must attend a public, private, or home school located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other US territories and possessions, or are US Citizens or residents who attend a US Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school outside of the US or US territories
- Complete steps on BigFuture to explore careers, plan for college, and pay for college.

Award Amount: Monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 (24)

To Apply: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships?ef_id=EAIAIQobChMIwouS4IWTjwMV711HAR3pIDbpEAAYASAAEgIxfD_BwE:G:s&s_kwid=AL!4330!3!651257489716!p!!g!!big%20future%20scholarship!16155749505!128350923530&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=16155749505&gbraid=0AAAAAD-SkkyD-F2SMQAGe3ijKJP9oKJCs&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIwouS4IWTjwMV711HAR3pIDbpEAAYASAAEgIxfD_BwE

Deadline: One (1) winner per every two (2) months till January 2025.

- Class of 2026 - Strengthen Your College List - October 31, 2025- next deadline

Sallie Mae Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Legal resident of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory
 - age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:
 1. A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;
 2. A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;
 3. A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States;
 4. A student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located with the United States, within a year of graduating high school.
 - 5. View Full Rules on the website

Award Amount: \$2000

To Apply: https://www.salliemae.com/scholarships/2k-scholarship/?dtd_cell=SMPLSODCZPPSOTOTOTHOTHRN010000&utm_source=studentscholarships&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=acq1p_ss_s_u_u_sch_u_u&utm_content=app

Deadline: October 31, 2025, November 30, 2025, December 31, 2025

Golden Door Scholars

Eligibility:

- To receive the Golden Door Scholarship, all applicants must:
 - Be graduating/have graduated from a United States high school (or have earned or will earn a high school equivalency diploma).
 - Reside in one of our regional states:
 - North Carolina
 - South Carolina
 - Georgia
 - Demonstrate high financial need.
 - Have an unweighted high school GPA of 3.2.
 - Be willing to relocate to and enroll full-time in a bachelor's degree program.
 - Be willing to pursue a major aligned with Golden Door Scholars' preferred major list.
 - You can not be a current college student.
 - Eligibility for the program will not be limited by race, ethnicity, or national origin.

Award Amount: Room/ board; tuition; internship and job search support for up to four years at a partnering institution

To Apply: <https://www.roadtohire.org/golden-door-scholars>

Deadline: October 31, 2025

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be currently enrolled in high school or home school program and graduating in the spring of 2026
 - Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale
 - Must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2026-2027
 - If selected, attendance to the virtual awards ceremony is mandatory
- **Apply in the categories of:**
 - Community Service
 - Engineering
 - Green
 - Technology

Award Amount: (180) \$10,000

To Apply: <https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2025/forms/welcome.php>

Deadline: November 5, 2025

Chi Iota Iota Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
 - Applicants should be college bound high school seniors
 - Original essay on the topic: **“In a World Powered by Artificial Intelligence, What Does It Mean to Lead with Integrity and Purpose?”** The essay must be original and neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length, type-written, and double-spaced. Do not change or shorten the essay topic. The essay must be submitted via email in Microsoft Word.
 - All materials required.
- Award: TBD
- Apply: Application in “Materials” Folder, in the “Scholarship Update” tab in the Class of 2026 Schoology page and in the counseling office
- Deadline: November 10, 2025

Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Elks Foundation

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - 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.
 - Students must pursue a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university. It is acceptable for a student to enroll in a two-year college for the first two years of the four-year program.
 - Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Award Amount: \$1000 - \$7500 annual scholarships (500)

To Apply: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

Deadline: November 12, 2025

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program

- **Eligibility**
 - To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:
 - **Fall College Enrollment** – Intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2026.
 - **Senior Standing:** Complete four years of high school in the U.S., a U.S. Territory, or on a U.S. military base and plan to graduate in the spring of 2026
 - **GPA** – Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or above.
 - **Test Scores** — Submit standardized test score(s) from one of the following: SAT, ACT, AP, or IB exam. There is no minimum score requirement to apply, however, applicants must have taken one (or more) of these tests and submit the score.

- **Income** – Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.

Selection Process: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation reviews each College Scholarship Program application individually with the assistance of a committee of educational professionals from across the nation. The criteria used in the selection process are:

- **Academic ability and achievement:** Maintains a strong academic record and receives outstanding recommendations from teachers, shows a desire to be challenged, and demonstrates enthusiasm for learning. Eligible applicants must have a minimum, cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75.
- **Leadership:** Motivates others, takes initiative, and contributes positively to the community.
- **Persistence:** Exhibits determination when faced with obstacles, goal-oriented, and confronts challenges with an ability to adapt to change.
- **Unmet financial need:** We will consider applicants with a maximum annual gross income of \$95,000. Last year's cohort of new College Scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately \$34,000. During the selection process, the Foundation will conduct a full financial review which will take into account all income and assets of the student and the student's parents.

Award: varies; can be up to \$55,000 per year (70 awarded last year)

Apply: <https://apply.commonapp.org/> - must apply through Common Application add Jack Kent Cooke Foundation as one of your schools

Deadline: November 12, 2025

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Thomas Wolfe Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
 - The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship award will be based largely on written work submitted by candidates. **Artistic merit is the chief criterion of selection.** Students who write poetry, fiction, plays, creative nonfiction (personal essays, memoir, travel and nature essays, literary journalism, and lyric essays) are eligible. Multiple genre submissions are also encouraged. Submissions are limited to one application per student.
 - Apply to UNC Chapel Hill by October 15, 2025.
 - Apply for The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship by November 15, 2025.
 - Complete all portions of the application and portfolio requirements

Award Amount: full tuition, room and board, textbooks, a new laptop, annual summer stipend

To Apply: <https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-fellowships-and-awards/the-thomas-wolfe-scholarship/>

Deadline: October 15, 2025 (apply to UNC); November 15, 2025 (apply for scholarship)

Hagan Scholarship

- 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.

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must attend a high school located in the United States.
 - All high school students eligible regardless of nationality.
 - Must be fluent in the English language.
 - Must be in the high school graduating class.
 - Must have achieved an unweighted 3.50 CGPA based on a 4.0 Grading Scale.
 - Must enroll in an eligible four-year College or University the first fall semester following high school graduation.
 - The scholarship cannot be used to attend a community college, junior college, or online institution.
 - Must maintain a four year or less graduation schedule, or complete the equivalent of a four year degree if in a professional program.
 - Must work 240 hours from January 1, 2026 until September 1, 2026. Work must be regularly scheduled employment performed under supervision for compensation. Employment can be full-time or part-time.
 - Applicant’s Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for 2024 Federal Income Tax Purposes must not have exceeded \$100,000. “Household Income” is defined as the total income received by all adult members of a household living under the same roof.
 - Applicants are not required to provide FAFSA information. Finalists must provide the FAFSA Summary showing the SAI.
 - Must apply for Federal and State grants if eligible.
- The intended scholarship recipient is a high-achieving goal-driven student having substantial financial need.

Award Amount: up to \$7500 for up to 8 consecutive semesters; Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad

To Apply: <https://haganscholarships.org/>

Deadline: December 1, 2025

South Carolina Teaching Fellows

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- a United States citizen or will be an eligible non-citizen under State Residency statutes at the time of high school graduation (Please note - students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows.)
- a legal resident of South Carolina (Please note - The Teaching Fellows Institution will verify residency after a student has been offered an award.)
- a high school senior or a junior who is graduating early
- Meet all eligibility requirements as stated on the application

Award Amount: \$6,000 annually for four years

To Apply: <https://www.cerra.org/page/teaching-fellows-application>

Deadline: December 1, 2025

Ron Brown Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be Black/African American.
 - Must excel academically.
 - Must exhibit exceptional leadership potential.
 - Must participate in community service activities.
 - Demonstrate financial need.
 - Be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.
 - Be a current high school senior at the time of your application. NOTE: Current college students are not eligible to apply.
 - Our Leaders Network connects Scholars, Captains, and Alumni with career development opportunities, mentorship, and a robust professional network.

Award Amount: (20) \$40,000 (\$10,000 yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: <https://ronbrown.org/ron-brown-scholarship/>

Deadline: December 1, 2025

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Awards

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be age 18 or younger, and enrolled in a Richland School District One elementary, middle or high school.
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Nominees MUST attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, Monday, January 19, 2026, at 4 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center
- Meet all eligibility requirements as stated on the application

Award Amount: \$1,000(1st); \$500 (2nd); \$250(3rd)

To Apply: <https://parksandrec.columbiasc.gov/test-page/2024-mlk-dream-keeper-scholarship-awards/>

Deadline: December 5, 2025

Burger King Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be living in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico
- Be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico), graduating from grade 12 (Canada) or graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent

- Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2025-26 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school or CEGEP or equivalent in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam or Canada

Award Amount: awards ranging from \$1000 - \$60,000

To Apply: <https://www.burgerkingfoundation.org/programs/burger-king-sm-scholars>

Deadline: December 15, 2025 (Opens OCTOBER 15)

Ted and Holly Rollins Scholarship

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

Eligibility:

- Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors based on the most compelling stories -- regarding their life story, their intended field of study, career and how they will make an impact on the world.
- Minimum 500-word essay required

Award Amount: \$5,000

To Apply: <https://www.rollinsscholarship.org/scholarship-application>

Deadline: December 31, 2025

2025 Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Contest

Eligibility:

For purposes of this contest:

- The “Eligible States” are defined as the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.
- An “accredited college” is defined as a nonprofit, two- or four-year undergraduate college or university located within one of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia.

To be eligible to enter this contest and to win an award in a Quarterly Contest, at the time of entry, you must:

- Be a legal U.S. resident of one of the Eligible States.
- Be age 16 or older.
- Have at least one (1) year (or at least 18 semester hours) remaining before your undergraduate college graduation.
- If you are not yet in college, begin your freshman year of college no later than the start of the 2026 – 2027 college academic school year.
- As of your most recent school enrollment period, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in school (and if no GPA is provided at school, be in “good standing” or the equivalent thereof in school).

*Quarterly Contest prizes must be fully used by the end of the 2026 – 2027 college academic school year, and must be used toward tuition and other undergraduate college-related expenses at an accredited college. Quarterly Contest prizes may not be used toward graduate school (post graduate) tuition or other post-undergraduate program expenses.

Award Amount: \$8000

To Apply: <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Silver Pen Writing Competition

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

- All high school seniors who live or attend school within 25 miles of the community they are applying to
- Community employees and children of employees
- Residents limited families – grand (great grand) children, nieces and nephews (grand nieces and nephews)
- Complete all portions of the application
- Essays which do not meet the following guidelines will be disqualified:
 - Essay must be at least 1000 words excluding cover page and works cited.
 - Essay must include a cover page and works cited.
 - Essay must be double spaced.
 - Essay must be submitted before deadline.
 - Essay must be the applicant's original work.
 - Essay must follow the prompt given.
 - Essay must have been written by the student without the use of AI.
 - **All essays will be checked using an AI tester.**
 - **Any essay written by AI will be immediately disqualified.**

Award Amount: (1st Place) \$2,500; (2nd Place) \$1250

To Apply: <https://silverpen-slc.com/>

Deadline: January 4, 2026

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - 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
 - Plan to attend an accredited and JRF approved 4-year college within the United States of affiliated with a United States-based college of university
 - Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college
 - Complete all application requirements.

Award Amount: up to \$35,000 over four years

To Apply: <https://jackierobinson.org/scholarship/>

Deadline: January 7, 2026

Live Mas Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- Age: 16 - 26 as of deadline (Jan 6, 2026, 5:00 PM PT).
- Residency: Legal resident of the 50 U.S. states or D.C.
- Education: Intent to apply, applying to or enrolled in an accredited 2- or 4-year college, trade, vocational, or technical program.
- Taco Bell Employees & non-employees: both welcome

Award Amount: (number of awards vary) \$5,000- \$25,000

To Apply: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/livemas2026>

Deadline: January 6, 2026

The Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Eligibility:

- Student must be a United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools; U.S. students under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories; and U.S. citizens attending schools overseas.
- Employees of sponsors and members of their families are not eligible to participate.
- All portions of the application and essay must be complete.
 - 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. Essays may be checked for AI assistance and are disqualified if AI is detected at any point in the essay or bibliography.
 - Essays must have a minimum of five sources.
- Essays should not include identifying information about the author.
- Student must have a nominating teacher throughout the essay process.

Award Amount: (1st place) \$10,000; (2nd Place) \$3000; (3 finalist) \$1000

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

Deadline: January 12, 2026

South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation Scholarships

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be a resident of South Carolina
 - Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale through the spring 2022 semester
 - Must attend demonstrate community involvement through service/volunteer work
 - Must have a competitive or recreational interest in golf
 - Must demonstrate financial need

Award Amount: varies

To Apply: <https://www.scholarshipprograms.org/golf/>

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Mensa Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Only one application is allowed per student in this scholarship competition.
- Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited educational institution for the 2025-26 academic year.
- Applicants must complete all required information on the entry form. Complete the online application form via the Mensa Foundation's Award Spring scholarship portal.
- Essays must be the applicants' original work and no more than 550 words in length.
- Applicants' names, addresses, and other identifying information **must not** be included in their essays.
- By submitting the form electronically via our website, applicants provide their digital signature certifying that their information and essays are their own work and that they have read these rules and guidelines.
- Applications must be submitted online on or before 11:59 p.m., CST (Central Standard Time) January 15, 2026, or 05:59 a.m. GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), on January 16, 2026.

Award Amount: awards more than \$200,000 each year through various scholarships

To Apply: <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

Deadline: January 15, 2026

The Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- High School Senior
- US Citizen
- Planning on a career in service to the United States in local, state, or federal government.
- All portions of the application and essay must be complete, including:
 - Essays
 - Letter of recommendation (from Principal or School Counselor)
 - Resume
 - Transcript
 - Test Scores
 - Additional information explained in the application.

Award Amount: (24 in 2025) from \$1000 to \$10000 (non-renewable)

To Apply: <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Penguin Random House Creative Writing Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be current high school seniors at a public high school in the United States graduating Spring of 2026
- 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 2026
- 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 1,000 applications will be accepted.*
- *Family members, employees of Bertelsmann, Penguin Random House, its subsidiaries, divisions or affiliates are ineligible.*
- *Entries that have won previous awards are not eligible.*

Award Amount: (6) \$10000 (over 4 years)

To Apply: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/penguinrandomhouse/>

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Harry Hampton Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must have a major in the natural resources discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science to qualify.(NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship.)
 - The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$5,000 (yearly for 4 years)

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

Deadline: January 30, 2026

Thomas Webster Hardwick Jr. Scholarship:

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
 - The recipient must have a major in the natural resources discipline such as: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science to qualify.(NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship.)
 - The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$5,000 (yearly for 4 years)

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

Deadline: January 30, 2026

Wallace F. Pate Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Plan to further education in the natural resources discipline such as wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, or marine or environmental science

Award Amount: \$2,500 (for 1 year)

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

Deadline: January 30, 2026

David M. Cline Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Plan to further education in law enforcement/criminal justice/forensic science

Award Amount: \$2,000 (yearly for 1 year)

To Apply: www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarship.html

Deadline: January 30, 2026

James O. Thomason Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be a South Carolina graduating Senior
 - Complete application fully
 - Plan to further education in **electronic**, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations, or mass communications
 - The recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPA falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.

Award Amount: \$2,000 (yearly for 4 years)

To Apply: www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarship.html

Deadline: January 30, 2026

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

(9 different scholarships available)

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be a U S citizen and meet requirements as a South Carolina resident.
 - International, foreign exchange, and doctoral program students are not eligible.
 - Must be enrolled as a full time student with a minimum of 12 graded hours of classes as an undergraduate and 9 graded hours of classes as a graduate student.
 - Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
(Exception Pearl Fryer Award GPA is 2.5 on a 4 point scale)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- All applications received by GCSC Chairman will be judged by that chairman and a committee of 8 in order to choose the winning applications.
- After judging is complete at the state level the SAR and NGC Scholarship Chairmen will receive their application by March 1 for judging.
- The following Sample Scale of Points may be used for evaluation of each application.
 - Academic Record 40%
 - Applicant's Essay 25%
 - List of Honors/ Extracurricular Activities/ Work 13%
 - Financial Need 15%
 - Recommendations 5%
 - Conformance 2%
- GCSC will notify all applicants in writing of the committee's decisions on or before March 15. Winners will be honored at the April GCSC State Meeting.
- Applicants who continue to maintain a 3.0 average are encouraged to apply next year.

Award Amount: range from \$500 - \$2,000

To Apply: <https://gardenclubofsc.org/Scholarships> ; the AC Flora School Counseling Office, Class of 2023 Schoology page

Deadline: February 1, 2026

Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- Complete all requirements to apply Students must currently be enrolled in twelfth grade in a public school in South Carolina.
- Students must plan to attend a South Carolina college or university.
- Students must be a U.S. citizen and have attended public school in South Carolina for the past two years.
- Students may only apply for one scholarship.
- **What is it?** The Archibald Rutledge Scholarship program, named for South Carolina's first poet laureate, offers twelfth-grade students (enrolled in a public school in South Carolina) the opportunity to compete for a scholarship in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts as well as encourages and recognizes academic and artistic excellence among South Carolina students.
- **What does the program include?** Students will mail or deliver original compositions, process folios, and other required documentation in one of the five arts disciplines (creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts) to the South Carolina Department of Education.

Award Amount: (5) \$2000 scholarships available

To Apply: <https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/grants-and-awards/archibald-rutledge-scholarship-program/>

Deadline: February 2, 2026

Kitty M. Fairey Educational Fund Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be enrolled or plan to enroll to a full-time accredited college or university in the state of South Carolina
 - A cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - Demonstrate financial need

Award Amount: varies

To Apply: <https://www.csascholars.org/kmfr/>

Deadline: February 5, 2026

McDonalds HACER National Scholarship

Eligibility:

- You're a high school senior
- You're a legal U.S. resident or a DREAMER/DACA recipient
- You're younger than 21 years old
- You carry a minimum 2.8 GPA
- You're eligible to attend a two- or four-year college or university with a full-time course of study
- You'll disclose other scholarship programs that you've applied for
- You'll enroll and attend an accredited institution in the academic year after your selection (verification needed, as scholarship funds are paid directly to the schools)
- You must turn in all required paperwork.

Award Amount: 30 overall scholarships; amount varies from \$5000 - \$100,000

To Apply: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>

Deadline: February 17, 2026

South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship

Eligibility:

- A statewide technical college scholarship program designed to address workforce shortages in South Carolina
- *The scholarship covers any remaining tuition, fees, and required course-related expenses left after applying all other scholarships or grants.*
- **Programs**
A student must pursue a professional certificate, industry-recognized credential (IRC), diploma or degree from one of the SC Technical College System's 16 colleges. Students can receive the SC•WINS for only one certificate, diploma or degree unless the additional certificate, diploma or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.
- **Criteria**
Qualifying students must:
 - Be a South Carolina resident
 - Be enrolled in an eligible program
 - Meet one of the following criteria:
 - Be employed,
 - Take a financial literacy course offered at the technical college, or
 - Complete 100 hours of voluntary time contributing to a nonprofit or public service organization
 - **GPA/Continued Eligibility**
All credit-seeking students must maintain a 2.0 GPA each academic year.
 - **Changing Majors**
Changing majors is allowed within the acceptable disciplines in workforce program areas.
 - **Covered Expenses**
Recipients can receive up to \$5,000 per academic year after applying all other scholarships or grants. The scholarship may cover the cost of tuition, fees, and course-related expenses.
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