

WHS Local Scholarship Program

- ❑ Last year: \$**129,000** given to seniors through the WHS Local Scholarship Program
 - ❑ Over 100 scholarships offered
- ❑ Variety of scholarships for a VARIETY of students
 - ❑ Some examples include:
 - ❑ Students who plan to attend a trade or technical school/program
 - ❑ Students pursuing specific field of study
 - ❑ Involvements in certain clubs/activities

What it looks like...

- ❑ A single application that allows you to be considered for numerous local scholarships that are specifically for WHS seniors
 - ❑ Application is a google form
 - ❑ Once the application is submitted, there is no way to edit
 - ❑ Highly recommended to work on essay prompts in a separate document and then copy and paste once you are ready to submit
- ❑ Sent to students and families **via email on January 5th**. The application will also be available on the Guidance dept webpage & in the **Class of 2026 Google Classroom**

All about those deadlines...

- ❑ Application available as soon as we are back after winter break
- ❑ Open for submission **January 5th-January 30th**
- ❑ **Applications are due January 30th at 2:35 pm-- NO EXCEPTIONS** ***The form will be closed and unavailable after the deadline

What are the committees looking for?

- ❑ STRONG essays
 - ❑ You apply “anonymously” with no name or identifying features—essays give the committees a chance to get to know you!
 - ❑ Most prompts have 1500 characters per answer (about 7-8 sentences)—make them count, but be concise!
- ❑ Be your authentic self

Tips & Tricks

- ❑ Essays
 - ❑ Be mindful of your tone & content
 - ❑ Focus on the positive—if writing about personal challenges talk about resolution/resiliency
 - ❑ Review for spelling, punctuation, and grammar
 - ❑ Authentic - do not use AI to speak for you
- ❑ Looking for ways to prepare
 - ❑ Start a list or resume of student activities & involvements while in high school (clubs, sports, volunteer work)
 - ❑ Student brag sheet available in SchoolLinks

Q&A from Scholarship Presentation

Are these scholarships renewable?

- ❑ No, most are a one-time award.

So my application allows me to be considered for all 100+ scholarships?

- ❑ Sure does—keep in mind that some scholarships have narrow or specific criteria so that particular committee may not look at your application.

How much \$\$\$ do I get if I apply?

- ❑ You are not guaranteed money by applying, but we have scholarships ranging from \$250-\$5000 and students do have the chance to receive multiple scholarships.

How will I know how much or if I was awarded any scholarships?

- ❑ If you receive an invitation to Senior Scholarship night (invitations are sent late April), then you were awarded a scholarship! Scholarship award amounts remain a secret until Senior Scholarship Night.

Another amazing local opportunity:


SFW Application due March 2, 2026

- Online application
- Separate from the WHS Local Scholarship
- Provided 26 scholarships (\$62,000 total) in 2025



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Apply for BOTH the Wadsworth Local and the SFW scholarships!!



When in doubt, apply!
You never know what
might spark the interest
of a scholarship
committee!