



JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2026

SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

Young Trailblazers Scholarship (LIVE OUT LOUD)

 \$5,000 |  1 Award |  Deadline: Jan 19, 2026

Eligibility

- LGBTQAI+ identifying students
- New York State residents
- Continuing education after high school (college, trade, vocational, or certification programs)

Requirements

- Online application + essay responses
- Two letters of recommendation
- Virtual interview for finalists (Feb–Mar 2026)

Notes: Funds paid directly to school after enrollment verification

 <https://liveoutloud.org/programs/young-trailblazers-scholarship/>

Breanna Coleman Memorial Nursing Scholarship

 \$5,000 |  1 Award |  Deadline: Jan 24, 2026

Eligibility

- High school seniors
- First-generation college students

- Pursuing a four-year nursing degree
- Volunteer and extracurricular involvement required

Requirement

- Short essay on nursing inspiration and community service
[🔗 https://bold.org/scholarships/breanna-coleman-memorial-nursing-scholarship/](https://bold.org/scholarships/breanna-coleman-memorial-nursing-scholarship/)
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A Better Financial Future Scholarship

 \$2,000 |  12 Awards |  **Deadline: Jan 31, 2026**

Eligibility

- U.S. residents (50 states + DC)
- Age 17 or older

Selection: Random drawing

[🔗 https://smartercollege.org/scholarship-application/v101](https://smartercollege.org/scholarship-application/v101)

Sydell L. Miller – Total Image Esthetics Scholarship

 Up to \$7,500 |  2 Awards |  **Deadline: Jan 31, 2026**

Eligibility

- Age 18+
- New or current students in accredited esthetics programs

Requirements

- Proof of enrollment or acceptance
- Two before-and-after photos (4 total)
- 3-minute YouTube video (creative vision, passion, challenges, impact)

[🔗 https://beautychangeslives.submittable.com/submit](https://beautychangeslives.submittable.com/submit)

National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Scholarships

 Up to \$50,000 |  32 Awards |  **Deadline: Jan 31, 2026**

Eligibility

- Eagle Scouts & NESA members
- High school seniors through undergraduate juniors
- Full-time degree or skilled trade students

Restrictions

- One-time award only
- Not available to graduate students or military academies

 <https://nesa.org/scholarships/>

Scholarships for Military Children

 \$2,000 |  500 Awards |  Deadline: Feb 11, 2026

Eligibility

- Unmarried military dependents under 23
- Valid USID card
- Parent/sponsor active duty, reserve, retired, or deceased

Academic Requirements

- High School GPA: 3.0+
- College GPA: 2.5+

Requirements

- Online application
- 500-word essay
- Official transcripts

 <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>

Venus Morris Griffin Scholarship

 \$10,000 |  1 Award |  Deadline: Feb 15, 2026

Eligibility

- U.S. high school seniors
- Biological parent currently incarcerated
- Foster/adopted students encouraged to apply

Requirements

- College or trade school acceptance
- Tuition invoice
- One personal letter

Use: Tuition only (within first 2 years after graduation)

 <https://vmgfoundation.org/>

McDonald's HACER National Scholarship

 Up to \$100,000 |  30 Awards |  Deadline: Feb 17, 2026

Eligibility

- Hispanic/Latino high school seniors
- Under age 21
- Minimum GPA 2.8
- U.S. citizen, resident, or DACA/DREAMer

Required Materials

- Transcript
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation
- Community service list
- FAFSA required only for semi-finalists

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

State & National Resources (with potential LI focus):

- [NYS Higher Education Services Corp \(HESC\)](#): Primary NY State resource.
- [NYS STEM Incentive Program](#): Full tuition for top STEM students choosing NY colleges.
- [Scholarships.com & StudentScholarships.org](#): Use filters for NY/Long Island.
- [Fastweb, Sallie Mae, FinAid.org, Bold.org](#): General scholarship search engines; filter for NY/LI.