

Scholarship Update: Week of January 26, 2026

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:

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

Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - An applicant must be a United States (US) citizen. Proof of US citizenship includes the following documents: a US birth certificate, a current US passport, or government-issued naturalization papers.
 - An applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

- Please review each scholarship's description for specific eligibility criteria

Award Amount: varies (multiple scholarships available)

To Apply: <https://dar.academicworks.com>

Deadline: January 31, 2026

THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS (9 different scholarships available)

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Must be a U S citizen and 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 2026 Schoology page

Deadline: February 1, 2026

SME Education Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- **One application can apply you for multiple scholarships**
- Must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States or Canada.
- Must have minimum of 2.0/4.0 GPA or higher.
- Must be on a path toward an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree in manufacturing engineering, technology, or closely related field at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

Award Amount: varies

To Apply: <https://www.smeef.org/sme-education-foundation-scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/>

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

SC Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Annual Journalism

Contest

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - must be a South Carolinian 16 to 19 years old;
 - must not have entered a post-secondary school before March 1, 2026; and
 - must be a high school senior, or otherwise qualified to begin post-secondary education no later than the 2026-2027 school year.
 - You do not have to have a disability to enter.

- Student must verify financial need

Award Amount: 4 year scholarship to the South Carolina state- supported institution of his/her choice if the winner meets all qualifications for acceptance to the college/university

- **To Apply:** <https://www.scvrd.net/172/Annual-Journalism-Contest>

Deadline: February 6, 2026

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
 - Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in the United States
 - Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at one of the target colleges/universities on our website
 - Demonstrate financial need (\$100,000 or lower household income)
 - Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
 - Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
 - Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
 - Be a United States citizen

Award Amount: Vary (funds can be used for any line-item in the Cost of Attendance)

To Apply: <https://horatioalger.org/scholarships-and-services/undergraduate-scholarships/>

Deadline: February 15, 2026

AABE - American Association of Blacks in Energy Scholarship

Student Eligibility:

- Have an overall B unweighted academic average (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale)
- Be a resident of the state of South Carolina
- Have applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities
- Plan to major in business, engineering, one of the physical sciences, technology or mathematics
- Be a member of one class or group who has been historically underrepresented in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines

Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Apply: <https://www.aabe.org/index.php?component=pages&id=4>

Deadline: February 15, 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

Act of Kindness Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled part-time or full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university. Vocational/technical, two-year, four-year, or graduate institutions are eligible.
- Be a high school junior or senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 system
- Recipients must provide an official transcript confirming their reported GPA and proof of enrollment. No transcript or proof of enrollment is required until after students are selected as winners.

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <https://www.parent-volunteer.org/act-of-kindness-scholarship>

Deadline: February 28, 2026

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Beta Epsilon Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- Must plan to pursue an undergraduate degree
- Must be a high senior enrolled at a high school in the greater Columbia/Midlands
- Have a grade point average of 3.0

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <https://bit.ly/BES2026HS>

Deadline: February 28, 2026

Engbretson Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

- Be a graduating senior from a United States high school.
- Plan to attend a four year college.
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend a four year college.
- Have achieved a score of 28 composite or higher on the ACT exam (or at least 1240 on the SAT).
- Have achieved at least a 3.75 GPA or above and/or top 5% of graduating class.
- Have applied for federal financial aid and have already received back the Student Aid Report that contains your Expected Family Contribution (EFC); see Filing for FAFSA.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicant does not have to be Pell eligible to qualify for the scholarship.
- Students obtaining dual enrollment credits while in high school are still eligible to apply.

- Due to the number of applications received, the Engebretson Foundation will only notify the winning recipient.

Award Amount: (1) \$10,000

To Apply: <https://www.engebretsonfoundation.org/>

Deadline: March 1, 2026 (opens January 1)

USPAACC Scholarship

Eligibility:

- High school senior
- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the United States in Fall 2026
- Academic achievement of 3.3 GPA or higher
- Leadership in extracurricular activities
- Involvement in community service
- Financial need

Award Amount: 10 to 20 (\$3,000 - \$5000)

To Apply: <https://celebrasianconference.com/scholarships>

Deadline: March 2, 2026

Central Carolina Community Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

Eligibility:

- o All applicants should:
 - Complete ONE online application to be entered into multiple scholarship opportunities
 - Review Scholarship opportunities at: <https://www.yourfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/scholarship-descriptions/>
 - Transcript, Personal statement, completed application, 2 recommendations, and family income information
 - **There is one scholarship specifically for AC Flora seniors.**

Award Amount: 200 scholarships valued at \$550,000

To Apply: <https://www.yourfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 5, 2026

SCEAR- South Carolina Education Association Retired Scholarship

Eligibility:

- o **SCEAR- South Carolina Education Association- Retired Scholarship**
 - Eligibility all applicants should:
 - o High School Senior graduating from a public high school in South Carolina
 - o Plan on attending a SACS accredited college, university, technical school, or community college in South Carolina as a full-time student
 - o Plan to pursue a career in education
 - o Must have maintained a good high school academic record
 - o Must demonstrate leadership abilities
 - o Must need financial assistance

Award: (4) \$1000

Apply: Application in “Materials” section, in the “Scholarship Update” file in the Class of 2026 Schoology page and in the counseling office

Deadline: March 6, 2026

Woman’s Western Golf Foundation

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply for a Women's Western Scholarship, applicants must be a woman high school senior and meet the following requirements:

- Active participant in the sport of golf (golf ability is not a criterion for selection)
- Have a 3.5 GPA or above on a 4.0 scale
- Be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership
- Require financial assistance to attend a four-year college in the USA

Award Amount: 20 (\$5,000 yearly)

To Apply: <https://www.wwga.org/scholarships>

Deadline: March 7, 2026

Fontana Transport Inc. Scholars Program

• Eligibility:

- First-generation high school seniors who are underrepresented, need financial assistance and are passionate about furthering their education
- Applicants do not have to be a U.S. citizen, but they must have a minimum 3.5 weighted GPA and graduate a US high school in Spring or Summer
- Applicants will need proof of attending a 4-year university beginning Fall 2026
- Graduating high school, will pursue a full time undergraduate degree in the United States at any 4 year accredited university by fall 2026 and plan to study in any of the following concentrations:
 - Transportation Management
 - Math
 - Science
 - Engineering (Any field of engineering)
 - Architecture
 - Environmental Design
 - Pre-Med
 - Psychology
 - Spanish Language/Literature
- Complete all portions of the application

Award: \$5,000

Apply: <https://www.fontanatransportincscholarsprogram.com/>

Deadline: March 13, 2026

100 Black Men of Greater Columbia Scholarship

• Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a high school senior transitioning to a 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2026

- Applicants must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Complete all portions of the application

Award: (6) \$2,000 (renewable for up to 4 years with a value of \$500 annually)

Apply: <https://www.100blackmencolumbiasc.com/scholarship-application>

Deadline: March 15, 2026

South Carolina State Fair Scholarship

- Eligibility:
 - All applicants should:
 - Applicant must be a full-time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school or home school in South Carolina.
 - Applicant must complete the online application form in its entirety.
 - Applicant must attach a current photograph (preferably a senior class photo).
 - Applicant must attend a public or private college, university, or technical college in the state of South Carolina.

Award: (52) \$10,000; (\$2,500 a year)

Apply: <https://www.scstatefair.org/scholarships>

Deadline: March 15, 2026 (opens February 1)

Home Depot Foundation's Path to Pro Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be a high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED equivalent.
- Plan to enroll, or be enrolled within 1 year, in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school or institution (i.e. technical/vocational school, community college or training center) in the United States.
- Not be an employee or dependent of an employee of the The Home Depot. Employees of The Home Depot and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship from The Homer Fund.
- Programs/Career Paths: **Carpentry, Construction Management, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing.**

Award Amount: \$2500

To Apply: <https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation>

Deadline: Application Deadline: Last day of March, June

Larry A. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Any high School Senior from Fairfield County School District or Richland One School District
- Student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Student must have leadership experience in school, extra-curricular, or in the community
- Must complete the application, including the essay.

Award Amount: (4) \$1,000

To Apply: www.Bold.org

Deadline: April 1, 2026

Presidents High School Student Scholarship Awarded by The Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a resident of the State of South Carolina;
- The applicant must be a high school senior;
- The applicant must be attending a South Carolina technical college or university working towards a certificate, Associate Degree, or Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business related field; ·
- The applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Award Amount: \$1,250

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

Deadline: April 7, 2026

South Carolina Coaches Association of Woman’s Sport (SCCAWS) and Trophies By “M” Education Scholarship

Eligibility:

- The purpose of the SCCAWS Scholarship is to encourage student athletes to enter the field of education. To help us in selecting a recipient for the award, eligibility requirements include:
 1. Academic excellence (transcript, including SAT and/or ACT scores required)
 2. Recommendations from guidance counselor and two teachers
 3. Extra-curricular activities involving athletic and non-athletic participation (must be an eligible high school participant on one or more athletic teams).
 4. Enrolling female college freshman who plans to major in education.
 5. A one-page essay (in the student’s handwriting) on the topic “Why I Want to Be a Teacher and Where I Envision Myself in the Teaching Field in Ten Years.”
 6. SAT – minimum composite score of 1000 and/or ACT – minimum composite score of 22
 7. Rank in class
 8. GPA (based on S.C. Uniform Grading Scale)

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <http://www.sccaws.org> or on the Class of 2026 Schoology page in the “Materials” tab in the “Scholarship Update” file or in the Counseling Office

Deadline: April 9, 2026 (returned to your school counselor)

South Carolina Coaches Association of Woman’s Sport (SCCAWS) and Trophies By “M” Medical Scholarship

• **Eligibility:**

- The purpose of the SCCAWS and Trophies by “M” Scholarship is to encourage student athletes to enter the field of medicine. To help us in selecting a recipient for the award, eligibility requirements include:
 1. Academic excellence (transcript, including SAT and/or ACT scores required)
 2. Recommendations from guidance counselor and two teachers

3. Extra-curricular activities involving athletic and non-athletic participation (must be an eligible high school participant on one or more high school league athletic teams).
4. Enrolling female college freshman who plans to enter the field of medicine.
5. A one-page essay (in the student's handwriting) on the topic, "Why I Want Enter the Medical Field and What Area of Specialization Do I Plan to Enter."
6. SAT – minimum composite score of 1000 and/or ACT – minimum composite score of 22
7. Rank in class
8. GPA (based on S.C. Uniform Grading Scale)
- 9. Financial need – income tax forms required showing total income (previous year income tax forms will be accepted)**
- 10. A list of colleges where you have been accepted.**

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <http://www.sccaws.org> or on the Class of 2026 Schoology page in the "Materials" tab in the "Scholarship Update" file or in the Counseling Office

Deadline: April 9, 2026 (returned to your school counselor)

Solomon Jackson Jr. Foundation Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
 - Attend public school in Richland, Fairfield, Kershaw, Marion, Dillon #4, Hampton 2, Florence 4 or Orangeburg County
 - Preference will be given to persons of color
 - Low income students
 - Plan to attend an accredited and approved two-year or four-year institution in the US

Award: Varies

Apply: <https://solomonjacksonjrfoundation.submittable.com/submit>

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Altruism & All Good Deeds Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
Applicants must:
 - Be currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled part-time or full-time in an accredited U.S. college or university. Vocational/technical, two-year, four-year, or graduate institutions are eligible.
 - Be a high school junior or senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student
 - Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 system
 - Recipients must provide an official transcript confirming their reported GPA and proof of enrollment. No transcript or proof of enrollment is required until after students are selected as winners.

Award Amount: \$1000

To Apply: <https://www.parent-volunteer.org/a-a-altruism-all-good-deeds-scholarship>

Deadline: May 31, 2026

Big Sun Athletics Scholarship

Eligibility

- All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.
- Please remember to include your name and the name of the school that you are attending.
- Complete the essay

Award: \$500

Apply: <https://bigsunathletics.com/>

Deadline: June 19. 2026

Home Depot Foundation's Path to Pro Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be a high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED equivalent.
- Plan to enroll, or be enrolled within 1 year, in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school or institution (i.e. technical/vocational school, community college or training center) in the United States.
- Not be an employee or dependent of an employee of the The Home Depot. Employees of The Home Depot and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship from The Homer Fund.
- Programs/Career Paths: **Carpentry, Construction Management, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing.**

Award Amount: \$2500

To Apply: <https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation>

Deadline: Application Deadline: Last day of March, June

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.
- [Visit your local technical college for more information](#)