Scholarship Update: Week of February 16, 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:

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

Richland County Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship (RCAEOP)
Eligibility:
Applicants must be:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from a Richland School Districts One or Two
- Applicant must have a grade point average of a 2.0 or higher.
- Applicants must be a United States citizen and a resident of South Carolina
- Applicant criteria: financial need; scholastic achievement; written essay; extra-curricular activities/community service activities
- Complete the application and submit all materials needed.

Award Amount: $500

To Apply: Application can be found in the Counseling Office and on the Class of 2026 Schoology page in the Materials section in the Scholarship tab
Deadline: March 1, 2026

Engebretson 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

Columbia (SC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2023Scholarship Program
- **Eligibility:**
    - Students living in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Fairfield counties are eligible in one or more of the following:
        - HBCU
        - General Studies
        - Delta Gems
        - First Generation
        - STEAM
        - Education
        - Deceased Parent
        - Cllegiate Soror

Award: Varies
Apply: Found in the "Materials" tab in the "Scholarship Updates" file of the Class of 2026 Schoology page or in the Counseling office on the scholarship wall (QR code on flyer to be scanned)
Deadline: March 6, 2026

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

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Gamma Nu Chapter Scholarship
Eligibility:

- All applicants should:
    - Applicant must be a high school senior planning to enter a four-year college/university in the Fall of 2026.
    - Applicant must be attending a public high school in the Columbia Metropolitan Area or Fairfield County.
    - Applicant must submit a completed application form with a wallet sized color photograph and an official transcript and SAT or ACT results.
    - Applicant must submit two signed letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a guidance director/school counselor. The other letter should be from a person in the community (i.e. your pastor, Sunday school teacher, former/present employer or mentor). NOTE: All signed recommendation letters must be included in the scholarship application package and must be dated no earlier than February 1, 2026. All recommendation letters must be applicable to Gamma Nu Omega Scholarship.
    - Applicant must submit a double spaced essay, using Times New Romans in a 12 point font using the following prompt: Describe an experience—an achievement, event, or realization—that helped you grow as a person and understand yourself or others better. How did it change you, and how will it impact your future? (Note: No less than one full page and no more than two pages will be acceptable. Applicant will be disqualified if essay is longer than two typed double spaced 8.5 X 11 pages).
    - Applicant should possess qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, dependability and service.
    - The financial need of the applicant will be considered.
    - All requested items must be included in order for the applicant's scholarship packet to be considered complete. Applications that are incomplete, will not be considered.
    - A checklist is included for your convenience requirements

Award Amount: TBD
To Apply: https://www.gammanuomega.com/scholarship
Deadline: March 7, 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

100 Black Men of Greater Columbia Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
  - High School Senior transitioning to college
  - Resides in the Midlands of South Carolina
  - Applicants must be planning to attend an institution for an entire academic year, beginning in the Fall of 2026. Must verify enrollment before the scholarship is received.
  - Applicants must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA(on a 4.0 scale)
  - Complete all portions of the application, including essay.

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 11, 2026

Dominion Energy Education Equity Scholarship

- **Eligibility:**
  - High school seniors or graduates or current college undergraduates residing in one of the following states:
    - CT, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV
  - Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year
  - Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)

Additionally, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to fostering a welcoming community where everyone feels valued and supported.
Award: $5000 for 2 year college applicants; $10, 00 for 4 year college applicants
Apply: https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/dominionenergy/
Deadline: March 12, 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

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

Bobby Chapman Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship

- Eligibility:
    - Student **DOES NOT** have to be a golfer.
    - Must complete the entire application and submit all required materials
    - Must be accepted to matriculate as a fill-time student in an accredited college or university offering academic programs leading to the baccalaureate degree.
    - Must have a recommendation from his/her school counselor or principal. (Only 5 applications will be accepted from each high school.)
    - Must be a person of good character, demonstrate leadership, have academic promise, and promise to make positive contributions as a mature citizen.
    - Maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

- Award: (10) $1,500 (renewable for up to 4 years)
- Apply: AC Flora School Counseling Office and on Class of 2026 Schoology in Materials Under "Scholarship Updates"
- Deadline: March 13, 2026 returned to the counseling department

WWDM Brenda Jones Memorial Scholarship
Eligibility:
- All applicants should:
  - Graduating African American high school senior who resides in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, or Sumter counties
  - Cumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
  - Be accepted by an accredited college or university at the time of the scholarship award
  - Meet financial need requirements
  - Complete application fully and all supporting documentation submitted

Award Amount: $5,000
To Apply: Application can be found in the "Materials" tab in the "Scholarship" folder of the Class of 2026 Schoology page or a paper copy can be found in the counseling office
Deadline: March 20, 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

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

National Pan Hellenic Council of Columbia, SC Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Applicant **must** be a high school senior planning to enter a four-year college/university in the fall of 2026 and possess qualities of leadership, scholarship, dependability and service.
- Applicant **must** be attending a public high school in Richland County, Lexington County, Fairfield County, or Newberry County.
- Applicant **must** have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant **must** upload a completed application and an official transcript to the NPHC at Columbia, SC application form.
- Applicant **must** upload a *School Letter of Recommendation* from a guidance counselor/director or one of your present/former high school teachers. Recommendation letter should include: length of time working with student, insight to student's character, scholastic achievement, testament to student's community service involvement, etc. Recommendation letter must be signed and submitted on official school letterhead. NOTE: All recommendation letters must be included with your scholarship application.
- Applicant **must** upload a *Community Letter of Recommendation* from a person in the community that can verify a minimum of 3 months continuous community service in the current school year (i.e. your pastor, Sunday school teacher, former/present employer or mentor). Recommendation letter must be signed and submitted on letterhead. Recommendation letter should include: length of time working with student, insight to student's character, testament to student's community service involvement, etc. NOTE: All recommendation letters must be included with your scholarship application.
- All requested items **must** be included in order for the applicant's scholarship packet to be considered complete. This scholarship application must be submitted to the NPHC at Columbia, SC **no later than 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2026**. Applications that are incomplete and/or not submitted by the deadline will **not** be eligible for consideration.

Award Amount: varies
To Apply: https://www.nphccolumbiasc.org/scholarships
Deadline: April 3, 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

Tywanza Sanders Legacy Foundation South Carolina State-Wide Academic Scholarship

Student Eligibility:

- Applicants must have permanent residency in South Carolina and must be a United States citizen
- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from a South Carolina high school
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants must be accepted into an accredited 4-year college or university for the 2026- 2027 academic year
- Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application along with the required supporting documents
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need using the required financial needs worksheet
- Applicants must complete a 500-to-800-word written essay

Award: (1) $5000; (1) $2500, (1) $1500
Apply: https://www.tywanzasanderslegacyfoundation.com/scholarships
Deadline: April 15, 2026

Tywanza Sanders Legacy Textbook Scholarship

Student Eligibility:

- Applicants must have permanent residency in South Carolina and must be a United States citizen
- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from a South Carolina high school
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants must be accepted into an accredited 4-year college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year

- Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application along with the required supporting documents
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need using the required financial needs worksheet
- Applicants must complete a 300-to-500-word written essay

Award: $500
Apply: https://www.tywanzasanderslegacyfoundation.com/scholarships
Deadline: April 15, 2026

The Brittany K. Brooker Foundation Scholarship

- Student Eligibility:
  - Must be a black, indigenous, and person of color female high school senior living in the City of Columbia, South Carolina or Baltimore City, Maryland. - ***Must live within the City boundaries.***
  - Must be entering a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time student.

Application Requirements

- Meet all requirements of Eligibility Criteria.
- Complete attached Application.
- Write required Essay.
- Proof of acceptance into an accredited college or university.
- Most recent high school transcript.
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation**.(Must be on school letterhead and contain contact information)**
- Copy of FAFSA.
- Additional information may be requested.

Award: $1000 (1)
Apply: https://brittanykbookergives.org/the-scholarship
Deadline: April 30, 2026

Joye Law Firm Scholarship Applications

- Eligibility:
  - A student in South Carolina who plans to attend or is attending a four year institution of higher-learning in the fall.
  - The selection of the winning recipient is based on their essay entry, school activities, positions of leadership, special honors and awards, community involvement, academic performance, and professional pursuits.
  - Complete all required portions of the application.
- Award: (6) $2000
- Apply: https://www.joyelawfirm.com/joye-scholarship-program/ ; and in the counseling office

Deadline: May 1, 2026

Joye Law Firm HBCU Scholarship Applications

- Eligibility:

- A student in South Carolina who plans to attend or is attending a Historically Black College or University.
- The selection of the winning recipient is based on their essay entry, school activities, positions of leadership, special honors and awards, community involvement, academic performance, and professional pursuits.

- Award: $2000
- Apply: https://www.joyelawfirm.com/joye-scholarship-program/; and in the counseling office
- Deadline: May 1, 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