

Welcome to the Wallkill
Senior High School Annual
Scholarship Workshop

Thursday
February 12, 2026
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



INTRODUCTIONS



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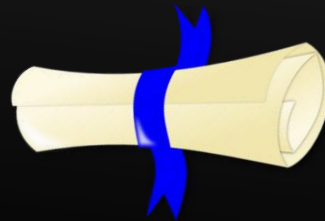
SENIOR AWARD CEREMONY INFORMATION



Date of Ceremony
Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM

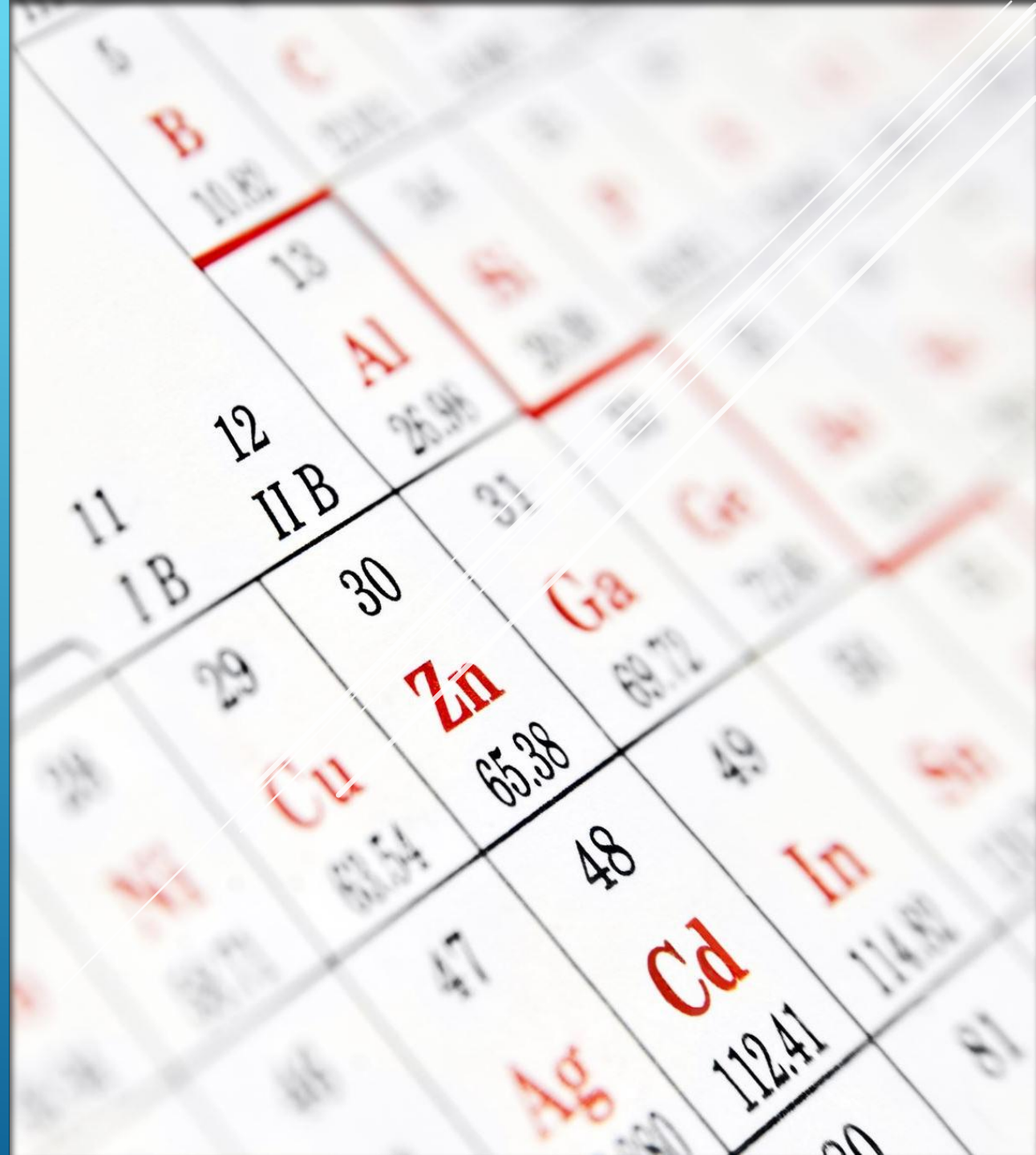


- All Local Scholarships are due on April 7, 2026, by 3:00 PM.
- If your student becomes the recipient of a scholarship/award, an invitation will arrive approximately 2-3 weeks before the ceremony.
- Only the scholarship/award recipients will be invited to attend the Senior Award Ceremony.
- We ask that students dress to impress, as many of the Donors will be in attendance to hand out their Scholarships/Awards.

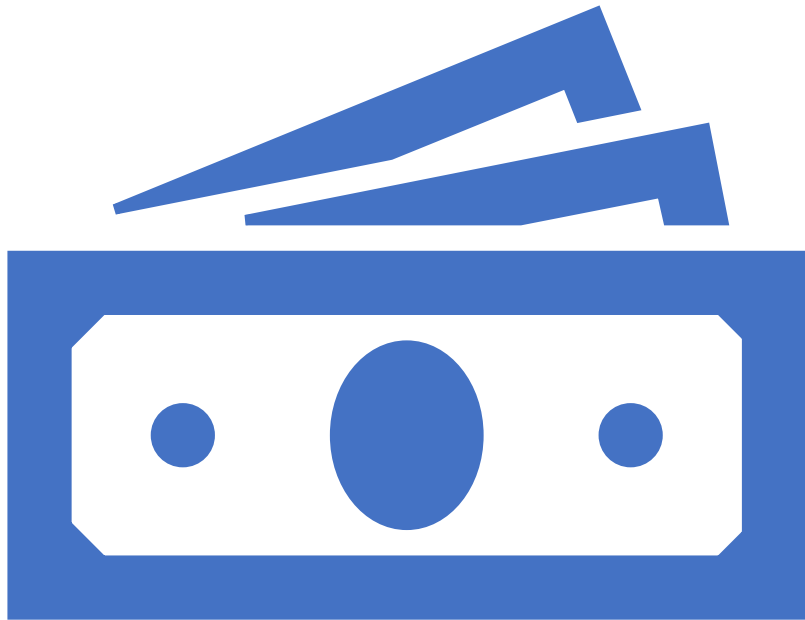


FACTS FROM 2025

- 206 students were in the class
- 10 New Scholarships were added for a total of 133 Local Scholarships
- 99 Students won Scholarships or Awards
- \$122,235.00 was given out last year



How We Promote Scholarships



- Counselors visit classrooms
- We advertise on Schoology, the High School website, and on the TV screens located around the building.
- Announcements are made over the loudspeaker and WSBC.
- An informational letter about the Scholarship Workshop was sent via School Messenger on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and a reminder message was sent on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.
- A spreadsheet is sent to parents via School Messenger periodically with an updated list of available local scholarships.
- Applications are available on Naviance.

Where to Find Scholarships



All students have NAVIANCE login credentials.

After students have signed into Naviance, they should:

1. Click on the "Colleges" tab
2. Select either "Scholarship Search" or "National Scholarship Search."

PARENTS

If you would like to log in:

1. Go to the High School website
2. Click on the "Counseling Department"
3. Click on "Naviance Student"
4. Enter your student's login credentials.



Different Types of Scholarships/Awards

THERE ARE 5 DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MOST STUDENTS PURSUE

- a. Local Scholarships (Application Required)
- b. Local Scholarships (No Application Required)
- c. Non-Local Scholarships (Application Required)
- d. National Scholarships (Application Required)
- e. Scholarships given through the college, university, or tech school you are attending (Student should contact the individual institution directly)

Local Scholarships

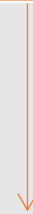


[Favorite Scholarships | Naviance Student](#)

1. The Local Scholarships are found by clicking on “Scholarship Search” and looking for scholarships that have “(WSHS Local Scholarship)” in front of the name.
2. Local scholarships are generously provided by our local Donors.
3. **APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY 3:00 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026.**
4. **PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BEYOND THE DUE DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
5. The applications are sent to the Donors for review and selection. In some instances, the donor requests that the Wallkill Senior High School Scholarship Committee review and choose the winners.
6. These Scholarships and Awards are announced at our Annual Senior Award Ceremony on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
7. It is your responsibility to attach transcripts or any other documents requested by the Donor to the applications **BEFORE** you hand them into the Counseling Office on or before the due date of April 7, 2026, at 3:00 PM. We will then mail them out to the Donors or give them to the Scholarship Committee for review.
8. An email will be sent to parents periodically with a spreadsheet of the local scholarships available, the criteria, what documents are required, and if an essay is required. As of today, the spreadsheet has been sent out 3 times.

Local Scholarships

Some scholarships/awards do not require an application



These are scholarships given by clubs, sports, music, drama, groups, etc. Advisors and/or committees nominate and select recipients.



Non-Local Scholarships

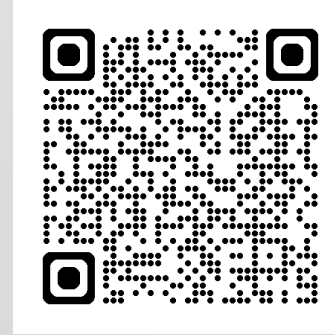
a. These are scholarships sent to Wallkill Senior High School by groups, organizations, businesses, etc. that we put in Naviance for students to apply for.

b. The Non-Local Scholarships can be found by clicking on “Scholarship Search” and do not have “WSHS Local Scholarship” in front of the name.

c. The Non-Local Scholarships can also be found in the green binder located in the Counseling Office.



National Scholarships



This is a list of scholarships formulated by Naviance given through Sallie Mae based on the filters you choose.

The National Scholarships can be found by clicking on “National Scholarship Search” in the Naviance platform.



Other Scholarships

THESE ARE SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN THROUGH THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR TECH SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

Students are responsible for researching on their own after they have been accepted.

Students should navigate to the website of the institution that they are attending to search for available scholarships.

PLEASE NOTE

For Non-Local, National, and other Collegiate Scholarships

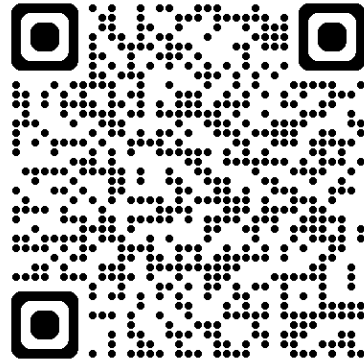
Students are responsible for the following:

- Applying for the scholarship/award.
- Collecting required documents.
- Mailing application information/packets on their own.

Also note:

- Wallkill Senior High School has no role in selecting winners for these awards/scholarships.
- These awards are not announced at our Annual Senior Award Ceremony.

FAFSA



THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA, or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is a form that students in the United States complete to apply for federal financial assistance for higher education. It is used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine a student's eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs. Each year, about 20 million students file the FAFSA to access financial aid for college.

[FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)



Excelsior Scholarship Program

The Excelsior Scholarship Program allows eligible New York State residents to attend SUNY or CUNY colleges tuition-free, provided they meet specific income and enrollment criteria.

OVERVIEW OF THE EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Excelsior Scholarship is designed to make college more accessible for students from families with a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less. This program covers tuition costs for eligible students attending state-operated colleges in New York, specifically within the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. **Income Limit:** Household income must be \$125,000 or less.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Students must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credits per term) in an approved program of study.
3. **Credit Completion:** Recipients must complete at least 30 credits per academic year to maintain eligibility.
4. **Residency Requirement:** Awardees must agree to live and work in New York State for a duration equal to the number of years they received the scholarship.



[Excelsior Scholarship Program | HESC](https://ny.gov/excelsior-scholarship-program)

<https://ny.gov/>



NYS Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program

The NYS STEM Incentive Program offers tuition awards to New York State high school graduates in the top 10% of their class who pursue degrees in STEM fields at SUNY or CUNY colleges.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

The NYS STEM Incentive Program is designed to encourage students to enter high-demand STEM professions within New York State. It provides full tuition awards for eligible students attending public colleges in New York, covering the average SUNY tuition rate. The award amount is reduced by any other tuition assistance received, such as the NYS Tuition Assistance Program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for the NYS STEM Incentive Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. **Academic Standing:** Be ranked in the top 10% of their high school graduating class.
2. **Residency:** Be a legal resident of New York State for at least 12 continuous months prior to the start of the term.
3. **Degree Program:** Enroll in an approved undergraduate program leading to a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics at a SUNY or CUNY college.
4. **Commitment:** Agree to reside in New York State and work in a STEM-related field for at least five years after graduation.



[New York State STEM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics\) Incentive Program | Financial Aid Undergraduate | New York Tech Catalog 2025–2026](#)



Questions?



This presentation will be posted on the Counseling Office website under Financial Aid & Scholarship Info.

Thank you for joining us!

**Please take the following on
your way out, if applicable:**

1. Letter of Recommendation
Questionnaire
2. Scholarship Information Pamphlet
3. Local Scholarship Spreadsheet
4. CE Penney Memorial Scholarship
application
5. Elwood Arthur, Alice, and Patricia Ann
Potter Memorial Scholarship application
6. Community Foundation of Orange,
Sullivan & Rockland information sheet



Have a Great Night!

