



# Brentwood High School Scholarship Newsletter

May/June/July

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## **Cameron Impact Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$80,000

**Awards Available:** 15

**Award Deadline:** May 1, 2026

The Cameron Impact Scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition, impact-driven undergraduate scholarship awarded annually to 15 exceptional high school students who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, community service, extracurricular activities, and academics. The Cameron Impact Scholar is unique among their peers in their desire to directly impact their communities and in the world at large. Our Scholar aspires to contribute to positive forces for change and plans to tailor their education to that end. The Cameron Impact Scholarship covers the full tuition, fees, and books at any accredited U.S.-based college or university that the recipient chooses to attend.

As a merit-based program, the Cameron Impact Scholarship is open to all applicants who meet the GPA and citizenship requirements, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, religion, sexual orientation or any other background factors. We are looking for young leaders with demonstrated passion and commitment to a variety of positive impacts.

We review applications on a rolling basis. We accept a total of 3,000 completed and eligible applications and will close the application when we reach 3,000 OR on May 1, 2026 - whichever occurs first.

### Equity in a Merit-Based Program

Equity, as the Foundation applies it, means evaluating merit and achievement in context. It does not replace merit, lower standards, or introduce need as a selection criterion.

We assess what an individual has accomplished relative to the opportunities, resources, and constraints they have faced. This allows us to recognize excellence, initiative, resilience, and leadership across different paths to achievement.

A well-resourced student who achieves at a high level demonstrates merit. A student who forges a similar level of impact with fewer supports also demonstrates merit. These are not competing ideas. They are both expressions of excellence. Every scholar in our community was selected using this same lens.

### Why This is Relevant to Impact

The Foundation exists to magnify impact, not simply to award scholarships. Our experience shows that impact compounds when high-merit individuals with different experiences, perspectives, and paths to achievement learn from one another and collaborate.

### **Equity and inclusion help us:**

- Identify exceptional leaders who might otherwise be overlooked by narrow measures of success
- Build a scholar community that is stronger than the sum of its individual members
- Foster collaboration, shared learning, and mutual inspiration
- Accelerate impact through networks that extend far beyond any single award

### Eligibility / Selection Process

There are countless ways to make a positive impact in many professional careers. The Cameron Impact Scholar has both the ability and the intent to make real, tangible contributions in their lifelong dedication to the greater good. The Foundation will allocate approximately 25%, or a quarter of the scholarships to individuals pursuing careers in education, nonprofits, government, and/or military and have a stated professional goal of public service.

Eligibility for the Cameron Impact Scholarship is based on the following criteria.

### **The applicant must:**

- Maintain a minimum, cumulative, unweighted GPA of a 3.7/4.0 scale or equivalent in their high school studies;
- Be a full citizen of the United States of America;
- Be in the high school graduating Class of 2027, planning to enroll in a full-time course of study towards a degree at an accredited four-year U.S. college or university for the full academic year following high school graduation;
- Show proven excellence in extracurricular activities, be motivated leaders with a strong work ethic, demonstrate active participation in community service and/or civic-minded arenas; and
- Submit the following three components by the Application Deadline:
  - Online Application;
  - Two required Letters of Recommendation (one must come from current school-affiliated personnel); and
  - Transcript certifying academic performance - unofficial copy is acceptable.

**IMPORTANT:** We will make a note on the website and our social media pages if and when our application limit is approaching. Applicants are strongly advised to submit their application well in advance of the deadline. The Foundation assumes no responsibility for an applicant's last minute technical submission issues.

The Selection Committee will select approximately 100 Finalists to receive face-to-face interviews in the Fall of 2026 (typically at the Applicant's high school). Recipients of the Cameron Impact Scholarship will be announced in December 2026.

Recipients of the Cameron Impact Scholarship are required to attend an annual Awards Ceremony for the duration of the Scholarship, which is held in different cities each year.

Recommendations and Transcript (unofficial is acceptable) may be uploaded directly within the Application when prompted OR e-mailed directly to the Foundation at [admin@bryancameronef.org](mailto:admin@bryancameronef.org). Please submit only two Recommendation letters (one of which must be from the current school personnel).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

**[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)**

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## **Review It Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$1,000

**Awards Available:** 1

**Award Deadline:** May 15, 2026

The Review It Scholarship program is an annual \$1,000 award given to one high school senior or current college student who plans to enroll in (or is already attending) a college or university by September of the upcoming fall semester.

### **Student Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Review It Scholarship a student must:

- 1) Be attending college or university no later than September of 2026.
- 2) Have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year.
- 3) Be attending or planning to attend a school in the US.
- 4) Submit answers to the essay questions no later than 11:59 PM EST on the day of the deadline.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)**

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## **United Way of Long Island's Scholarship Programs 2026**

**Award Deadline:** May 16, 2026

United Way of Long Island is pleased to share with you our scholarship opportunities for your students. Please feel free to print and copy the attached application for your students and share with anyone else you think should have it. UWLI Scholarship Application.

[https://www.unitedwayli.org/sites/unitedwayli/files/UWLI%20Scholarship%20Application%202026%20\(2.17.2026\).pdf](https://www.unitedwayli.org/sites/unitedwayli/files/UWLI%20Scholarship%20Application%202026%20(2.17.2026).pdf)

LIPA 2026- open to students going to vocational, trade school, SUNY or CUNY college going into the field of STEM.

<https://www.unitedwayli.org/sites/unitedwayli/files/LIPA%202025%20Application.pdf>

Eligibility Criteria To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a current resident of Long Island • Attend a High School in Nassau or Suffolk Counties
- Be involved with community service activities
- Show demonstrated financial need
- Copy of parent/guardian's most recent Annual Income Tax Return (blackout all SS#'s)
- Household Gross Annual Income • Applicant and Parent/Guardian Disclosure
- Student's school transcript (for graduating high school seniors)
- Student's essay; (for graduating high school seniors; one page only)
- Two letters of recommendation (for graduating high school seniors)
- Copy of FASFA Student Aid Report (SAR) (for graduating high school seniors)
- Student's resume (for graduating high school seniors; include name on each page)

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## **Minuteman Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$48,000

**Awards Available:** 100

**Award Deadline:** Jun 1, 2026

The Minuteman Campaign is a U.S. Army Cadet Command initiative to offer Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) scholarships to candidates that self-select for service in a Reserve component.

The GRFD scholarship provides full tuition and fees or room and board (\$12,000 per year) for up to four years at a public or private school who hosts an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. This program provides well-trained officers to the Reserve Components and improves the total Army force.

If you are a high school senior interested in receiving an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship and commissioning into the Army Reserve, the GRFD Minuteman Scholarship provides you an excellent opportunity.

### **GRFD contracted Scholarship Cadet can earn:**

- Full Tuition Fees - In / Out of State or Room/Board (\$12K per year)
- \$1,200 a yearbook stipend
- \$420 ROTC Cadet stipend each month
- Earn E-5 drill pay upon contracting
- CH 1606 if MOSQ (available with select scholarships)
- SMP Kicker if MOSQ (available with select scholarships)

### **Types of Scholarships (for academic year 2025 to 2026)**

- **4-year:** Only awarded to incoming college freshmen attending a host ROTC program. Recipients must attend a State or public university.
- **3-year Advanced Designee (3AD):** Students will attend a host ROTC Program and begin to receive benefits after they contract in the beginning of their sophomore year, provided they meet eligibility requirements. Recipients must attend a State, public, or private university.

Minuteman recipients also participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program, which gives them experience with an Army Reserve unit while earning additional income.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Currently in the Army Reserve or eligible to enlist (meaning test and physically qualified but not sworn in)
- U.S. Citizen or U.S. National
- Between the ages of 17-28; cannot turn 31 by 31 December of the year of commissioning
- Must be able to complete a valid Chapter 2 MEPS physical for enlistment
- Must be able to pass the Army Combat Fitness Test (required to sign contract and receive scholarship benefits)
- Must be in compliance with AR 600-9 body composition standards
- Official University/College acceptance letter
- Applicants require: 2.5 GPA, 4-year applicants must have an ACT/SAT
- Must be able to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)
- Once commissioned applicants must complete an 8-year service obligation while actively drilling at a Unit

The applicant must be test/physically qualified Qualified Not Enlisted (QNE) with MEPS.

The applicant will not be required to swear-in until they have received a ROTC scholarship offer letter.

All nominees will be made aware that the scholarship they are accepting is a dedicated GRFD and CANNOT BE REVOKED to allow the applicant to compete for an active-duty commission.

All scholarship offers are subject to available funding.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Army Reserve Soldiers and those interested in the GFRD Scholarship should fill out the form below to get connected with an Army Reserve Ambassador to start the nomination application process. Nominations are required for all scholarship types.

Army Recruiters can also assist in obtaining a nominating resource.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

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#### **Geoscience IDEA Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$2,500

**Awards Available:** 4

**Award Deadline:** Jun 30, 2026

The Geoscience Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility (IDEA) Scholarship encourages women from underserved or marginalized communities to pursue an education and career in the Earth Sciences/Geosciences. Many research studies show the Earth Sciences are the least diverse community in all STEM fields. This Scholarship aims to counteract this and enhance diversity within the future Geoscience workforce.

**NOTE:** Geoscience, herein, is defined as- the academic or educational study of Geology, Geochemistry, Geodynamics, Geophysics, Economic/Mining Geology and Energy Resources, Engineering Geology, Environmental Geology, Geoarchaeology, Geobiology, Geoscience Education/Educator/Geoinformatics, Historical Geology, Hydrogeology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Planetary Geology, Petrology, Quaternary Geology/Geomorphology, Structural Geology/Seismology, Stratigraphy, Soil and Soil Development Processes, or Volcanology. Other areas of study may include Oceanography, Meteorology, and/or Climatology.

The IDEA Scholarship provides three upper-division undergraduate students an award of \$2500 each and one lower-division undergraduate student an award of \$500. It also

includes a one-year, sponsored, AWG student membership. If desired, each recipient can be matched with AWG mentors to enhance their chosen career path. Students will have the opportunity to develop deeper relationships with their mentors, contacting them to discuss ideas, obtain advice or guidance for a variety of Geoscience career paths.

Applicants who are not selected for the award may still be selected to receive a one-year sponsored AWG student membership, and may still request to be matched with an AWG mentor.

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

### **Applicants must be women who:**

1. Will be an undergraduate-level student in the upcoming school year.
2. Identify in one or more historically marginalized or underserved communities, including but not limited to: Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander, Black/African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, or Latin/Hispanic.
3. Be enrolled in an accredited College or University in the United States.
4. Have declared Earth Science or Geoscience as a major of study. (NOTE: This scholarship does not support students in STEM programs outside of the Earth Sciences. Please see the description above for more information on qualifying majors.)

High school seniors: If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, the funds will not be released until the Scholarship Committee receives proof of your enrollment at your chosen accredited institution as an incoming Freshman. This may be in the form of a letter from an academic advisor, a registered course schedule, or other form of proof from the Institution.

Past applicants of the Geoscience IDEA Scholarship may reapply during each of their eligible, educational years. For prior recipients, the continued need for support and an update on academic progress must be addressed in the current application year. Preference is not given to those who have previously applied or received an award.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### **Complete application materials, listed below, MUST BE received by June 30 each award year to be considered:**

- Sign and complete the online Geoscience IDEA Scholarship Application.
- Transcripts from your current institution. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or staff members at the institution you are attending at the time of application. This can include one from a high school counselor,

your primary advisor, an academic advisor, a Geoscience professor or Earth Science instructor, or a general science instructor. Please allow enough time for the recommender to complete the Letter of Recommendation by the submission date.

- If you are entering as a freshman and your institution will not allow you to declare a major until your sophomore year, you must also submit a letter signed by your academic advisor which states that you plan to major in the geosciences/earth sciences.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Renewal applications must include all of the above criteria and must discuss updates in your academic progress in the geoscience major. Continuing support is contingent upon a student's academic progress and financial need, and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Winner(s) will be notified in August and the award(s) will be distributed in early fall, to coincide with the beginning of the school year.

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all application materials are submitted by the deadline. Questions should be sent by email to [IDEAscholarship@awg.org](mailto:IDEAscholarship@awg.org).

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)**

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#### **Hazel & Olive Sweet Horizons Scholarship**

**Scholarship Value:** \$5,000

**Awards Available:** 1

**Award Deadline:** Jul 4, 2026

At Hazel & Olive, we believe every young woman deserves the opportunity to have a sweet horizon ahead — no matter the challenges she has faced.

The Hazel & Olive Sweet Horizon Scholarship was created to support a graduating high school senior who has been personally impacted by domestic violence and is pursuing higher education.

Education creates independence, confidence, and new beginnings. This \$5,000 scholarship is designed to help a resilient young woman take her next step toward a brighter future.

Any female high school senior in the United States who has been personally impacted by domestic violence and plans to attend a two- or four-year college may apply.

To apply, please share about a challenge you have faced, how it has shaped who you are today, and how pursuing higher education will help you continue to grow and build the future you hope for.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)**

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<https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/> - Click highlighted words to open link

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[Top College Scholarships for African American Students in 2026](#) - Click highlighted words to open link

[Top Scholarships for High School Seniors: Class of 2026](#) - Click highlighted words to open link

[2026 Scholarships for College Students: The Ultimate List](#) - Click highlighted words to open link

Scholarships for Hispanic Scholars - <https://www.hispanicscholar.org/apply>

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**State & National Resources:**

- [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.