



# Only 9 months until **GRADUATION!**



(You're almost there!!)



## Senior Checklist



### 1) COMPLETE THE FAFSA (Application Opens in December)

- *Begin FSAID now. [studentaid.gov/fsa-id](http://studentaid.gov/fsa-id)*
- *You CANNOT get TOPS without completing the FAFSA.*
- See the back page of this newsletter!

### 2) APPLY TO COLLEGE

- Check out [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org) for a great way to search for colleges!
- Turn in any scholarship/transcript requests to your counselor – located in the counselor's office or via email.

### 3) Apply for scholarships through your choice colleges

- Find out the scholarship deadlines for all your colleges and add them to your calendar.
- A good goal is to submit all of your college academic scholarship applications by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to check with your colleges- some have earlier application deadlines!

### 4) Begin applying for other scholarships

- Find most scholarships online
- Set aside time to fill out scholarship applications. Many will require essays.  
\* Turn in any scholarship/transcript requests to your counselor- Located in the counselor's office.

### 5) Retake the ACT and/or SAT to improve your score

- Remember you need a 20 for TOPS and even higher for many 4-year colleges.
- ***The deadline to register for the October ACT is Friday, September 11.***  
\*Some colleges require a writing score, so check out your prospective college's requirements.

\*\*\*Note: All local scholarships (ex. Meraux Foundation Scholarship, BPW Scholarship, Kiwanis etc.) will go out around January 2027. Listen to morning announcements and read future scholarship newsletters for more information on these scholarships.\*\*\*

# Senior Scholarship Newsletter

### Questions? Confused? Need help?

Contact Ms. Landry or your counselor for all of your college & scholarship needs!

Located in the counselor's office  
or email [holly.landry@sbpsb.org](mailto:holly.landry@sbpsb.org)!



# **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

## **DEADLINES**



**\*\* Deadlines are fast approaching. Begin applying AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to be considered for scholarships for your choice schools!\***

**Deadline  
Coming  
Soon!**

**November 1, 2026(Early Decision - Binding)** (Tulane has later dates for non-binding decisions)

- Tulane University\* – <https://admission.tulane.edu/apply/instructions/>

**November 15, 2026(Early Action) February 15, 2026 Priority Deadline**

- Loyola University New Orleans – <https://www.loyno.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/scholarships>
- University of Holy Cross\* - <https://uhcno.edu/apply/freshman.php>

**December 1, 2026**

- Northwestern State University – <https://www.nsula.edu/futurestudents/how-to-apply/>
- Dillard University <https://www.dillard.edu>
- Centenary College of Louisiana – <https://www.centenary.edu/admission/how-to-apply/>
- Grambling State University - <https://www.gram.edu/admissions/apply/>
- Louisiana State University – <https://www.lsu.edu/admissions/apply/freshman.php>
- Mississippi State University - <https://www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships/scholarship-details>
- Xavier University of Louisiana – <https://www.xula.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admission>

**December 15, 2026**

- McNeese University\* – [https://www.mcneese.edu/scholarships/freshman\\_academic\\_scholarships/](https://www.mcneese.edu/scholarships/freshman_academic_scholarships/)
- University of New Orleans – <https://www.uno.edu/admissions/apply>

**January 15, 2027**

- Louisiana Tech University – <https://www.latech.edu/admissions/freshman-scholarships/>
- University of Louisiana at Monroe – <https://www.ulm.edu/scholarships/freshmen.html>
- Southeastern Louisiana University – [http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/fin\\_aid/scholarships/freshman-sch/index.html](http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/fin_aid/scholarships/freshman-sch/index.html)

**January 31, 2027**

- University of Louisiana at Lafayette – <https://scholarships.louisiana.edu/prospective-students/state-students/incoming-freshmen>
- Nicholls State University – <https://www.nicholls.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/first-time-freshman/>

**February 1, 2027**

- Southern University Baton Rouge - <https://www.subr.edu/page/1707>

**March 1, 2027**

- Delgado Community College\* – <http://dcc.edu/student-services/registrar/registration-information/checklist.aspx>
- Southern University New Orleans – <https://www.suno.edu/page/admissions>
- University of Southern Mississippi – <https://www.usm.edu/undergraduate-admissions/freshmen.php>

**No Formal Deadline, but Early Applicants will be Given First Priority (recommend to submit by December 2026)**

- Spring Hill College – <https://www.shc.edu/admissions/how-apply/>

**\*Some colleges require you to complete a separate scholarship application in addition to the admissions application. Please make sure you submit all necessary forms.**

**Deadlines are quickly approaching. Do not miss out on the opportunity for free money!!**



# More Scholarships



- **ScholarshipOWIL No Essay Scholarship:** Students 16 years or older and must be a resident of any of the 50 United States. Students must complete their profile to 100% to be entered in the scholarship. Award: \$1,000.
  - **Deadline: August 29, 2026**
  - <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19881/scholarshipowl-no-essay-scholarship>
- **JFK Profile of Courage Scholarship:** Write a 700-100 word essay describing and analyzing an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917.
  - **DEADLINE: September 1, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest>
- **The “No Sweat” Scholarship:** The Cirkled In “No Sweat” Scholarship is a \$2500 CASH scholarship you can use for any educational purpose, from books to summer camp. In just two steps, you’re in! Apply by signing-up for a Cirkled In account and then complete your portfolio.
  - **DEADLINE: September 30, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships/>
- **Coca Cola Scholarship:** an achievement-based scholarship awarded to students in their final year of high school. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. High school senior with a 3.0 GPA planning to pursue a degree at an U.S. post-secondary institution.
  - **DEADLINE: September 30, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>
- **QuestBridge National College Match:** Match Scholarship Recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a full four-year scholarship, worth over \$200,000. Applicants must be high school graduates planning to enroll in college in the fall of the year the scholarship is awarded and come from households earning less than \$65,000/year for a family of four.
  - **DEADLINE: October 1, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match>
- **AES Scholarship:** High school seniors and all students attending a postsecondary educational facility. Submit an essay of 500 -1000 words on When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Award: \$500
  - **Deadline: October 8, 2026** <https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>
  - Submit essay to [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com)
- **Hispanic Heritage Foundation:** Latino high school seniors who have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher who excel in accomplishments in the classroom, community, and various educational categories.
  - **Deadline: November 1, 2026**
  - Go to <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>
- **The Cooke College Scholarship Program:** High-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation’s top four-year colleges and universities. GPA: unweighted 3.75. There is no minimum test score requirement, but you must submit ACT, SAT, or AP scores. Demonstrate Unmet Financial Need\_ will consider applicants with family AGI up to \$95,000/year.
  - **Deadline: November 11, 2026**
  - <https://www.ikcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>
- **Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship:** To qualify for one of the 500 four-year scholarships to cover any unmet cost of college, students must be U.S. citizens with leadership experience.
  - **DEADLINE: November 12, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>
- **College Jumpstart Scholarship:** Students who characterize themselves as “hardworking” may apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Financial need and test scores are not required for this scholarship!
  - **DEADLINE: September 30, 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/fag>
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund:** Many Scholarships available to students of Hispanic descent. Scholarships available for documented and undocumented high school students. Check out the website for details on specific opportunities!
  - **DEADLINE: Varies: Opens January 2026**
  - Go to <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>
- **United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship:** \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools.
  - **DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by January 12, 2027**
  - Go to [www.usjcsenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program](http://www.usjcsenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program)
- **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship\*:** Seniors who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship should apply to receive \$10,000 per year for four years
  - **DEADLINE: application opens mid October 2026. January 2027 deadline– date hasn’t been released yet.**
  - Go to <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

## Looking for more scholarship opportunities?

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| 1. <a href="https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/">https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/</a> | 6. <a href="http://www.niche.com">www.niche.com</a>                   |
| 2. <a href="http://www.Fastweb.com">www.Fastweb.com</a>                                                                                    | 7. <a href="https://goingmerry.com/">https://goingmerry.com/</a>      |
| 3. <a href="http://www.Scholarships.org">www.Scholarships.org</a>                                                                          | 8. <a href="http://www.Studentaid.gov">www.Studentaid.gov</a>         |
| 4. <a href="http://www.Studentscholarships.org">www.Studentscholarships.org</a>                                                            | 9. <a href="http://www.scholarshipowl.com">www.scholarshipowl.com</a> |
| 5. <a href="http://www.Tuitionfundingsources.com">www.Tuitionfundingsources.com</a>                                                        | 10. <a href="https://www.raise.me">https://www.raise.me</a>           |

# File Your FAFSA!!

## Directions for Completing the Application!

Make sure to complete the 2027-2028 application!

### What do I need to complete the FAFSA?

1. Parent Social Security Number
2. Your Social Security Number
  - *If not a US citizen, alien registration number or permanent residence card*
3. Parent email address/password
4. Your email address/password
5. 2024 parental tax forms
  - *If your parents are not married, use the parent who you live with the most.*
6. Untaxed income: worker's comp, child support, veterans benefits

### Steps to complete the FAFSA:

1. **studentaid.gov/fsa-id**: Create Username/Password for yourself
2. **studentaid.gov/fsa-id**: Create Username/Password for a parent
3. Get your parental tax information from 2025
4. **fafsa.gov**: Complete FAFSA!

Have specific questions regarding your FAFSA situation?

Email: [holly.landry@sbpsb.org](mailto:holly.landry@sbpsb.org)

### Resources for Extra Help:

1. FAFSA Help Website/Hotline: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact> or call 1-800-433-3243
2. Helpful Resources: <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-parent.pdf>