

Knightdale High School Scholarship Bulletin

2026-2027

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NAME/DESCRIPTION	AWARD	DEADLINE
<u>Big Future Scholarships (Open to Juniors and Seniors)</u> No essay, no minimum GPA or test score, no citizenship requirements. Just follow the steps for chances to win! The more steps you complete and earlier you start, the more chances you have to win. If you win, your scholarship can be used at any two- or four-year college. If you don't win, your entry rolls over for the next month. Application Link: bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships	\$40,000	Monthly
<u>Park Scholarship - NC State University</u> Park Scholars are selected on the basis of academic, merit, exemplary character, exceptional potential for leadership, and the sense of promise that they may one day make contributions of enduring importance to the betterment of the human condition. The goal of the selection process is to identify young people who demonstrate high academic achievement and leadership, as well as those with unusual aptitudes, uncommon talents and special gifts of creativity or entrepreneurial acumen. Financial need is NOT a consideration. Application Link: https://park.ncsu.edu/apply/	4-year full ride to NC State University	November 1, 2026
<u>Hispanic Youth Awards</u> The Youth Awards honor high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Community Service, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Green, with additional categories being added throughout the awards season. Gold, Silver and Bronze recipients are selected in each category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue. Once selected, recipients will be celebrated in virtual ceremonies and will become part of our broader HHF network of 200,000 professionals and fulfill our unique cycle of leadership where we meet America's priorities in the classroom and workforce. <u>Eligibility:</u> • Be currently enrolled in high school and graduating in Spring 2027	\$1,000	November 1, 2026

• Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA • Must enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2027-2028 Application Link: https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2026/forms/welcome.php		
<u>Cook Scholarship Program</u> The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. In addition to the monetary award, Cooke Scholars receive comprehensive educational advising, significant cohort-based programming, and graduate school funding, as well as a thriving network of nearly 3,200 fellow Cooke Scholars and Alumni. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships he or she may receive. <u>Eligibility Requirements:</u> Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements: • Senior standing – Complete four years of high school in the U.S., a U.S territory, or on a U.S. military base and plan to graduate in spring 2027. • Fall College Enrollment – Intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2027. • GPA – Earn a minimum, cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or above. • Demonstrate Unmet Financial Need – We will consider applicants with family annual gross income up to \$95,000. Application Link: https://www.jkcf.org/	Varies	November 11, 2026
<u>NC A&T State University Honors Program Scholarships</u> The University Honors Program oversees the awarding of three of the university's most prestigious awards to incoming first year freshmen. We are seeking students who are extremely driven and offer unique and personalized experiences aimed to empower their professional growth, fuel their passion for lifelong learning, and inspire their commitment to a stronger community. Finalists for these scholarships are selected from all applicants who apply to the Honors Program by the November 15 priority deadline, with decisions based on, but not limited to completed application, exceptional academic ability, leadership, community involvement, interviews and letters of recommendation. • Cheatham-White Scholars Program • Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program • February One Scholars Program Application Link: https://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/scholarships.php	Varies	November 15, 2026

Thomas Wolfe Scholarship - UNC Chapel Hill

This scholarship is for students interested in attending UNC Chapel Hill. This scholarship provides full undergraduate funding for four years, including tuition, room and board, textbooks, and a new laptop, along with a \$5,000 annual summer stipend to support the recipient's creative work. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship award will be based largely on written work submitted by candidates. **Artistic merit is the chief criterion of selection.** Students who write poetry, fiction, plays, creative nonfiction (personal essays, memoir, travel and nature essays, literary journalism, and lyric essays) are eligible. Multiple genre submissions are also encouraged. Submissions are limited to one application per student. Students must apply to UNC Chapel Hill by October 15 and the Thomas Wolfe Scholarship by November 15 to be considered.

Application Link:

<https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-fellowships-and-awards/the-thomas-wolfe-scholarship/>

Full tuition
for 4-years
at UNC
Chapel Hill
+ additional
benefits

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