

PHS SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

2026–2027 • Click purple scholarship names to open current pages

Students should always confirm final requirements and deadlines on the linked website before submitting.

ONGOING SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SITES

Check these sites often—new scholarship opportunities are added throughout the year.

SEARCH SITE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
BigFuture Scholarship Search	Search and match with scholarships using College Board's BigFuture scholarship directory.
College for TN – Tennessee Financial Aid	Official Tennessee resource for state grants and scholarships, including HOPE, Aspire, GAMS and TN Promise.
Fastweb Scholarship Directory	Free scholarship directory and matching service with categories for high school seniors, majors, states and more.
Scholarships.com	Search a large scholarship database and browse opportunities by student type and other criteria.
The University Network (TUN)	Scholarship search tool that can match opportunities by major, GPA, background and other criteria.
Unigo Scholarships	Browse scholarships for high school students and search by major, state, type and other categories.
Niche Scholarships	Browse and get matched with scholarships, including Niche-sponsored and outside opportunities.

Scholarship Safety Tip: You should never have to pay an application fee to apply for a legitimate scholarship. Be cautious of services that promise or guarantee scholarship money.

OCTOBER

SCHOLARSHIP	GR.	ELIGIBILITY / DETAILS	AMOUNT	DEADLINE
Aspire Award	12	Need-based supplement to the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship. Student must meet HOPE requirements and the applicable adjusted gross income limit. Students may receive Aspire or GAMS, but not both.	Up to \$750/semester at 4-year institutions; \$250/semester at 2-year institutions	10/1
FAFSA	12	The 2027–28 FAFSA is scheduled to launch by Oct. 1, 2026. Complete the FAFSA for federal aid and for Tennessee HOPE/TELS consideration.	Variable	10/1
General Assembly Merit Scholarship (GAMS)	12	Supplement to the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship. Requires at least a 3.75 weighted high school GPA and 29 ACT (or qualifying SAT), plus HOPE eligibility.	\$500/semester	10/1

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<u>Hope Foster Child Tuition Grant</u>	12	For eligible Tennessee students with qualifying foster-care status who also meet HOPE academic requirements. Award is based on tuition/mandatory fees less gift aid; additional rules apply.	Variable	10/1
<u>Hope Scholarship</u>	12	Tennessee resident meeting HOPE requirements; generally 3.0 high school GPA OR 21 ACT (or qualifying SAT). Complete the FAFSA to apply.	Up to \$2,250/semester for freshmen/sophomores at 4-year institutions and eligible 2-year institutions with housing; other award levels vary	10/1
<u>QuestBridge College Match</u>	12	High-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds. QuestBridge notes a typical household profile under \$65,000 for a family of four with minimal assets; 55 college partners.	Full four-year scholarship valued at \$360,000+	10/1
<u>Young Arts Award</u>	9-12	Young artists who meet 2027 YoungArts eligibility; generally grades 10-12 and/or ages 15-18 as of Dec. 1, 2026, with required U.S. work/tax eligibility. Discipline-specific portfolio/audition required.	Cash awards & possible scholarship opportunities	10/6
<u>AES Engineering</u>	12	High school seniors and postsecondary students. Engineering major is NOT required. Submit a 500-1,000 word essay; selection is based on character as reflected in the essay.	\$500	10/8
<u>ETSU Roan Scholars</u>	12	Graduating senior in TN or a bordering eligible state; competitive ETSU applicant; U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen; ACT or SAT required. Emphasis on character, intellectual curiosity, leadership, impact, and growth.	Four years of tuition & fees, room & board, and books/supplies	10/15
<u>Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger</u>	9-12	Ages 5-25 who demonstrate creativity, leadership, and measurable impact fighting hunger in their communities.	\$10,000 scholarship + \$5,000 grant to hunger-relief charity	10/20
<u>Voice of Democracy Competition</u>		Grades 9-12. Submit an original 3-5 minute audio essay on the 2026-27 theme, "What a Veteran Taught Me About America," plus typed essay and entry form through a participating VFW Post.	National awards; top scholarship \$35,000	10/31
<u>Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship</u>	9-12	Legal U.S. resident age 14+ who meets Unigo enrollment requirements; short creative response required.	\$2,000	10/31

NOVEMBER

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<u>Belmont University</u>		Fall 2027 first-year applicants: Nov. 1 is the Early Action I application deadline and Top Merit Scholarship deadline. Dec. 1 is the Early Action II, departmental scholarship, and Belmont FAFSA priority date.	Variable	11/1
<u>Buy-Rites Annual Beauty School Scholarship</u>	12	Buy-Rite Beauty will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a hairstylist or cosmetology student who best exemplifies our core beliefs. We want to hear about their most meaningful achievement and how it relates to your future as a hairstylist. The contest is open to U.S. residents. All participants must have applied to or be enrolled as full-time beautician/cosmetology students.	\$1,000	11/1

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<u>Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards</u>	12	High school seniors graduating Spring 2027; minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA; must enroll in an accredited higher-education institution in 2027-28. Current application is open nationwide.	\$1,000	11/1
<u>UT Knoxville Chancellor's, Competitive, Departmental, & Campus-Wide Scholarships and Honors Programs</u>	12	To be considered for freshman competitive scholarships, you must submit your admissions application by the November 1 early action deadline and complete your Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) by November 15. You can apply for competitive scholarships directly in the UT application. Don't forget that filing your FAFSA each year helps determine your eligibility for most types of aid, including some UT college-specific scholarships! The priority deadline for 2024 – 2025 is February 15, 2024.	Variable	11/1
<u>TN Promise</u>	12	Class of 2027 Tennessee seniors must complete the TN Promise application by Nov. 2, 2026. Additional program requirements include FAFSA, mentoring/meetings as applicable, and community service.	Last-dollar tuition & mandatory fees at eligible institutions	11/2
<u>Regeneron Science Awards</u>	12	High school seniors submitting an eligible individual research project to the 2027 Regeneron Science Talent Search. Application and recommendations are due Nov. 5, 2026 at 8 p.m. ET.	300 Scholars receive \$2,000; 40 finalists receive at least \$25,000; top awards are higher	11/5
<u>Elks Most Valuable Student</u>	12	Current high school seniors who are U.S. citizens and plan to enroll full-time in a four-year U.S. undergraduate degree program. Judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.	500 awards: \$4,000-\$30,000 over 4 years	11/12
<u>10 Words or Less</u>		Age 17-25 and attending a U.S. or Canadian college/university in Fall 2027. Submit a response of 10 words or less and follow the sponsor's application instructions.	\$1,000 and \$500 awards	11/15
<u>Education Matters</u>		Legal U.S. resident; short response (250 words or less) explaining the value of education. No minimum GPA listed.	\$5,000	11/30
<u>Overcoming the Impossible</u>		High school seniors and students in accredited vocational, college, or graduate programs; minimum 3.0 GPA. Essay, résumé, and transcript requirements apply.	\$1,000	11/30

DECEMBER

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<u>Tennessee Pledge Scholarship</u>		UT Knoxville Tri-Star scholarship for eligible Tennessee residents. Current UT information describes Tennessee Pledge for admitted freshmen with family income of \$40,000 or less; FAFSA and other eligibility requirements apply.	Last-dollar support toward tuition, mandatory fees, and average housing/food costs	1/5/27
<u>UT Knoxville Regular Admission Deadline</u>		For Summer/Fall 2027 first-year admission, UT Knoxville's Regular Decision submission deadline is Jan. 5, 2027; materials are due Jan. 20. Merit scholarship consideration follows UT's current admissions/scholarship rules.	---	1/5/27
<u>UT Knoxville Volunteer Scholarship</u>		In-state first-year students with strong GPA/test scores. Current published award table begins at 28 ACT / 1300 SAT; apply to UT by Jan. 5 and meet score-reporting requirements.	\$3,000-\$9,000/year	1/5/27

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<u>AIAA Roger W. Kahn Scholarship</u>		Current high school senior intending to pursue aerospace or a related major; minimum 3.5 GPA; demonstrated aerospace interest; free AIAA High School Membership required.	Up to 4 awards of \$10,000	1/7/27
<u>Farm Credit Mid-America Customer Agricultural Scholarship</u>		Child or grandchild of a Farm Credit Mid-America customer pursuing an agriculture or rural-community-related career. Customer Scholarship applications run Oct. 1, 2026-Jan. 15, 2027.	\$1,500	1/15/27
<u>Scarlett Family Foundation STEM & Business College Scholarship</u>		2027-28 application opens Jan. 5, 2027. Middle Tennessee applicants pursuing eligible Business, Education, or STEM programs must meet current income, GPA, ACT, residency, and enrollment requirements.	\$2,500-\$15,000	3/15/27
<u>Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant</u>		Tennessee resident enrolled in an eligible TCAT certificate or diploma program. Apply by completing the FAFSA. Term deadlines vary; Nov. 1 is the Fall trimester deadline.	\$2,000/year	11/1 (Fall)
<u>Americanism Essay Contest</u>	7-12	Grades 7-12, including homeschool students. Submit a 350-word essay through an FRA member or local FRA branch on the annual Americanism/patriotism theme.	\$500-\$1,500 national awards	12/1
<u>MTSU & MTSU Honors College</u>		Fall 2027 freshman guaranteed scholarships begin at 3.5 GPA and 22 ACT; admission file and qualifying materials must be complete by Dec. 1, 2026. Other scholarships may have separate applications/deadlines.	\$3,500-\$8,000/year for guaranteed freshman merit awards	12/1
<u>MTSU Buchanan Fellowship</u>		Apply for MTSU admission and submit the Buchanan application by Dec. 1; minimum 3.5 GPA and 30 ACT (or SAT equivalent), plus required transcript and eligibility documentation.	Full tuition (competitive)	12/1
<u>Military Child of the Year Award</u>		Military-connected youth ages 13-18. Awards recognize scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and resilience in military family life.	\$10,000+	12/1
<u>Mississippi State University</u>		Scholarship criteria vary. For example, the competitive Maroon and White Scholarship requires the General Scholarship Application and qualifying materials by Dec. 1, 2026. Students should review MSU's scholarship portal for awards matching their profile.	Variable	12/1
<u>UT Chattanooga Various Scholarships</u>		Fall 2027 first-time freshmen: complete the UTC admissions file with qualifying GPA/test scores by Dec. 1, 2026. The UTC Online Scholarship Application for institutional merit awards is due Feb. 1, 2027.	Variable	12/1 priority / 2/1 application
<u>U.S. Rice Producers of America: Ray Stoesser Memorial Scholarship</u>	12	High school senior or current college student living in the U.S. and interested in an agriculture-related career. Selected recipient serves as a USRPA student ambassador.	\$5,000	12/4
<u>University of Alabama</u>		Summer/Fall 2027 first-time freshmen should submit the admission application and all supporting documents by the Dec. 4, 2026 priority deadline for consideration for available scholarship opportunities.	Variable	12/4
<u>TN Concrete Association Essay Contest</u>	10-12	Tennessee high school students ages 16-18 at the beginning of the school term. Typed, double-spaced essay up to 600 words responding to the current concrete-themed prompt.	\$750 / \$500 / \$250	12/11
<u>Burger King Scholars</u>		2027-28 application cycle opens Oct. 15, 2026 and closes when 30,000 applications are received or Dec. 15, 2026, whichever comes first. See current application for eligibility.	\$1,000-60,000	12/15

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<u>North American Van Lines Logistics Scholarship Competition</u>		U.S. citizen or permanent resident enrolling full-time in an accredited U.S. college/university for an undergraduate degree in logistics, supply chain management, or equivalent field; minimum 2.5 GPA.	3 awards of \$1,000	12/15
<u>Rubincam Youth Writing Competition</u>		Genealogy writing competition for youth. Senior division includes students in grades 9-12; follow the current NGS submission requirements.	\$500 cash prize	12/15
<u>TN Tech University</u>		For 2027-28 scholarships, apply for admission and complete the Tennessee Tech scholarship application by Dec. 15, 2026. Supporting test scores/transcripts and recommendation letters are due Jan. 15, 2027.	Variable	12/15
<u>UT Promise Scholarship (good at Chattanooga, Knoxville, Martin, Memphis, & Pulaski)</u>		High school seniors graduating in 2026-27 and enrolling at a UT campus in Fall 2027: complete the UT Promise application and apply for admission to the UT campus by Dec. 15, 2026. FAFSA and service/mentoring requirements follow.	Last dollar for mandatory tuition & fees after financial aid has been applied	12/15
<u>Doodle for Google</u>	K-12	Annual U.S. K-12 art contest. Follow the current Doodle for Google site for the active theme, entry form, and official rules.	National winner scholarship and finalist awards; see current rules	12/17
<u>Better Business Bureau's Students of Integrity Scholarship</u>	12	High school senior graduating in 2027 in BBB Middle TN & Southern KY service area; minimum 3.0 GPA; leadership, community service, integrity, academics, and essay are considered.	15 awards of \$1,000	12/19
<u>Top Ten List</u>		Legal U.S. resident age 14+ who meets Unigo enrollment requirements. Submit a response of 250 words or less to the current Top Ten List prompt.	\$1,500	12/31
<u>Unigo \$10K</u>		Legal U.S. resident age 14+; free Unigo registration and a short response to the current prompt are required.	\$10,000	12/31
<u>Western Kentucky University Academic Merit & TOPDollar Scholarship</u>		Fall 2027 incoming freshmen should be fully admitted by Dec. 31, 2026 for full scholarship consideration. TOPDollar uses one general scholarship application; priority deadline is Dec. 31.	Variable	12/31
<u>Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship</u>		2.3 GPA w/ financial gap to fill, plans to pursue computer science or engineering, you've tried hardware engineering (robotics, electrical engineering, aerospace engineering, etc.) and want to learn more, and work eligible in the US for at least 2 yrs	400-Up to \$40,000 plus Amazon internship opportunities	TBD
<u>Athena Scholarships</u>		Female senior must reside in Davidson, Wilson, Williamson, Robertson, Sumner, Cheatham, Dickson, or Rutherford County with a 3.0 GPA	Variable	TBD
<u>Elks Emergency Educational Grants</u>		Provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. Other details apply.	Up to \$5,000	TBD
<u>Sons of the American Revolution: Knight Essay Contest</u>		9th-12th graders (US citizens or legal resident aliens) interested in the American Revolution can submit an original 800-1,200 word essay based on an event or person associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the United States Constitution. Each essay will be judged on historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation. Email completed applications to John E. Tidwell johntidwell40@yahoo.com	\$100-\$5,000 + travel	TBD