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SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Students please read scholarship applications completely before you begin. Make sure you have all of your supporting documents, and that you meet eligibility requirements. When asking for a letter of recommendation, please include a resume, or list of extracurricular activities, and let your recommender know of your educational plans and career/occupational goals. Keep organized, pay attention to deadlines, and make copies of your applications. Check with Ms. Proctor or Mr. Ryan if you have questions regarding any scholarship application. Good Luck!

More Scholarship Information:

[Colusa High School Counseling Page Scholarship Information](#)

UTILIZE THESE WEBSITES TO LOOK UP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- <https://sacregcf.academicworks.com/opportunities>
- <https://www.apply.com/scholarships>
- <https://bold.org/scholarships/>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory>
- <https://www.sallie.com/scholarships>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarship/scholarships/high-school-students>

Scholarship Application: Do's & Don'ts

✓ DO'S - What You *Should* Do

- Start early and get organized
- **Read all instructions carefully**
- Personalize every application
- Write a strong, original essay
- **Proofread & check for errors**
- **Apply widely, even for small awards**

⊘ DON'TS - Mistakes to *Avoid*

- **Don't pay to apply or provide sensitive info!**
 - **Do NOT give out credit card information, or Social Security Numbers!**
- Don't wait until the last minute
- Don't use generic essays without editing
- Don't submit incomplete applications
- Don't get discouraged if you don't win at first

Quick Tips!

Professional email, save copies, check spam, request recommendations early

What are Local Scholarships?

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Local scholarships are awards offered by organizations within your immediate community, such as local businesses, civic groups, religious institutions, and schools. They often target residents of a specific city, county, or school district and typically offer smaller award amounts compared to national scholarships.

Key Traits:

- Smaller applicant pools, which boosts your chances of winning.
- Lower award amounts, generally ranging from \$500 to \$5,000
- Often one-time awards, rather than renewable multi-year grants

Why Local Scholarships Matter

- Higher Winning Chances

Since the competition is limited to your local area or school, odds are significantly better than national scholarships.

- Every Dollar Helps

Even small awards add up and reduce your overall college expenses. Don't disregard those \$250 or \$500 scholarships!

Application Best Practices:

Start early - many local scholarships have fall or spring deadlines

Tailor your materials - customize each essay and application to reflect the sponsor's values and mission

Showcase community involvement - highlight volunteer work, local leadership, or any stories that reflect your local impact

Proofread carefully - spelling and grammatical errors can hurt your chances

Follow instructions exactly - missed details or formats can lead to disqualification

Keep track of deadlines - use a calendar or spreadsheet to stay organized

Seek feedback - ask teachers or mentors to review your essays and application packages.

What are National Scholarships?

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National scholarships are awards funded and offered at a countrywide level, typically by governments, foundations, corporations, or other organizations to support students pursuing secondary or higher education. These awards often focus on:

- **Merit**, including academic excellence, leadership, artistic talent, or STEM achievements.
- **Financial need**, supporting students who face economic hardship.
- **Specific backgrounds or goals**, such as underrepresented groups, public service, or environmental advocacy.

What sets them apart:

- **Scope & competition**: Open to students nationwide, with substantial funding amounts.
- **Prestige & opportunities**: Many include networking, mentorship, or professional development alongside financial aid.

How to Navigate Them Strategically

1. Start early

Deadlines like October–December for many programs mean early prep is key to success.

2. Understand eligibility criteria

Need-based vs. merit-based vs. group-specific awards. Know what fits your profile!

3. Apply broadly

Some scholarships are highly selective; maximize chances by stacking multiple Applications.

4. Complete essential forms

Many need-based scholarships require transcripts, recommendations, and essays.

5. Be alert to scam tactics

Legitimate scholarships **NEVER** charge application fees.

New National Scholarships Added

The Gates Scholarship

Award Amount: Full-Tuition

Awards Available: 300

Deadline: September 15, 2026

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding minority high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, TGS awards exceptional student leaders, aiming to help them realize their maximum potential.

Scholars receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution. This includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, transportation, and may include other personal costs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a high school senior.
- Pell-eligible and a US citizen, national, or permanent resident.
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Plan to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

Application Process

1. Ensure you meet the basic eligibility criteria.
2. Prepare and submit necessary documents highlighting academic record, leadership ability, and personal success skills.
3. Complete and submit the scholarship application form.

An ideal candidate for The Gates Scholarship is a student who not only excels academically but also demonstrates strong leadership ability and personal success skills, such as emotional maturity and motivation.

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The Future is Now Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$2,999

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: September 28, 2026

The Future is Now Scholarship offers support to young individuals aged 16 and above, enrolled in college and residing in the US or India. Automatic disqualification may occur for multiple applications.

Eligibility

- You must be a resident of the US or India
- You must be 16 years of age or older
- You must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a college

How to Apply:

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ScholarshipOwl No Essay Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$50,000

Awards Available: 50

Award Deadline: September 29, 2026

ScholarshipOwl is your source of relief from the dreaded application process. We put students on the fast-track to success by providing direct access to the scholarships they need the most. Take the hassle out of financial aid and maximize your chance at a free ride in college. No matter how much funding you need for school, we have the opportunities you're looking for.

Eligibility

- You must be a resident of any of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, or US Territories
- You must be 16 years of age or older
- You must either be enrolled in a college/university or registered in a qualified high school
- You must be located within the United States

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$20,000

Awards Available: 150

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to students in their final year of high school. It recognizes students for their leadership, service, and commitment to making a lasting impact in their schools and communities.

Scholarship Details

- 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year
- Each Coca-Cola Scholar receives a \$20,000 scholarship
- Over \$90 million awarded to more than 7,200 Scholars since the program's inception

Eligibility Criteria

- Current high school senior
- Demonstrated leadership and service in school and/or community
- Strong commitment to creating positive change in society

Application Process

1. Complete the online application form on the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation website
2. Submit academic transcripts and letters of recommendation
3. Finalists are invited to participate in an interview

To date, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has provided over 7,000 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$87 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

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The Home Depot Foundation Path to Pro Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$2,500

Awards Available: 25

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to supporting U.S. veterans, addressing the skilled trades labor gap, and aiding communities affected by natural disasters. Through its Path to Pro program, the Foundation has committed \$50 million to train the next generation of skilled tradespeople and bridge educational opportunities.

Scholarship Details

- Path to Pro program focuses on training skilled trade leaders and offers scholarships to further education

- Scholarships aim to support students pursuing approved trade-related programs at accredited two-year schools in the United States
- Priority areas include Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Construction Management
- The Home Depot Foundation actively invests in creating a skilled workforce for the future

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to high school seniors, high school graduates, and GED equivalent holders
- Applicants must plan to enroll or be enrolled in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school in the U.S.
- Excludes employees and dependents of employees of The Home Depot

Application Process

1. Ensure you meet the eligibility requirements before applying.
2. Submit your scholarship application by one of the following deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31.
3. Notification of scholarship winners will be sent approximately four weeks after the application deadline.

Through the Path to Pro scholarship program, The Home Depot Foundation and SkillPointe Foundation have awarded more than 345 scholarships to students pursuing a trade college or postsecondary program, nationwide.

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Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway

Scholarship Value: \$100,000

Awards Available: 6

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

The Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway offers students ages 18 to 24 the exciting opportunity to win up to \$100,000 toward their college tuition. Make and submit a video that helps us get to know you. Tell us about your academic goals, professional aspirations, or even personal dreams. Your video will be judged on the four following criteria: career goals, need for tuition assistance, impact of tuition assistance, and overall presentation quality and delivery. It must be 60 seconds or less and in MP4, MOV, WMV format.

Scholarship Details

- Top prize of up to \$100,000 in college tuition

- Finalists compete at a college football Conference Championship Game
- Tuition funds must be used at an accredited college or university

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 24 at the time of entry
- Must be currently enrolled in or planning to attend a college or university
- Tuition funds must be used exclusively for college tuition

Application Process

1. Create a Pepper Perks account on the official Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway website
2. Complete your personal profile, including school and residency information
3. Record and submit a 60-second video in MP4, MOV, or WMV format
4. In your video, describe your academic and career goals, how tuition assistance will impact your future, and demonstrate your passion and presentation skills
5. Wait for notification from the Dr Pepper team regarding finalist selection

Enter for the chance to chase your dreams. This is where it all begins, college students. If you're between the ages of 18 and 24, enter here for your chance to make your biggest dreams come true. Filling out an application for the chance to compete for \$100K in tuition? It's a Pepper Thing!

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Sallie Mae Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: 12

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

Sallie cares about providing you the resources needed to successfully navigate financing college. That's why we're offering you the opportunity to earn a \$2,000 scholarship. We know that college is a big step forward in achieving your goals and we want to help you get there using all the tools Sallie has to offer.

What are the eligibility requirements?

The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:

1. A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;

2. A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;
3. A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States;
4. A student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located within the United States, within a year of graduating high school.

How to Apply:

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Be Bold Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$25,000

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

The "Be Bold" Scholarship is a no-essay scholarship that will be awarded to the applicant with the boldest profile. It takes less than 2 minutes to apply.

To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being:

- Earnest
- Determined
- Moving

The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics.

Furthermore, the scholarship will be unique in that it will favor students who apply earlier—who are bold and seize the day without procrastinating.

How to Apply:

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Scholarships360 "No Essay" Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$10,000

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

The Scholarships360 \$10,000 “No Essay” Scholarship is open to all students who want some extra help paying for their education. Whether you are a high school student who hopes to go to

college, a graduate student who's in a master's program, or an adult learner who wants to return to school, you are eligible for our no essay scholarship.

This scholarship will be awarded to students who get the most out of Scholarships360 scholarships and content. You will be a strong applicant if you apply to scholarships with the Scholarships360 platform.

How to Apply:

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National Parent Volunteer Association Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$1,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: September 30, 2026

Each year NPVA offers merit-based scholarships for students who are committed to volunteering and making a difference in their communities. Our scholarships are open to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Scholarship Details

- Open to students pursuing undergrad or grad degrees at accredited U.S. colleges or universities.
- Merit-based, with a focus on community service.

Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Open to high school juniors, seniors, undergrad, and grad students.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must provide an official transcript confirming their GPA and proof of enrollment.

Application Process

1. Confirm eligibility by ensuring you meet the academic and enrollment criteria.
2. Gather required documents, including your transcript and proof of enrollment.
3. Complete and submit the scholarship application, demonstrating your commitment to volunteering and community service.
4. Await notification of scholarship decisions, based on merit, community involvement, and academic standing.

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SparkForce, The FMA Foundation Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: October 1, 2026

SparkForce, The FMA Foundation, awards scholarships twice each year to students pursuing degrees or certifications related to manufacturing careers.

Scholarship Details

- Awarded twice per year
- Open to students pursuing degrees or certifications in manufacturing-related fields
- Supports both full-time and part-time students meeting credit hour requirements
- Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement and program enrollment

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be pursuing a degree or certification in an approved manufacturing-related field
- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a manufacturing-related program for the semester of application
- Must be a full-time student (12+ credit hours) or part-time student (6+ credit hours) while working
- Minimum GPA requirements: 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for community, trade, or technical college students and 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for university students

Application Process

1. Complete the online scholarship application
2. Provide a high school or college transcript from the most recently completed full semester
3. Transcripts may be uploaded with the application, mailed, or sent electronically via services like Parchment or National Student Clearinghouse
4. Ensure transcripts are included with the application or postmarked by the deadline
5. Submit all materials before the application deadline

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be notified via email and required to sign and submit a scholarship award acceptance form, submit a headshot photo and a signed photo

release form and activate a complimentary one-year Student membership with the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association (FMA) if not already a member

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Niche \$40,000 Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$40,000

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: October 15, 2026

Apply for our \$40,000 No Essay Scholarship below and focus on your education, not your finances. The winner will be selected by random drawing and will be notified via email by Votigo, our official scholarship fulfillment partner, by November 15th. Good luck!

Who Can Apply

All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year.

How It Works

The \$40,000 "No Essay" Scholarship is an easy scholarship with no essay required. Only one entry is allowed per person. The winner will be determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the Scholarship Winners page.

How to Apply:

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Chick-fil-A Community Scholars

Scholarship Value: \$25,000

Awards Available: 13

Award Deadline: October 28, 2026

Through the Chick-fil-A™ Community Scholars program, Chick-fil-A, Inc. helps pay for the education of leaders in our communities who want to continue learning, while also investing in their leadership development.

Scholarship Details

- At least thirteen \$25,000 scholarships awarded annually
- Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and other education-related expenses

- Scholarship checks are made payable directly to the educational institution
- Recipients participate in a one-year leadership and mentoring program
- Part of the broader Chick-fil-A Scholars Program

Eligibility Criteria

- Must demonstrate strong academic performance
- Must show a track record of meaningful community service
- Must have financial need
- Must plan to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school

Application Process

1. Begin your application early to allow ample time for preparation
2. Request and upload a transcript that includes your name, school name, GPA, and credit hours
3. Provide detailed answers about your academic achievements and community service involvement
4. Ask a recommender to complete the recommendation portion of the application
5. Submit your completed application before the final deadline (no late applications accepted)

Through this program, we recognize remarkable individuals who share our dedication to caring for others and caring for their communities. It is our pleasure to support the academic journeys of these future leaders.

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National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholars Program

Scholarship Value: \$50,000

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: October 30, 2026

Since 2013, the National Space Club and Foundation Keynote Scholarship has offered a unique opportunity for a student to deliver the keynote address at the prestigious Goddard Memorial Dinner—an event attended by top space industry leaders. In addition to speaking at this high-profile event, the selected student receives a \$50,000 scholarship to support their STEM academic journey. This award recognizes excellence in academics, public speaking, and passion for a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Scholarship Details

- \$50,000 scholarship awarded for tuition for the upcoming academic year
- Opportunity to deliver the keynote speech at the Goddard Memorial Dinner
- Travel and lodging for the recipient and one guest are covered
- Recognition at one of the most prestigious gatherings in the space industry
- Scholarship check paid directly to the recipient's college or university

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Open to high school seniors through undergraduate students
- Must be pursuing a career in a STEM field
- Must plan to attend an accredited U.S. college or university
- Applicants must not have previously spoken at the Goddard Memorial Dinner

Application Process

1. Complete the online application by October 30th at 11:59:59 PM EST
2. Submit a video demonstrating your public speaking ability
3. Upload a single PDF that includes your unofficial transcript and two letters of recommendation
4. If selected, participate in a live video audition with the NSCF executive committee in early January
5. Attend the Goddard Memorial Dinner on March 12th, and deliver the keynote speech
6. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to your academic institution by June 26th

This is more than a scholarship—it's a stage to share your passion for STEM and your vision for the future of space exploration. If you have strong academic achievements, excellent communication skills, and a desire to contribute to the STEM fields, especially in space, don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to be the voice of tomorrow's innovation.

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Mike Rowe Work Ethic Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$25,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: October 31, 2026

The Work Ethic Scholarship Program is giving away another \$10,000,000 in scholarships this year. We're looking for hardworking men and women who will keep the lights on, water running, and air flowing--people who will show up early, stay late, and bust their asses to get the job done. It's not for everyone, but we know hard workers are out there.

Scholarship Details

- Total of \$10 million in scholarships available
- Supports training in skilled trades and approved programs
- Designed for hardworking individuals who exemplify dedication and responsibility
- Sponsored by the Work Ethic Scholarship Program and Mike Rowe Works Foundation

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be enrolled or plan to enroll in an approved trade program
- Must be willing to sign and abide by the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge (Skills & Work Ethic Aren't Taboo)
- Must demonstrate a strong work ethic and commitment to a skilled trade career

Application Process

1. Enroll in an approved program focused on the skilled trades
2. Sign the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge, agreeing to uphold its values
3. Answer four questions related to the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge in writing
4. Create and submit a video that highlights who you are and why you deserve the scholarship
5. Obtain two references from a teacher, supervisor, or boss
6. Provide verification of your school's tuition and fees
7. Submit a copy of your high school or college transcript
8. Upload your most recent 1040 tax form
9. Complete and submit the full application by the deadline at 11:59 PM PT

If you're ready to work hard and build a better future with your hands, this scholarship can help cover the cost of your training and put you on the path to a rewarding career. The application may have a few hoops to jump through, but that's the point—this program is for people who don't shy away from a challenge. Apply now and prove you've got what it takes.

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Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Scholarship Value: \$4,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: November 01, 2026

The Youth Awards was founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Now entering its 27th year, the Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Community Service,

Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship & Business, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, and Technology.

Scholarship Details

- Honors Latino high school seniors in multiple categories
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze recipients in each category
- One-time grant for college education or community service

Eligibility Criteria

- Latino high school seniors
- Excel in academics and community involvement
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Categories include Community Service, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship & Business, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, and Technology

Application Process

1. Submit application for the Youth Awards
2. Specify the category and showcase achievements
3. Gold, Silver, and Bronze recipients selected
4. Virtual ceremonies celebrate the achievements

The Youth Awards program is the main pipeline to Hispanic Heritage Foundation's (HHF) system of talent that prepares and positions Latino youth through the award-winning Latinos On Fast Track (LOFT) program as they transition from high school, to college, to graduate school, and into their careers.

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American Indian Services College Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: November 01, 2026

The AIS Scholarship program is to help undergraduate Native American/Alaska Native students with financial support to attend a college or university, maintain enrollment, and graduate. Scholarship Awards are based on need for the term the student is applying for and are allocated directly to the school for the student.

Scholarship Details

- Scholarship Awards are based on up to one-half of tuition costs and the student's financial need for the term they are applying for.
- The scholarship amount is allocated directly to the school on behalf of the student, reducing the financial burden on the recipient.
- Applicants must have their own email account to apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll as matriculated students in a university, college or junior college located in the United States. This scholarship is open to incoming freshmen.
- Students must enroll in an accredited school. It's important to verify the accreditation status of your chosen school.
- Applicants must be enrolled members of a U.S. Federally Recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe. Alternatively, they can be descendants of base roll members.
- Students must be undergraduates with no more than 150 semester credits or 210 quarter credits. This scholarship is for those pursuing their first bachelor's degree
- Applicants can have full-time or part-time status, excluding non-credit courses, with a minimum of 6 credits.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 must be established and maintained after the first semester/quarter of college.
- Completed Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a requirement.

Application Process

1. Review the eligibility criteria to ensure you meet all the requirements.
2. Prepare your scholarship application, including all required documents and the essay.
3. Submit your application by the specified deadline.
4. If approved, submit a thank you letter by the specified deadline.

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Late documents or applications will not be accepted. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks AFTER the deadline for applications to be evaluated and updated online. If your application has been approved, your application status will be updated and you will receive a status update email.

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American Indian Services Trade Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: Varies

Award Deadline: November 01, 2026

Each trade program has its own registration requirements and deadlines, it is important that you have completed all registration requirements prior to applying for the AIS Trade School Scholarship. ALL required documents need to be uploaded to the student's application and are due by the deadline.

Scholarship Details

- Sponsored by American Indian Services
- Supports students enrolled in accredited trade and technical education programs
- Available to both full-time and part-time students taking at least six credit hours
- Scholarship funds are sent directly to the recipient's educational institution
- Recipients must submit a thank-you letter before scholarship funds are disbursed
- Applications are offered twice annually for September and January awards
- September application deadline is July 1 for eligible fall terms
- January application deadline is November 1 for eligible winter terms

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited technical or trade school
- The selected school must hold recognized accreditation
- Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribe or be a direct descendant of a base roll member
- Must have earned a high school diploma or GED
- Must not have earned a college degree and must have completed no more than 150 semester credits or 210 quarter credits
- Must enroll in at least six credit hours of eligible coursework
- Must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 after the first term of the trade program
- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Application Process

1. Create an American Indian Services account or log in to an existing account
2. Complete the online scholarship application
3. Upload a recent photograph of yourself
4. Submit documentation verifying tribal enrollment or qualifying Native heritage
5. Prepare and upload a minimum one-page, double-spaced essay describing your background, educational goals, tribal connections, challenges, and career plans
6. Upload your tuition billing statement or an approved alternative documenting tuition costs
7. Submit your most current unofficial or official transcript

8. Complete all application requirements and submit your application by the appropriate deadline
9. If selected, submit the required thank-you letter before scholarship funds are released to your school

For more than 40 years, American Indian Services has awarded scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native students from member institutions. Since 2005, more than 35,000 Native students have benefited from these funds. We will award Trade School Scholarships for those who have applied and are eligible.

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American Indian Medical Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$12,000

Awards Available: 20

Award Deadline: November 01, 2026

Our current AIMS Scholars attend 15 schools across 11 states. These scholars specialize in a wide range of health-related degrees, ranging from nursing at college and post-grad level to post-graduate medical degrees. They commit themselves to return and serve their native communities. NSCDA members are committed to continued growth in both the number of AIMS scholarships and scholars. As AIMS approaches its 100th birthday, our NSCDA supporters aspire to provide 20 or more scholarships.

Scholarship Details

- Award Amount: \$1,500 per semester
- Focus: Healthcare needs of the American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Hawaiian Native community
- Renewal: Granted each semester, contingent on academic good standing

Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled in a tribe or village. If not enrolled, students may be considered if they can prove direct tribal ancestry.
- Focused on a career goal directly related to the healthcare needs of American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Hawaiian Native communities.
- In need of financial assistance.
- A high school graduate, in the last semester of high school, or have equivalent education. Post-graduate students are also eligible.

- Enrolled in an accredited school.

Application Process

1. Submit a comprehensive application highlighting your tribal affiliation, financial need, and academic standing.
2. Include an essay outlining your career goals and how they align with addressing healthcare needs in your community.
3. Maintain good scholastic standing to qualify for the \$1,500 scholarship each semester.
4. The scholarship funds are restricted to tuition and specific academic expenses.

The American Indian Medical Scholarship, commonly known as AIMS, was established by the National Society of the Colonial Dames as one of its first educational projects. In 1928, the Pennsylvania Society set up a Nursing Scholarship for two Native American women, already accepted by a Pennsylvania Nursing School, though lacking the financial resources to attend. Once funded by the NSCDA scholarships, the nursing scholars agreed to return to serve their native communities with fully accredited nursing degrees.

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Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$500

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: November 15, 2026

To be considered eligible for the Odenza Marketing Scholarship you must:

- Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on the day of the deadline.
- Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the deadline.
- Have at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award. (Current High School Students are also eligible.)
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Be a citizen of the United States or Canada.

The scholarship winner will be announced roughly six weeks after the deadline and will be posted on this website immediately after. All applications must be received by 11:59 pm ET on the day of the deadline. No late applications will be reviewed. View the online application.

How to Apply:

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Remember to visit the counseling office, or call/email Ryan Copeland if you have any questions, or need help with an application.

Thank you!

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