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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://sacregef.academicworks.com/opportunities>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?curPage=1&studyLevelfilter=High%20School>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/california-scholarships>
- <https://www.sallie.com/>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://scholarships360.org/about/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-grade-level/high-school-scholarships/scholarships-for-high-school-seniors>

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.

Local Scholarships Available:

NEW! Daniel Alexander Laine Memorial Scholarship NEW!

Due Date: March 31, 2026

Daniel Alexander Laine was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and uncle. He excelled in other areas, like Carpentry and Fire fighting after high school. This scholarship is dedicated to him and to help others who may not do well in school, but have other talents.

1. Open to seniors who attend Orland or Colusa High School.
2. Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation and a letter stating why they feel they deserve to receive this scholarship. Also, submit a copy of the current transcript with this application.
3. To receive this scholarship, the student must plan to attend a vocational school or fire academy. Please provide acceptance of enrollment, as funds will be paid directly to the school/academy.
4. Send completed application and submit it to:

Melissa Michalk
90 Guilford Circle
Orland CA 95963

OR

Email: memichalk@gmail.com

- Please attach a brief one page essay about your reasons for enrolling in a vocational school or academy, and why you deserve to receive this scholarship.
- Please attach a copy of your transcript to this application.
- Please attach 2 letters of recommendation to this application.

Application is Due By March 31, 2026

Click here for the application or pick up a copy in the Counseling Office!:

 **Daniel Alexander Laine Memorial Scholarship Application.pdf**

New! David Fleming Memorial Scholarship New!

Application Deadline:

Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for consideration for an award the applicant must:

- Be pursuing an education and/or training in welding or trade school careers related to agriculture
- Be a graduating senior
- Be graduating from a high school in Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama or Plumas counties
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Must Provide:

- Essay: one essay of no more than 500 words:
- Tell us about someone you admire and look up to and how they have been an influence on your life.
- Why have you chosen to study in your selected field, and what are your academic and career goals?
- Tell us about a personal achievement that makes you proud.
- Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?
- Two letters of recommendation: One must be from a teacher or coach, and the other must be from a community member or employer.
- Unofficial high school transcripts

Scholarship Rules and Information:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this scholarship, contact Client Services at clientservices@nvcf.org.

[Click here for more information, and to apply.](#)

New! NVCF Leadership Scholarship New!

Application Deadline

Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for an award the applicant must:

- Be graduating from a high school in Butte, Colusa, Tehama or Glenn counties

- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university

Must Provide

High Schools Transcripts

Essay: Please attach two essays of no more than 500 words.

For the first essay, please answer the following question: What makes a good leader? How will you exhibit these qualities in your chosen field?

For the second essay, please choose one of the following prompts.

Describe a time that you encountered a challenge in a leadership capacity and how that challenge was addressed.

- What is the best advice you have ever received?
- How will you apply it as you pursue your goals?
- What is one misconception people often have about leadership?
- Describe a leader who inspires you. How can you apply their leadership style in your own pursuits

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Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund

Award: \$1,500 to \$4,500

Due Date: March 13, 2026

The Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for agricultural students in Colusa and Sutter counties who are pursuing a higher education in the field of agriculture.

Eligibility Requirements

- High school senior who is graduating or has graduated from a Colusa or Sutter county high school, or be a student attending a two-year or four-year college or university who has graduated from a high school in Colusa or Sutter counties

- Be planning to major in some area of agriculture, agribusiness, veterinary medicine, forestry, wildlife management, or natural resources at a college or university with a well-recognized agricultural program
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need
- Full time enrollment (12 units or more) at a college or university in the upcoming academic year

Renewal Award may be received up to three (3) years. Awardee must reapply to be considered for a renewal award.

Donors:

[Regnar & Beverly Paulsen](#)

Supplemental Questions

1. Essay: Please provide an essay describing yourself and your career goals
2. Are you a graduating senior from a Colusa or Sutter county high school, or a student at a two year college or four year college who has graduated from a high school in Colusa or Sutter counties
3. Letter of Recommendation: Please provide two current letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to the applicant
4. Second letter of recommendation

Click here for more information, and to apply:

[Paulsen Family Scholarship Fund](#)

Tri Counties Bank Scholarship Program

In partnership with the Community Foundation of the North State, Tri Counties Bank annually awards scholarships totaling \$110,000 to students planning to attend a community college, trade school, or four-year college or university.

Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who demonstrate interest in public service, community engagement, or business entrepreneurship.

Scholarships are offered to seniors attending a high school in the following counties:

Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kern, Lake, Madera, Mendocino, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba.

Tri Counties Bank offers two types of scholarships:

Income-based - Sixty (60) \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$6,655 or less, and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Merit-based - Twenty (20) \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that a student may only apply to one of these scholarship types.

Applications are due February 25, 2026.

Click the link below for more information and to apply today.

<https://www.tcbk.com/about/community/scholarship-assistance>

Keep Scrolling for National Scholarships!



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 Constitution Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$10,000

Awards Available: 38

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

You can earn up to \$10,000 in scholarship money while strengthening your knowledge of Constitutional history! Scholarships can be used for tuition at private high schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools.

Enroll in the free online courses offered by Hillsdale College. Once the required Constitutional study courses are completed, apply online for the FFROA Scholarship.

Requirements

To qualify for a \$2,000 or \$3,000 Scholarship: Complete both the Introduction to the Constitution and the Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution courses offered by Hillsdale College, download your Certificates of Completion, and apply.

To qualify for a \$5,000 or \$10,000 Scholarship: Complete the above courses plus one additional course from the list below offered by Hillsdale College:

- The U.S. Supreme Court
- The Federalist Papers
- The Presidency and the Constitution
- Congress: How it Worked and Why It Doesn't
- Constitution 201: The Progressive Rejection of the Founding and the Rise of Bureaucratic Despotism

Certificates of Completion must be uploaded to your application before the deadline. Only completed applications will be considered.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Sydell L. Miller | Total Image Esthetics Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$7,500

Awards Available: 2

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

Sydell Miller was the first beauty industry executive to believe beauty didn't stop at the hairline. Her Total Image Consulting Program was the Salon Owner's guide to success in professional esthetics. If you believe in "Total Image" beauty and love skincare and cosmetics this is the scholarship category for you. Learn about Sydell's career highlights [here](#).

Scholarship: Two (2) Tuition Scholarships, up to \$7,500 each

Winter 2026 season opens from December 1 - January 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age or older by the start date of the program at the accredited school/institution.

This scholarship is open to new or currently enrolled students in an esthetics program that leads to licensure at an accredited school/institution in the United States.

Application Requirements

1. Complete online application and submit proof of enrollment/acceptance in an esthetics program at an accredited school/institution. You must upload either an enrollment document, official acceptance letter, or progress report from an accredited school
2. Application must include two (2) before-and-after photos (Four pictures TOTAL) of an esthetics treatment, makeup application, or eyebrow cleanup.
3. Submit a 3-minute maximum, YouTube video with a public link answering the following questions:
 - Please describe your creative vision for the photos of your work and why aesthetics is your passion.
 - Tell us about the moment when you were absolutely certain that a career in esthetics was your calling. What challenges did you overcome to get here?
 - How will receiving this scholarship impact your life?

This scholarship is generously funded by The Sydell and Arnold Miller Foundation.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Union Plus Scholarships Program

Scholarship Value: \$4,000

Awards Available: 209

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$5.9 million to students of working families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. More than 4,200 families have benefited from our commitment to higher education.

The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation, supported in part by contributions from the provider of the Union Plus Credit Card, the provider of the Union Plus Personal Loan, and providers of the Union Plus College Program. (You do not need to participate in these programs to apply for this scholarship.)

Eligibility

Current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one-year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31 of the scholarship year.

Evaluation Criteria

This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.

The required essays can account for up to half your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

Application Timeline

Applications are available starting in mid-June, and a complete application must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Standard Time on January 31 of the scholarship year. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship Award Amounts

Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the fall of the awarded year. Students may re-apply each year.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

NKAS Rising Star Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$2,500

Awards Available: 2

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

The INKAS ‘‘Rising Star’’ Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship program that aims to recognize outstanding post-secondary students pursuing degrees in engineering and business. This initiative reflects INKAS’s commitment to encouraging the next generation who will shape the future. Applicants must submit an essay with the provided topic, which the INKAS Scholarship Committee will evaluate based on its structure, clarity, creativity, relevance to INKAS’s industry, and future vision.

One recipient from each of the indicated scholarships will be awarded \$2,500.00 CAD, presented by our CEO, David Khazanski, and Chairwoman Margarita Simkin.

Engineering & Technology Scholarship

This is for students pursuing engineering studies who have a passion for the future of security, manufacturing, or the advancement of technology.

Areas of Focus/ Interest

- Mechanical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Cybersecurity & Information Security
- AI & Machine Learning for Manufacturing
- Mechatronics & Robotics
- Materials Science & Advanced Manufacturing

Business, Finance & Law Scholarship

This is for students pursuing business studies who have a passion for global security, defense trade, corporate operations, and financial technologies.

Areas of Focus/ Interest

- Supply Chain Management & Logistics
- International Business & Trade

- Marketing & Brand Strategy
- Accounting & CPA/CGA Designation
- Corporate Law & Compliance
- Fintech & Financial Technology

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Rising Star Scholarship, applicants must:

1. Hold a minimum 75% average or equivalent GPA from the most recent term/semester.
2. Be currently enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a Business or Engineering program at an accredited university in Canada or the U.S. for the 2026 academic year. Documentation required: recent unofficial transcript and acceptance letter (if applicable).
3. Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, U.S. citizen, Green Card holder, or hold a valid study permit/student visa for Canada or the U.S. Documentation required: clear copy of ID or permit.

ESSAY SUBMISSION

As part of your application, you are required to submit an essay (maximum 750 words) related to the scholarship you are applying for, following the indicated topic below.

Engineering & Technology Applicants

Essay Topic: How can emerging technologies (such as AI, cybersecurity, materials science, or robotics) enhance security, efficiency, and innovation in the armored vehicle or defense industry? Provide specific applications and real-world examples.

Business, Finance & Law Applicants

Essay Topic: In today's evolving global landscape, how can strategic leadership, ethical decision-making, and innovation drive sustainable growth and trust within the armored vehicle and security industries?

All applicants must include proof of non-AI tampering by including a screenshot of your essay run through zerogpt.com on the last page of your essay.

Submit your application by January 31st, 2026, 11:59 PM EST.

Ready to rise?

Apply for the INKAS Rising Star Scholarship and let your vision shape tomorrow.

How to Apply:

[**Go To Scholarship Application**](#)

California Assn. of Collectors Educational Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Awards Available: 3

The California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship Foundation (CACESF) offers up to \$2,500 to high school juniors and seniors in California. The application consists of an essay on the topic of managing college finances; 3 awards are available.

Scholarship Details

- 3 winners will be chosen to receive \$1,500, \$2,000, or \$2,500 for third, second, and first place awards respectively.
- Essays must not exceed 1,000 words. The word minimum is 700 words. A word count must be included on the essay document.
- Semi-finalists' essays will be judged in-person at the annual California Association of Collectors meeting.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be seniors or juniors at a California high school.
- Applicants must attend an accredited university or trade school within 12 months of their high school graduation.
- Applicants must follow all essay guidelines for their entry to be considered.
- Applicants must be willing to attend the annual California Association of Collectors meeting if their essay is chosen to win; travel expenses of the applicant and one parent will be covered by the CACESF.

Application Process

1. Write an essay on the subject of maintaining good credit through college. Follow the guidelines below to ensure your essay will be considered:
 - Type your essay in a 12-point font, double spaced.
 - Make sure your essay falls between 700 and 1,000 words.
 - Include the essay's word count at the top of the document.
 - Do not include your name or other identifying information on any page of your essay.
2. Submit your application by the deadline.
3. If chosen as a semi-finalist, travel to the California Association of Collectors' annual meeting and read your essay for the judging panel.

Photographs and video may be taken of scholarship semifinalists and winners at any CACESF meetings they attend. There may also be media coverage of said events. Judges' decisions are final.

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

Scholarships for Woodworking Manufacturing Students

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Awards Available: 20

Are you a student who is studying, or interested in studying woodworking in college? WMIA is here to help. Every year, we give out scholarships to college students who want to study wood technology, machinery, and related fields. To date, the WMIA Education Foundation has awarded over \$525,000 to 280 students. There are no restrictions based upon the employment status or the sex, race, creed, or nationality of the candidate. Previous winners are eligible for a second award.

Scholarship Details

- Scholarships awarded annually for the fall semester
- Fields of study include wood science, wood technology, and related areas
- Applications accepted from September through January
- Previous winners can reapply up to four times

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be planning to enroll in or currently enrolled in a wood science or wood technology program
- Program must be associated with an accredited two- or four-year technical school, college, or university in North America
- Must have graduated from high school or equivalent before July 1 of the scholarship year
- Must have sufficient academic qualifications for acceptance to a qualified institution
- Graduate students and those finishing school before the fall semester are not eligible

Application Process

1. Prepare academic records and confirm eligibility based on your enrollment status and program
2. Complete the scholarship application during the open period (September–January)
3. Submit any required materials as outlined by WIA
4. Await review by the WIA Education Committee and final decision by the Board of Directors

Any student or college-bound individual who is planning to enroll, or is currently enrolled, in a wood science or wood technology program is eligible to apply. There are no restrictions based on employment status, sex, race, creed, or nationality.

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

TheDream.US Opportunity Scholarship

Amount: \$100,000

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Awards Available: 150

Scholarship Description

We created our Opportunity Scholarship for undocumented students who live in states where they effectively have no access to college – either because they face paying out-of-state tuition or

because their state will simply not admit them into its universities. We call these locked-out states.

Scholarship Details

- The scholarship covers tuition, fees, on-campus housing, and meals at partner colleges, with a maximum award of \$100,000 for a bachelor's degree.
- This scholarship is renewable each year, provided continuing eligibility criteria are met, including full-time enrollment.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be undocumented or have DACA or TPS status and arrived in the United States before a specified date, maintaining continuous residence since then.
- Eligible applicants came to the United States before the age of 16 (Note: U.S. born individuals are not eligible).
- Applicants must demonstrate significant unmet financial need.
- Applicants must live in and have graduated or will graduate from a high school in a targeted locked-out state.
- Graduated or will graduate with a high school GPA of 2.5 or possess a cumulative college/university GPA of 2.5.
- Applicants must intend to relocate to and enroll full-time in a bachelor's degree program at an Opportunity Partner College.

Application Process

1. Complete the application
2. Submit and monitor application status
3. Look out for the award notification
4. Accept the award by the deadline

The Opportunity Scholarship Award will help cover your tuition, fees, on-campus housing, and meals at one of our Partner Colleges out of state up to a maximum of \$100,000 for a bachelor's degree. The award follows students through the completion of a bachelor's degree and is renewable each year – Recipients must meet the continuing eligibility criteria, including continuous full-time enrollment, and renew the award each summer.

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Amount: \$30,000

Deadline: February 03, 2026

Awards Available: 65

Scholarship Description

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation - the federal memorial to our thirty-third President - awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Truman Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or

professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Scholarship Details

- Up to \$30,000 for graduate school
- Access to Scholar programming, advising, and mentoring
- Priority admission and financial support from public service graduate programs
- Preferred hiring with the federal government

Eligibility Criteria

- Demonstrated leadership in public service
- Commitment to a career in public service
- Intellectual curiosity and potential for success in graduate studies

Application Process

1. Identify your leadership experiences and how they showcase your unique approach to leadership
2. Outline your service record and detailed plans for a future career in public service
3. Prepare to discuss your academic achievements and readiness for graduate school success

Applicants must be nominated by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at their institution. Must be full-time college juniors or seniors, in the upper quarter of their class and U.S. citizens (or American Samoa). Before you begin your application, get information about requirements, find an Advisor and learn more about the selection process.

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

Keep Scrolling for Scholarships on the Previous Bulletin!



Scholarships on previous bulletin

DAR Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$20,000

Awards Available: 37

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education. DAR awards scholarships for students pursuing an education in history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English.

The following criteria apply to all scholarship applicants:

- Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
- Applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.
- All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance.
- Awards are based on academic excellence, commitment to the field of study, and/or financial need, or other restrictions on specific scholarships.
- Awards are placed on deposit with the recipient's college or university and any unused portion shall be returned to the DAR.
- Applicants are only eligible to receive one national scholarship from the DAR Scholarship Committee.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Against All Odds Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$1,000

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: Jan 31, 2026

Adams & Bischoff, a criminal defense law firm based in Charleston, SC, proudly represents people who haven't been given a fair shake. As a result, our attorneys have dedicated their lives to providing their clients with a fair shot in court. Another area that we are passionate about assisting in is higher education. One of the many challenges people in our society face is obtaining access to higher education. With the rise in tuition costs across the country, many students struggle to pay for their education. We want to do our part to change that.

Our goal is to extend a scholarship to a student who also has had to overcome obstacles to be where they are today. Applicants are asked to submit a well-written, 750-word essay on the challenges they have faced, and how they have overcome them. The person with the most thoughtful and well-articulated essay will be awarded \$1,000 to help finance their education.

Scholarship Eligibility:

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be currently enrolled in college, graduate school, or GED holders about to attend a college within the United States. Applicants must show good academic standing by holding a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The recipient of this scholarship will have an eloquently written essay and will meet the application requirements.

- The scholarship is open to any current high school senior, vocational student, college student, or graduate student in the United States residing in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.
- Students must be enrolled in a vocational program or two to a five-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year.
- Immediate family members (parent, child, sibling, and spouse), and persons living in the same households (whether related or not) of Adams & Bischoff staff and attorneys, are not eligible to participate in the competition.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.

Application Requirements

- The candidate must submit a 750 word essay describing how they have had to overcome obstacles to get to where you are today. Let us know the obstacles you've faced and how you were able to conquer them.

- The candidate must submit a professional resumé that lists their professional and academic experience
- The candidate must submit a transcript from their current school
- First-year college students, graduate students, or individuals who have recently transferred need to submit an official transcript from their prior school and an unofficial transcript from their current school
- High school students must also submit proof of acceptance to their college or university

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Words Create Worlds Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$2,500

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: Feb 5, 2026

This scholarship was established to honor Ryan Stripling, an English teacher in Bentonville, Arkansas who passed away from cancer in 2019. Ryan was a fierce believer in young writers and always encouraged them with his motto, “Words create worlds.”

The CREATIVE.INSPIRED.HAPPY online writing community is honored to continue Ryan’s legacy by awarding a scholarship to a high school senior who is a promising young writer. This scholarship is open to students pursuing any major, as long as they are interested in continuing to write throughout college. Students must currently be attending a high school within the United States and plan to attend a college or university within the United States.

To apply, tell us what you love about writing and how you plan to continue writing while in college.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Scholarships for Military Children

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: 500

Award Deadline: Feb 11, 2026

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the fighting force's readiness and to celebrate the commissary's role in the military family community.

The application period for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on December 10, 2025 and close on February 11, 2026. Recipients will be notified of their status by mail on or about May 15, 2026. Due to the volume of applications, non-recipients are not notified.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is designed to award scholarships annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide, with funding provided through generous contributions.

For the 2026 2027 academic year, 500 scholarships valued at \$2,000 each will be awarded. At least one recipient will be selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional awards are allocated on a prorated basis, meaning commissaries with larger applicant pools may have more than one recipient.

Who Can Apply?

The Scholarships for Military Children program is open to unmarried military dependent children under the age 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. In addition, a student's parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be one of the following: active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force.

- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program.
- High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).
- College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.
- Applicants or sponsors do not need to live at an installation with a commissary; simply select the commissary where you shop or the one nearest to you.

How Do I Apply?

The Scholarships for Military Children Program requires that the student complete the application themselves and attest to this when submitting it.

1. Please create an account that you can return to later.
2. Complete all tabs of the form - green checkmark indicates completion.
3. Write a short 500-word essay - The essay topic will be announced when the scholarship opens.

4. Submit transcripts
5. High school applicants - transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
6. College applicants - transcript indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
7. You must validate your eligibility as a military dependent by entering the benefits number found on the reverse of the Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. If you qualify for an ID card but do not have one, immediately schedule a visit to a military personnel office with the proper documentation.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$25,000

Awards Available: 105

Award Deadline: February 15, 2026

Horatio Alger Association is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit organization that honors outstanding individuals who personify the American Dream. Thanks to their generosity, the Association provides need-based scholarships and services to promising young people who are persevering through adversity.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be enrolled full time as a **high school junior** in the United States
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States immediately after high school graduation (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate financial need (\$100,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0

- Be a United States citizen

Click here the link below to apply, for more information, or for more available HAADA Scholarships:

<https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

Breaking New Ground Scholarship

Scholarship Value: \$1,500

Awards Available: 1

Award Deadline: Feb 18, 2026

At Kisner Law, we believe in the power of education and taking control of your future, no matter where you start. This is especially true for students who are the first in their families to pursue a college degree. Kisner Law is proud to support college students who are forging bold paths toward a brighter future.

Our biannual Breaking New Ground Scholarship awards \$1,500 each semester to a first-generation college student who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates a strong work ethic, and shares a passion for business, transportation, or liberal arts and sciences. If you're ready to break new ground—in your family, your field of study, and your future, we invite you to apply.

Applicant Qualifications

Before applying, students should make sure they meet the following qualifications. An applicant must:

Be a first-generation college student

Have a proven record of maintaining a job while in high school

Be committed to pursuing a degree at a two- or four-year college or university

Be at least 17 years of age

Be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

This scholarship is intended to award students who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, community, and on their campus. Applicants should be interested in pursuing a career in business, transportation, or liberal arts and sciences.

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

Race to End the Stigma Scholarship Program

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Awards Available: 1 or multiple recipients

Award Deadline: Sun, Mar 1st 2026, 11:59 pm EST.

The Race to End the Stigma Scholarship was created by the Carlos Vieira Foundation to start the conversation about mental health. The \$1,000 Race to End the Stigma Scholarship is granted annually to graduating high school seniors who are interested in mental health awareness or who are willing to share their story about mental health in an effort to end the stigma.

The “Race to End the Stigma” campaign was created to not only change the way people perceive those who are living with mental illness, but also how those who are affected perceive themselves. At the Carlos Vieira Foundation, we strive to support the mental health community through education, fundraising and facilitating resources.

How?

- By starting the conversation and educating the public about mental health and individuals living with mental health
- challenges.
- By holding fundraisers and donating to organizations that provide resources and education for mental health awareness, research, and support.
- By providing speakers in schools to discuss mental health awareness and foster early detection
- By supporting programs, like the Crisis Intervention Training Program, which train those whose jobs entail frequent
- Interaction with the public on how to recognize the symptoms of a person with mental illness.

GPA Requirement: 3.0 or higher

Must be a resident of one of the following counties(Max 1,000 words):

Yuba, Yolo, Tuolumne, Tulare, Tehama, Sutter, Stanislaus, Shasta, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Placer, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Kings, Kern, Glenn, Fresno, El Dorado, **Colusa**, Butte.

Personal essay required, using ONE of the following prompts:

1. Share how your personal experience with mental health has shifted your perspective on mental health stigma and the ways it affects individuals and communities.
2. Have you ever taken steps towards reducing the stigma surrounding mental health issues? If so, how? Please share your experience.
3. Do you plan to major in or seek a career in a subject related to the mental health field? If so, please share your plan, goals, and reasoning.

Requirements: Transcript

Click here for more information and to apply:

[Race to End the Stigma Scholarship](#)

Sons of Italy Western Foundation Scholarships

Scholarship Value: \$5,000

Awards Available: 3

Award Deadline: Mar 1, 2026

The Sons of Italy Western Foundation announces the availability of scholarships for graduating seniors from the Class of 2026

Scholarships are available in the following categories:

- Academic Awards for graduating high school seniors
- Italian Language Study Grants in Italy for graduating high school seniors for the summer of 2026
- Career Education for graduating high school seniors pursuing a career in a skilled field

In Addition to the Italian Study Grant, the Western Foundation scholarships awards range from \$500 to \$5000

Requirements

The requirements for applying for a Scholarship or Student Grant are as follows:

- Applicant **MUST BE** wholly or partially of Italian descent
- Applicant **MUST BE** enrolled in an accredited College, University or Community College or Trade School in the Fall of 2026

How to Apply:

[Go To Scholarship Application](#)

AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: March 13, 2026

The AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship was established in 2018 by the American Institute of Architects, Central Valley Chapter, in recognition of Mr. Ellis's significant service to the profession of architecture, through his support and involvement with the Chapter and as a professor of architecture at Cosumnes River College spanning 34 years. This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a major in architecture.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a high school senior, undergraduate college student, graduate student or an adult re-entry student
- Must be majoring in architecture at a Community College or Four-Year College/University in the fall
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

- Have attended or currently attending a school in the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo and Yuba
- Full time enrollment in 12 units or more is required during the academic year
- Preference will go to students attending a Community College

Scholarship may be used for the cost of attendance at your school and educational expenses.

Renewal awards are available for a maximum of two years. Applicants must reapply for a renewal award.

Click here to apply, and for more information:

[AIA Central Valley/John Ellis Architectural Scholarship](#)

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarships

Amount: \$500.00

2026 Deadline: March 15 (postmarked)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications will be received at the office of the Chairperson of the State Scholarship Committee between January 1st and March 15th of the year of application. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th. Submit applications to the following address:

Jacqueline Austin

State Scholarship Chairperson

472 Paradise View Drive

Vista, CA 92083

Phone: (760) 390-4094

E-mail: cabrillo.scholarship@gmail.com

Submit Application With:

- Transcript
- One letter of recommendation

Application must be fully completed, or the applicant will be disqualified. Applications will not be accepted or considered if the required documents are not attached and the following requirements are not met:

- 1. Applicants must be of Portuguese descent and be a USA citizen or permanent resident.

- 2. Applicants must have maintained a minimum 3.50 Total Weighted Grade Point Average for Grades 9 -12 and be a graduating Senior of a California high school. (An official High School Transcript must accompany the application)
- 3. Applicant meets all entrance requirements of the accredited community college, college, trade school or university the applicant plans to attend.
- 4. Applicants must have participated in at least three(3) extra-curricular activities while in high school.
- 5. Applicants must present one(1) letter of recommendation from an individual who will vouch for the applicant's academic standing, character, personality, and extra-curricular activities. The letter of recommendation must be from the Principal, Dean, Counselor, or Teacher of the high school currently attending.
- 6. Applicants must complete the Application for an Undergraduate Scholarship, including the essay.

Awards are made on a competitive basis, with consideration being given to the following categories: GPA, Leadership, Extra Curricular Activities, Work (Paid or Volunteer), Promise, and Membership in Cabrillo Civic Clubs. The intent of the donors of this fund is to assist students of Portuguese descent who have a desire to secure a higher education.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each will be awarded to Scholarship Recipients upon Verification of Enrollment in an accredited community college, college, trade school, or university.

Each applicant will be notified by June 30th of the status of their application. Additionally, those applicants who are awarded a scholarship will receive award instructions for collecting the scholarship.

Click the link below for more information, and to apply:

<https://cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship>

End of Scholarship Bulletin!

Check every other week for a new bulletin!

Next Bulletin on 01/28/2026!

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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