

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You don't have to demonstrate financial need and/or have a super high GPA to get a scholarship. There are so many different scholarships available; pretty much everyone is eligible for something.

WHAT IS OUT THERE?

- Need-based
- Merit based
- Activities (sports, arts, music, etc.)
- Community Service
- Heritage
- And more!

WHEN DO I APPLY?

Start looking Junior year. Many national scholarships open in the fall while most local scholarships open in the spring.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Financial Aid Offices at the colleges Internet Search Engines:

- www.cappex.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.unigo.com
- www.niche.com
- palmbeachschools.org/ScholarshipSearch

WHY APPLY?

FREE MONEY!!!

Scholarships can open doors to colleges that you would not have been able to consider without financial help.



Local and County Specific

Community Foundation for Palm **Beach and Martin Counties**

www.yourcommunityfoundation. org/grants-scholarships/aboutscholarships

One application for numerous local scholarships. High school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Available in October

Horatio Alger Florida Scholarship **Program**

www.scholars.horatioalger.org

High school juniors. Integrity and perseverance overcoming personal adversity, financial need, minimum GPA 2.0.

Southern Scholarship Foundation Housing Award www.southernscholarship.org

Students who have been accepted to the following: Florida A&M University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, Santa Fe College, Tallahassee Community College and the University of Florida. Minimum GPA of 3.0, financial need, character, motivation.

The George Snow Scholarship Fund

www.scholarship.org

High school seniors at Palm Beach County high schools. Financial need, can attend any college or vocational school and pursue any major.

Available in November.

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Scholarship

www.pbcgov.org/papa

High school seniors within Palm Beach County. Minimum GPA 3.0. Deadline in March

Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach

www.wpbkiwanis.com

One application for numerous local scholarships. High school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Available in October

The River Center

www.lrdrivercenter.org

One application for numerous local scholarships. High school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Available in October

Palm Beach North Chamber of **Commerce Foundation**

www.pbnchamber.com

Must reside in one of the following areas: Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Lake Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Tequesta, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony. Leadership, community service, school involvement, minimum 3.0 GPA.

Available in February

Friends of Green Cay Nature

www.friendsofgreencay.org

High school seniors residing in Palm Beach or Broward counties. Must plan to major in Environmental Science. Proof of college acceptance required. Available in February

Alice & Anthony Borello Scholarship

www.womenschamberfoundation High school seniors. Scholarship,

High school seniors that attend Cardinal Newman, John Carroll, or St. John Paul II high schools. Financial need.

Deadline in May

Palm Beach County League of Cities

www.leagueofcities.org

High school seniors in Palm Beach county and Municipal employees. Letters of recommendation required. Deadline in February

Women's Chamber Foundation www.womenschamberfoundatio n.org

Female residents of Palm Beach County who want to optimize their lives through higher education. Community service, essav

Deadline in March

South Florida Fair Scholarship www.southfloridafair.com

High school seniors who reside in one of the following counties: Broward, Hendry, Martin, Okeechobee or Palm Beach. Additional credit will be given if the applicant is, or has been, a participant in the South Florida Fair's activities. Interview, essay, 2 letters of recommendation.

Deadline in October

Various State Scholarship Opportunities

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

15 state grant and scholarship programs including information on the Bright Futures Scholarship and First Generation Matching Grant.

Academic/Leadership

Equitable Excellence Scholarship www.equitable.com/foundation/e quitable-excellence-scholarship

High school seniors. Community involvement and achievement.

Elks Most Valuable Student Contest

www.elks.org

leadership, financial need.

Foot Locker Scholar Athletes www.footlocker.com

High school seniors currently involved in sports (school, intramural, community-based). Leadership, academics.

Academic/Leadership cont'd

GE-Ronald Reagan Foundation www.reaganfoundation.org

High school seniors who embody the characteristics of President Ronald Reagan at school, in the community, in the workplace, and at home.

Mediacom World Class Scholarship Program

www.mediacomworldclass.com

High school seniors who live in a community served by Mediacom. Excellence in academics, demonstrated leadership roles, school and community involvement.

Simon Youth Community Scholarship

www.syf.org

High school seniors who live near a Simon Property Mall. Available September 1

Community Service

Burger King Scholar Program

www.bkmclamorefoundation.org

High school seniors with a passion for community service. Minimum 2.0 GPA Opens in October.

Do Something Scholarships www.dosomething.org

Document and participate in campaigns to improve the community.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

www.barronprize.org

Students up to age 18 who have executed a service project to help the community or protect the environment; must be nominated by an adult.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

www.prudential.com

High school students demonstrating outstanding service to others.

Young Women in Public Affairs www.zonta.org

Young women ages 16-19 who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes.

Employer Related

American Bus Association Member Scholarship

www.buses.org

High school seniors who are dependent children of full-time employees of ABA member companies. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Police Benevolent Association www.sspba.org

Multiple scholarships available for children or step-children of living or deceased PBA members or be a student pursuing Criminology or Criminal Justice. Minimum 3.0 GPA for dependents of living members.

Electronic Security Association of Florida Youth Scholarship Program

www.esa-fl.org

High school seniors who are children of active duty first responders. Requires academic achievement, test scores, extracurricular activities, and an essay.

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Scholarships

www.feea.org

High school seniors who are dependents of civilian, federal or postal employees. Minimum 3.0 GPA, essay, recommendation letter

Gordon A. Rich Memorial Foundation Scholarships

www.gordonrich.org

High school seniors who are dependents of full-time employees in the financial services industry. Minimum 3.5 GPA, demonstrated financial need.

Scholarships for Military Children Program

www.militaryscholar.org

Dependent child of an active duty, reserve or retired member of the military. Minimum 3.0 GPA, essay.

ThanksUSA Scholarship www.thanksusa.org

High school seniors who are dependents of active duty military personnel. Must enroll full time at an accredited college or university.

Essay Contests

Americanism Essay Contest

www.fra.org

7th - 12th grade students sponsored by a Fleet Reserve Association (US Navy, Marines, Coast Guard) member or by a chartered branch or unit of the FRA.

Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contests www.aynrand.org

Several contests and topics based on Rand's novels.

Florida School Counselor Association

www.fla-schoolcounselor.org

High school seniors. One-page essay on "How has your school counselor made a difference?"

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest www.jfklibrary.org

9th-12th grade. 1,000 word essay describing how an elected official demonstrated political courage by addressing an issue at the local, state or national level.

Jane Austen Society of North America Essay Contest

www.jasna.org

Application and essay on a Jane Austen work.

Essay Contests cont'd

Optimist International Essay Contest

www.optimist.org

9th - 12th grade. Essay on "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges."

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Scholarship

www.vfw.org

9th - 12th grade. Written and recorded essay (3-5 minutes) based on "My Responsibility to America."

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships

www.gwcf.org

High school seniors planning a career in government service. Application, recommendation, one-page essay on career choice.

Heritage

Arab American Institute Scholarships

www.aaiusa.org

Students of Arab heritage. Various scholarships, internships and leadership programs.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund

www.apiasf.org

Students of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage. Minimum 2.7 GPA.

Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarships

www.indian-affairs.org

Students enrolled in their tribe with at least one-quarter Indian blood. One application for various awards.

Daughters of the American Revolution

www.dar.org

High school seniors planning to study history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English.

Gates Millennium Scholarship www.gmsp.org

Minority students who meet federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and have demonstrated leadership abilities; must be nominated by an educator. Minimum 3.3 GPA

Hispanic College Fund Scholars www.hsf.net

Various scholarships for Hispanic students. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Available in January

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program

www.jackierobinson.org

Minority high school seniors. Must submit test scores and demonstrate leadership and financial need.

Available in September

Ron Brown Scholar Program www.ronbrown.org

African-American high school seniors. Academics, community service, financial need.

Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarships

www.osia.org

Various scholarships for students of Italian heritage.

United Negro College Fund www.scholarships.uncf.org

Fill out student profile online to search more than 7,000 scholarships.

Young Native Writers www.nativewriters.hklaw.com

Native American students in grades 9 - 12. 1,200 word essay. Award includes an expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

Field of Study

American Dental Education Association Scholarship

www.adea.org/studentawards

High school seniors enrolled as a part- or full time student in a course of study in dental hygiene, education or public health

American Welding Society Airgas-Jerry Baker Scholarship

www.app.aws.org

Applicants must be 18 or older and interested in pursing a career in welding engineering.

Buick Achievers Scholarship

www.buickachievers.com

High school seniors planning to major in a course of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or other programs related to the automotive industry.

Florida Engineering Society Scholarships

www.fleng.org

Multiple scholarships for students interested in pursuing a career in engineering.

Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association Scholarships

www.fngla.org

High school seniors preparing for a career in horticulture.

Florida Realtors Education Foundation Student Scholarship Program

www.floridarealtors.org

High school seniors who will attend an undergraduate college or university and pursue a real estate related field of study.

Imagine America High School Scholarship

www.imagine-america.org

High school seniors planning to attend career colleges.

Demonstrated community service, minimum 2.5 GPA.

Field of Study cont'd

James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program

www.scholarsapply.org

High school seniors who plan to enroll in a course of study leading to an associate or baccalaureate decree at a licensed or accredited culinary school

National Society of High School Scholars Foundation Scholarships

www.nshssfoundation.org

High school seniors planning a career in STEM, business, economics, public policy, environmental science or sustainability.

Shell Oil Company Scholarships www.shell.us

High school seniors enrolling in geology, geophysics, physics, chemical, civil, electrical, geological, geophysical, mechanical or petroleum engineering at Colorado School of Mines, Florida A&M University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, North Carolina A&T University, Penn State University - University Park, Prairie View A&M University, Rice University, Stanford University, Texas A&M University - College Station, University of Houston - Main Campus, University of Illinois -Urbana-Champaign, University of Oklahoma - Norman, University of Texas - Austin, University of Texas - El Paso.

Society of Women Engineers Scholarships

www.societyofwomenengineers. swe.org

Young women who plan to study engineering or computer science.

Health or Disability

American Foundation for the Blind

www.afb.org

Scholarships for various fields of study to those who are legally blind.

Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship www.micrsoft.com

High school seniors living with a disability and planning to declare a major in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, law, business or a related field.

Christine H. Elde Memorial Scholarship Award

www.lighthouseguild.org

High school seniors who are legally blind and a U.S. citizen

Jason Ackerman Foundation Scholarships

www.becauseofjason.org

High school seniors who survived a tragic illness or circumstance. Minimum 2.5 GPA

National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.ncld.org

High school seniors with a documented learning disability, demonstrated perseverance and commitment to achieving personal goals despite challenges of their LD.

National Hemophilia Foundation www.hemophilia.org

Promising students in the bleeding disorders community.

Patient Advocate Foundation Scholarships for Survivors

www.patientadvocate.org

Students who have been diagnosed with and/or been actively treated for a chronic, life threatening or life debilitating disease within the last five years.

Members of Organizations

DECA Scholarship

www.deca.org

Current DECA members

GTE Financial Student Scholarship

www.gtefinancial.org

Incoming freshmen or undergraduate students who are members of the GTE Financial in Florida, Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Junior Achievement Scholarships www.juniorachievement.org

National and local scholarships available to students who have participated in Junior Achievement.

Marine Technology Society Scholarships

www.mtsociety.org

High school students accepted into full-time programs with focus in marine technology, marine engineering and/or marine science. MTS membership required.

MENSA Scholarship

www.mensafoundation.org

Application and essay explaining your career, academic and/or vocational goals. Available for Mensa members and nonmembers.

National Association for Self-Employed Dependent Scholarships

www.nase.org

High school seniors who are dependents of NASE members. Selection criteria include leadership abilities, strong academics, financial need.

National Future Farmers of America

www.ffa.org

Numerous programs available to FFA members and a few programs for non-members.

Special Interests

American Radio Relay League Foundation Scholarships

www.arrl.org

Multiple awards to young radio amateurs with strong academic performance, dedicated community service, and active amateur radio involvement.

Digital Responsibility Scholarships

www.digitalresponsibility.org

Applications and essays about digital responsibility.

Social Network Scholarship www.gotchosen.com

High school seniors post with the highest number of votes at the end of each month. Open to all fields of study.

Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship www.livemasscholarship.com

Innovators, creators and dreamers who submit a video (2 minutes or less in length) that tells the story of your life's passion.

Tall Club International Scholarship

www.tall.org/tci-foundation

High school seniors under the age of 21 who meet certain height requirements.

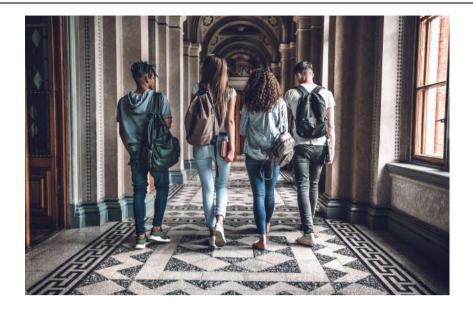
Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship

www.vrg.org/student/scholar

High school seniors.

Demonstrated compassion, courage, and a strong commitment to promoting a peaceful world through a vegetarian diet/lifestyle.

TIPS for Out-of-State
Schools



Florida Bright Futures

Academic	Medallion
GPA:	GPA:
3.5 Weighted in core	3.0 Weighted in core
classes only	classes only
Test Scores:	Test Scores:
1330 SAT	1210 SAT
29 ACT	25 ACT
Service Hours:	Service Hours:
100	75

- 1. Check with the school to see if meritscholarships are available
- 2. Choose private colleges that offer generous financial aid
- Look for tuition discounts for special circumstances such as "legacy" or military
- 4. Look at schools that provide border waivers for out-of-state tuition