

Class of 2025

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NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star FL Eastern Star Grant Program	Varied Amounts	12	Class of 2025 students must be accepted by a university, college, junior college, community college, or vocational institution. Link for info: Grand Chapter of Florida – Order of the Eastern Star (floridaoes.org (see scholarship information under “charities” tab)	Varies
Spectrum Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship	\$1,000	12	One qualified high school senior from each of our seven area counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk will be awarded \$1,000. Project Weather Scholarship is granted as part of Spectrum Bay News 9’s commitment to educating children about science and weather. https://baynews9.com/projectweather	1/14/25
2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards	Varied Amounts	9-12	The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering creative teens and celebrating youth voices. For more information on opportunities, please visit: Home Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	December 1st and after
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	Varies	12	To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a graduating, minority high school senior • Be a United States citizen • Present evidence of financial need • Demonstrate a record of academic excellence • Demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service • Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college/university within the United States or affiliated with a United Statesbased college or university • Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college For more information and application: https://jackierobinson.org/apply/ 	1/9/25
Mas Family Scholarship	Varies	12	The Mas Family Scholarships program is dedicated to celebrating Cuban heritage and empowering future generations of Cuban Americans. Our mission is to recognize and reward outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, and a strong commitment to community service. We are passionate about supporting talented individuals who embody the spirit of our Cuban community. Mas Family Scholarships will accept applications until January 31, 2025. We encourage all eligible candidates to apply for this prestigious opportunity to gain mentorship and financial support to achieve their higher education goals. For more information and application: Scholarship Information - Mas Family Scholarships	1/31/25
Artist Paj'on Scholarship	\$500-\$4,000	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be attending college by Fall Semester 2025 • Must be a minority • Must provide transcript (official transcript or unofficial) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 • Must complete the application • Must be attending high school in the Hillsborough County FL area or surrounding counties • Must provide two letters of recommendation from non-relatives 	3/1/25

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide at least a 500-word essay (topics provided on website) Application: www.apsscholarships.org	
Fidelity Scholars Program	Varies	12	<p>The Fidelity Scholars program will fund bachelor's degree recipients for up to four years of study. As a need-based renewable scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined at the college or university in which you are enrolling. The Fidelity Scholars Program uses a last dollar approach. That means your 1/30/25 3 scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other grant-based financial aid sources have been included.</p> <p>For more information: https://unconf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program</p>	1/30/25
JFK Library Profile in Courage Essay Contest	Varies	9-12	<p>The essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Employees of John Hancock Financial Services and members of their families are not eligible to participate. See website for additional essay contest requirements and how to enter: https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/eligibility-and-requirements</p>	1/17/25
Mensa Foundation Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>The Mensa Foundation works to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity and to encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence.</p> <p>Among the Mensa Foundation's major programs is its scholarship program, which annually gives over 100 awards based on the merit of a short essay submission. Essays are submitted online, at The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program no later than January 15th.</p>	1/15/25
The Elouise Rice Robinson Memorial Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>The Elouise Rice Robinson Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship in honor of Elouise Rice Robinson, a loving mother, devoted wife, committed daughter and talented educator who was born, raised, and lived in Plant City, Florida. Her children Hazel Robinson, Debra Robinson-Sanders, Derriel Robinson, and Regina Robinson-Smith honor and remember her through this scholarship.</p> <p>Purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and assist outstanding students of African-Descent to pursue a higher education degree in the college of their choice.</p> <p>The categories that students may qualify for are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship • Leadership • Entrepreneurship • Community Service • Creative Arts <p>Students must be accepted into a 2- or 4-year college before receiving funds. Scholarship will be a minimum of \$250 each and up to \$1,000. Students are encouraged to apply online at www.err-foundation.org but the application can also be found in Xello and be emailed to ERRobinsonFoundation@gmail.com</p>	3/31/25
JCI Senate Scholarship	\$1,500	12	<p>Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice.</p> <p>Application: http://uscisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program</p>	1/17/25
Nu Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Thelma Louise Stokes Craig Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a Black/African American female high school senior Be enrolled in an accredited public, parochial, charter, or private high school in Hillsborough County, FL Plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year. <p>Link for more information and/or Application: General Scholarship Application (jotform.com)</p>	1/20/25

Hillsborough Education Foundation Senior Scholarships	Varies	12	Hillsborough Education Foundation awards twelfth grade students with aspirations of continuing their education after high school at a university, community or technical college with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$40,000. Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria such as GPA, field of study, financial need, challenges overcome, SAT/ACT scores, school, community service or extracurricular activity participation and vary from scholarship to scholarship. Information and Application: https://educationfoundation.com/linksforstudents/senior-scholarships/	1/31/25
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship	Varies	12	For information/application: https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply	1/31/25
The LPGA Foundation	Varies	12	The LPGA Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships and grant funding for high school students and eligible LPGA-USGA Girls Golf programs to continue our mission of empowering and inspiring girls through the game of golf. For more information, please visit: https://www.lpga.com/lpga-foundation/scholarships	Varies
Military Family Support Trust Application	\$4,000-\$12,000	12	Students whose parent, guardian, grand or great-grandparent meet one of the following criteria: 1. A Retired, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Officer, or a Former Officer of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, i.e. Officers (O-1 thru O-10), Warrant Officers (WO-1 thru WO-5) and Non-commissioned Officers (E-5 thru E-9). 2. An Officer who died while on active duty in the service of his/her country. 3. All recipients of the PURPLE HEART no matter their pay grade or length of service. 4. A WWII Combat Veteran of the Merchant Marine who is recognized by the Veterans Administration. 5. An Honorably Discharged or Retired Foreign Military Officer of an Allied Nation meeting the service and disability retirement criteria of his/her respective country and living in the US. 6. Cadets in FL MFST JROTC Honors Program participating in school's special program. Student must be a High School Senior, need recommendation of his/her principal, must have achieved a minimum score of 21 on the ACT or 1,000 on SAT, and have a GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 grading scale. (Other test scoring not acceptable.) Application is available online at Military Family Support or at the Military Family Support Trust (MFST) Corporate Office, 1010 American Eagle Blvd., #400, Sun City Center, FL 33573.	2/1/25
Arts for Life! Scholarship	\$1,000 (25)	12	Arts for Life! annually awards a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to 25 graduating high school seniors who demonstrate excellence in creative writing, dance, drama, music, or the visual arts. For more information and application: https://artsforlifeaward.org/#apply	2/11/25
Florida PTA Scholarships	\$2,000	12	Florida PTA offers a minimum of four (4) scholarships, one each in the following categories: University, Fine Arts, Community College, and Vo-Tech, to a student graduating from a PTSA high school each year. This is a one-time (non-renewable) award of \$2,000.00 and will be awarded to a worthy student who is interested in getting a start in life through higher education. Must be a member of PTA/PTSA for 30 days. See website for info and application: https://floridapta.org/graduating-hs-seniors/	2/28/25

TheDream.Us National Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>You are eligible to apply if you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are undocumented and came to the United States before November 1, 2019, and have continuously lived in the United States since then or have DACA or TPS; 2. Came to the United States before the age of 16 (if you were born in the U.S. – you are not eligible for our scholarship); 3. Have significant unmet financial need; 4. Have graduated or will graduate from a United States high school (or have earned or will earn a high school equivalency diploma) before Fall of 2025; 5. Graduated or will graduate with a high school GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale or have a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better; 6. Intend to enroll full-time in an associate or bachelor’s degree program at a Partner College in your state in the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026; and 7. Are eligible for in-state tuition* at the Partner College you want to attend (not applicable if it is a private Partner College in your state). <p>More information and application: https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/</p>	2/28/25
Bailey Family Foundation	\$5,000 per year for 4 years, up to \$20,000 total	12	<p>Application Opens January 1st, 2025</p> <p>For information: www.bailey-family.org.</p>	2/29/25
Foundation 649 Scholarship	(5) \$4,000	12	<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a degree-seeking, full-time student enrolling in a U.S. accredited university in Fall 2025 as a freshman or transferring from a community college. • Identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander • Have a track record of involvement and interest in AAPI communities, issues, or causes. • Have demonstrated financial need for the scholarship. • Be a US citizen, resident, or foreign national. Undocumented students are also welcome to apply. • The Foundation 649 Scholarship is a grant of \$4,000 over the course of 4 years that can be applied to college tuition and expenses. To maintain eligibility each year, there will be a brief check-in and renewal process at the end of each school year. <p>Information and application: https://foundation649.com/</p>	3/1/25
Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships	(10) \$6,250	12	<p>Requirements</p> <p>You must be a current high school senior. You must live in the Tampa Bay area of Florida (Pinellas and Hillsborough counties only) or Marion or Florence, SC, or Avery County, NC. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. You must have overcome significant obstacles in life. You must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. You must aspire to attend a PUBLIC university as an in-state resident in Florida, South Carolina or North Carolina, depending on your residency. This scholarship does not help with the costs of attendance for an out-of-state school. You must have financial need, indicated through the FAFSA application.</p> <p>More information and application: https://sunshineopportunityscholarships.com/</p>	3/2/25
Anne Massey General Scholarships	\$1,000	12	<p>The Florida Society Colonial Dames XVII Century sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship to a Florida high school senior who will be attending a Florida four-year college or university or an accredited Florida community college.</p>	4/1/25

			<p>The student must be enrolled in college full-time, show financial need and have a 3.0 GPA or above. The student must submit an acceptance letter from the college of choice, a transcript of grades, two letters of reference, and one page telling his/her aims, ambitions and financial need. More information and application in Xello.</p> <p>Application is to be emailed to: sminders@yahoo.com</p>	
Vic Hall Jazz Scholarship	\$2,000	12	<p>APPLICANTS: Graduating seniors of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas County Schools (2024-2025) interested in studying jazz music in college</p> <p>AMOUNT: \$2000 award</p> <p>MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Minimum GPA of 2.0 • Applicants must have demonstrated musical proficiency with a strong interest in furthering their studies in jazz at an accredited community college or university in the fall of 2025 • Financial need considered <p>More information and application: https://tampajazzclub.com/scholarship.html</p>	5/31/25
The Charlie Houchell Arts Stars Scholarship	\$2,500	11-12	<p>Scholarships of \$2,500 are annually awarded in each of six fine and performing arts disciplines: Dance, Theatre, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts. The one-time \$2,500 scholarship is applied directly towards tuition expenses at the college, university, conservatory or professional training program of the selected student's choice. Winners will be selected based on talent and merit by a panel of judges who are experts in their respective fields. Applicants Must: Be juniors or seniors in high school Attend school in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee or Pasco county Not be previous awardees More information and application: Kaleidoscope</p>	2/16/25
Nativity Catholic Church St. Gerard Circle Scholarship	(2) \$1,000	12	<p>St. Gerard Circle is offering a scholarship to one eligible parishioner seeking higher education. The award is offered to an applicant who shows a devotion to their faith and demonstrates how he/she applies faith to everyday life. The applicant must also meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a high school senior. • Must be a registered parishioner of Nativity Catholic Church (family member or individual). • Must be a resident of the Greater Brandon area and currently attending a local high school (or homeschooled in the local Brandon area). • Must apply to an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e. Junior College, 4-year college, university or technical institute). • Have an academic standing of a 3.0 unweighted – grade point average. <p>More information and application: Scholarship</p>	3/28/24
Mark Wandall Foundation Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>The Mark Wandall Foundation is proud to offer scholarships to graduating seniors and/or young adults (age 25 or younger) who are residents of the State of Florida seeking post-secondary education and who have suffered the death of a parent, sibling, or guardian.</p> <p>For more information and application: themarkwandallfoundation.org/scholarship-program/</p>	3/31/25
Horatio Alger Association Scholarships	Varies	11	<p>The Horatio Alger Association is one of the largest need-based scholarship providers in North America, enabling promising young people to pursue their dreams through higher education.</p>	3/1/25

			In addition to financial assistance, the Association provides academic, personal and wellness, and professional support services to enable its Scholars to graduate and succeed in their lives and careers. For more information and applications: Scholarships Horatio Alger	
Metrohm USA STEM Scholarships	(2) \$2,500	12	The Metrohm USA STEM Scholarships were created to provide financial support and recognition to high school students pursuing education and careers in STEM fields. These scholarships aim to encourage, empower and enable students to excel in disciplines that are often critical to technological advancement, scientific discovery and innovation. <u>Eligibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a graduating senior from any high school in Hillsborough County Public Schools • Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher based on a 4.0 scale • Must be accepted for full-time study at an accredited college or university and provide proof of acceptance • Must have completed at least 75 hours of community service and provide proof of hours • Must write an essay on how they plan to use their STEM degree (500 words or less) <p>For more information and application: https://web.metrohmusa.com/stem-scholarship</p>	4/1/25
Florida Bright Futures	Varied Amounts	12	For specific requirements and application visit: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org	8/31/25
University of South Florida Foundation Scholarships	Varied amounts	12	Please visit https://giving.usf.edu/about/scholarships to view scholarships in detail and download the application.	Varies
Hillsborough Community College	Varied Amounts	12	See link below for specific scholarships https://www.hccfl.edu/paying-college/financial-aid-and-scholarships/scholarships-grants-and-work-study	Varies
University of Tampa	Varied Amounts	12	See link below for specific scholarships http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/	Varies
College Board Opportunity Scholarship	\$500-\$40,000	9-12	The class of 2022 students, attending high school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories, can complete the first step now. Build your college list for a chance to earn a \$500 scholarship, and you'll be eligible to win once you sign up for the program when it opens. Link for info: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships Explore colleges and start adding the ones you're interested into your list. You'll need to add six or more colleges to be eligible for the scholarship.	On going
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Varied Amounts	12	Get help paying for college! Apply by clicking on the link below. See your counselor to assist you with this process. https://fafsa.gov/	On going

Other scholarship opportunities and resources:

- **Scholly** – A mobile app that provides students with a fast and simple way to find scholarships for college. (Created by Christopher Gray, a Coca-Cola Scholar!)
- **Fastweb** – Create a profile and let Fastweb do the research on scholarships, internships colleges and more for you.
- **Scholarship America** – Provides information and resources for your scholarship search.

- [HS Finder \(Hispanic Scholarship Fund\)](#) – Scholarship information for Latino students.
- [Thurgood Marshall College Fund](#) – Provides scholarships, programmatic and capacity building support to the 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- [Gates Millennium Scholars](#) – Provides outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose.
- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#) – The nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).
- [American Indian College Fund](#) – Provides Native American students with scholarships and financial support for the nation’s 33 accredited tribal colleges and universities.
- [UNCF](#) – Awards 10,000 students each year through 400 scholarship and internship programs so that students from low- and moderate-income families can afford college tuition, books and room and board.
- [Reagan Foundation Scholarships](#) - Scholarship opportunities for outstanding student leaders.
- [Goizueta Legacy Scholarship](#) - Provides scholarships for the children of Coca-Cola employees.
- [Native Forward Scholars Fund](#) - The largest scholarship providers to Native students in the United States, awarding \$15 million in scholarships annually and more than \$200 million since inception. For almost 50 years, AIGC has funded students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in any field of study at any accredited institution of choice, working with over 500 tribes in all 50 states.
- [Cirkled In](#) – A secure, FREE platform for students to create an electronic portfolio showcasing their holistic skills and achievements to get discovered by colleges and increase success rate for applications. Enter to Win a \$2500 Scholarship by creating a free account on www.cirkledin.com and clicking the apply now button.

*If you have a scholarship opportunity that you would like to add to our matrix, please contact Kathryn.Branham@hcps.net