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| NAME | AMOUNT | GRADE | REQUIREMENTS | DEADLINE |
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| The Kosove Society | Full Ride | 10 | The Kosove Society, one of the most prestigious awards given to USF students, consists of a group of undergraduate and graduate students with a passion for leadership, community service, and academics. Scholars come from diverse backgrounds and pursue medical, engineering, education, social science, fine arts, and business degrees—to name just a few of the disciplines in which Kosove scholars engage. Every year, we accept applications from incoming freshmen (high school seniors), rising USF juniors, and graduate students. Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now open and the undergraduate deadline is December 1, 2023. Undergraduate minimum requirements are 3.5 GPA, 1250 SAT or 28 ACT. Interviews will be held for selected applicants from February to March 2021. Applications and more information can be found by visiting our website www.usfkosovesociety.org . | 42/4/22 |
| Scholarship - USF | Scholarship | 12 | To honor the lifetime work of Penrocentative Pollume, Congress | 12/1/23 |
| Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART | | | To honor the lifetime work of Representative Dellums, Congress established the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART Scholarship, with the goal to increase participation of underrepresented students in the DoD STEM workforce. This opportunity expands the SMART scholarship opportunity to rising college freshmen who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of the 24 SMART STEM disciplines. • U.S. Citizen • 18 Years or Older by the Completion of Student's First College Term • Rising Freshman Pursing a Bachelor's Degree In, or Closely Related To, One of the SMART STEM Disciplines • Graduate High School with a Minimum 3.0 GPA • Maintain a College/University 3.0 GPA • Ability to Complete Summer Internships • Obtain and Maintain a Security Clearance • Accept Full-Time Civilian Employment with the Department of Defense, After Graduation | |
| Scholarship | Full Tuition | 12 | Application: https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=smart_index | 12/1/23 |
| | | | The Dell Scholars program is a scholarship and college completion program that nurtures and empowers students on their path to a college degree. Since starting the program in 2004, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation has supported 5,000 scholars, including more than 2,000 college graduates. | |
| Dell Scholars Program | \$20,000 | 12 | See eligibility requirements and apply here: https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/ | 12/1/23 |

| | | | For employees, employee's spouses or domestic partners, employees' children and high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico, and | |
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| | | | Canada. Application opens Oct. 16th. | |
| | \$1,000 to | | For requirements, more information and how to apply, visit: | |
| Burger King Scholars | \$50,000 | 12 | www.bkmclamorefoundation.org | 12/15/23 |
| Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, Tampa Alumnae Chapter Scholarship | Varies | 12 | The Tampa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recognizes outstanding academic achievements of high school graduates in Hillsborough County. Annually, Tampa Alumnae Chapter and with assistance from the community, raises funds to provide scholarships and book stipends to outstanding students. Application and Information: https://www.dstta.com/home | 12/22/23 |
| | | | To enter the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation (MLKPF) Scholarship contest, an applicant must meet certain basic requirements and submit all the requested information. To be considered an applicant you must: • Apply for one of the three MLKPF Scholarships listed below. • Exemplify high moral character, a heart for service, and a familiarity with the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. • Be a high school senior in a Hillsborough County public, private, charter or home school. • Have a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) (State or District) or above at the time of application submission | |
| MLK Day Parade Scholarship | Varies | 12 | Deadline Extended! Application: https://mlkjrparade.com/scholarship-application/ | 12/29/23 |
| Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star FL Eastern Star Grant Program | Varied Amounts | 12 | Class of 2024 students, must be accepted by a university, college, junior college, community college, or vocational institution. Students are required to submit a 5-paragraph essay on the subject of "What does Freedom of Speech mean to you?" See your school counselor for application. | 1/1/24 |
| 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 | 1/8/24 |
| | | | ELIGIBILITY To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must: | |
| Laskia Bakira | | | 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 within the United States or affiliated with a United States-based college or university Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college. | |
| Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship | Varies | 12 | For more information and application: https://jackierobinson.org/apply/ | 1/10/24 |
| Fidelity Scholars Program | Varies | 12 | Requirements: The program is open to underrepresented and historically underserved students ages 16-24 who are permanent residents of Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington DC. | 1/11/24 |

| | | | 2.5 – 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED Pell-eligible and/or demonstrate financial need Attend as an incoming 2024-25 freshman as an in-state resident at a four-year accredited, non-profit college or university. For more information and application: https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program | |
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| JFK Library Profile in Courage Essay Contest | \$100 to \$10,000 | 9-12 | 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 | 1/12/24 |
| Mensa Foundation Scholarship | Varies | 12 | 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. 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 https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/ between September 15th and January 15th. | 1/15/24 |
| Kevin Knox II, Karter Knox, and the D.E.L.T.A., Inc. Foundation Scholarships | Varies | 12 | Apply to three scholarships with one application! Applicant must be a graduating, college-bound, High School Senior who attends a public, private, parochial or charter school in Hillsborough County, Florida. The target population is African American male or female students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to begin their first year of college. GPA of 3.0 or above required to apply. For more information, go to: https://deltainctampabay.org/scholarships | 1/15/24 |
| The Coolidge | | | 2023 Coolidge Scholarship applicants must intend to enroll full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university as an undergraduate for the first time in fall 2024. That is to say, students in their junior year of high school, or the equivalent if home schooled, are eligible to apply. (Students who are currently high school juniors but take some courses at a local college are indeed eligible to apply for the Coolidge Scholarship.) | |
| Scholarship of America | Varies | 11 | For more information go to https://coolidgescholars.org/ Each year (April) \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities, or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually will be at the discretion of the Florida JCI Senate Foundation. The monies 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 their choice. | 1/18/24 |
| JCI Senate Scholarship Hillsborough Education Foundation Senior Scholarships | \$1,000 Varies | 12 | Application: http://usicisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program 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/ | 1/19/24 |

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| The LPGA Foundation | (5) \$2,500 | 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 | 1/31/24 |
| Foundation 649 Scholarship | (5) \$1,000 | 12 | Requirements: Be a degree-seeking, full-time student enrolling in a U.S. accredited university in Fall 2024 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. Information and application: https://foundation649.com/ | 3/1/24 |
| | | | Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate that they have overcome significant obstacles in life and have financial need as indicated through the FAFSA report. The Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships place special emphasis on these criteria in evaluating applications: Academic achievement, standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT), having overcome significant obstacles in life and financial need. Put your best effort into the essay as it reflects your intelligence and your education thus far and helps us to evaluate your potential for success in college. | |
| Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships | (10) \$25,000 | 12 | More information and application: https://sunshineopportunityscholarships.com/ | 3/2/24 |
| Nativity Catholic Church St. Gerard Circle | | | Must be a resident of the Greater Brandon area (surrounding area to include Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Plant City, etc.) 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. | |
| St. Gerard Circle Scholarship | (2) \$1,000 | 12 | For more information and application: https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/scholarship | 3/28/24 |
| Florida Bright Futures | Varied Amounts | 12 | For specific requirements and application visit: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org | 8/31/24 |
| 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. | Application opens Dec. 2023 |
| 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- | On going |

| | | | 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. | |
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| 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/ | Application opens December 2024 |

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.
- Appily A free website where you can learn which colleges want you, before you apply and learn about more than \$11 billion in merit aid scholarships.
- 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 pursing 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.
- <u>Cirkled In</u> 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