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NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
The Gates Scholarship	Varies	12	A high school senior from at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American. Pell-eligible and a US citizen, national, or permanent resident. In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university. For more information and to apply, visit: <a href="https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship">https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship</a>	9/15/23
			The Lydia Cruz & Sandra Maria Ramos Scholarship was established in March of 1995 by the founding members of Delta Tau Lambda Sorority, Inc. (DTL) to honor the two women in their lives committed to education and a passion for learning. Each year during the annual Salute to Latinas, the scholarship is awarded to the applicant that best demonstrates leadership, community involvement, and passion.	
Delta Tau Lambda Lydia Cruz & Sandra Maria Ramos Scholarship	\$500	12	For application and information, follow link:  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLXuWhB2_TY68M- DZ6sACpg4C2_kgu3K3sK6W_7BvRohKznA/viewform	9/15/23
FL Hispanic Heritage Month 2023 Essay Contest	2-year FL College Plan	4-12	Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is open to all students attending any Florida school in grades 4-12. Six winners will be selected: two elementary school students (grades 4-5), two middle school students (grades 6-8), and two high school students (grades 9-12). Information and application: <a href="http://www.floridahispanicheritage.com/">http://www.floridahispanicheritage.com/</a>	9/18/23
Raise.me Micro- Scholarships	Varied Amounts	9-12	Discover colleges and earn scholarships for your academic and extracurricular achievements throughout high school. For more details visit: <a href="https://www.raise.me/">https://www.raise.me/</a>	9/15/23 and beyond
QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship	Varied Amounts	12	For current high school seniors in the top 5-10% of their class who meet required academic testing (SAT/ACT) and income parameters. Must plan to enroll in college in the fall of 2024. See website for eligibility criteria: <a href="https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match">https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match</a>	9/26/23
The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship	\$20,000	12	Current high school (or home-schooled) student attending a school in the U.S. (or select DoD schools) who will graduate during the 2023-2024 academic school year U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees - based on the guidelines utilized by U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility. Will receive high school diploma during current academic year planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution. For more information and to apply, visit: <a href="https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/">https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/</a>	10/02/23
Positive Coaching Alliance Tampa Bay	<b>*</b>		To be eligible, you must be a High School senior (graduating in 2024), have an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher, be a current resident of the U.S. (specifically within 120 mile radius of Tampa Bay), be a participant in individual or team sport sponsored by a school or local club.	
Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship Program	\$2,000	12	To apply, visit: https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/90278-Positive-Coach-Alliance	10/6/23

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U.S. Senate Youth Program	\$10,000	11-12	Must be currently serving in an elected capacity in any of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations: A) student body or class president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer, B) student council representative, C) student representative to a district, regional or state-level civic education organization; permanent residency in the U.S. & enrollment in a Florida public or private school; must participate in the Washington Week program. For more details and to apply visit: <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/civicliteracy/ussyp.stml">https://www.fldoe.org/civicliteracy/ussyp.stml</a>	10/6/23
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition	\$1,000 - \$30,000	9-12	9-12 <sup>th</sup> grade permanent U.S. residents who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program; written and recorded essay (3-5 minutes). For more details and application visit: <a href="http://www.vfw.org/VOD/">http://www.vfw.org/VOD/</a>	10/31/23
Dell Scholars Program	\$20,000	12	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.  See eligibility requirements and apply here: <a href="https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/">https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/</a>	12/1/23
Burger King Scholars	\$1,000 to \$50,000	12	For employees, employee's spouses or domestic partners, employees' children and high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.  Application opens Oct. 16 <sup>th.</sup> For requirements, more information and how to apply, visit: <a href="www.bkmclamorefoundation.org">www.bkmclamorefoundation.org</a>	12/15/22 Application
University of South Florida Foundation Scholarships	Varied amounts	12	Please visit <a href="https://giving.usf.edu/about/scholarships">https://giving.usf.edu/about/scholarships</a> to view scholarships in detail and download the 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 <a href="http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/">http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/</a>	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: <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships</a> 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/	Application opens December 2024
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
JCI Senate Scholarship	\$1,000	12	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. Application: <a href="http://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program">http://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program</a>	1/19/24
Florida Bright Futures	Varied Amounts	12	For specific requirements and application visit:  http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org	8/31/24

## 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.
- Cappex 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 <u>www.cirkledin.com</u> and clicking the apply now button.

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