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Scholarship Listings

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What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is a financial merit-based award that a student must apply for. Awards may include housing allowances, course materials, tuition assistance, or learning aides such as laptops. Other awards may just cover part of the tuition cost. This is dependent on the terms and conditions of the scholarship itself and what it offers. Scholarships may be a one-time cash award, or a recurring award lasting for an academic year or for the duration of your degree course. However, it will always have conditions attached, and this will most likely relate to your grade point average.¹

Why apply for scholarships?

You may feel like it isn't worth it to apply for scholarship awards because of how competitive many of them are. But someone has to win, so why shouldn't it be you? Landing an award isn't easy but there are ways to improve your chances, especially if the scholarship you find is focused on criteria specific to your student profile. One of the most important steps once you find an award that interests you is to read the directions (pay attention especially to deadlines), qualifications (if you don't meet the criteria exactly, don't apply) and fine print carefully (an award you have to pay for to receive could be a scam). Attention to detail will also keep you from making minor mistakes that will send your application to the bottom of the judges' pile. Remember that there are scholarship opportunities out there for everyone, even if your strengths have nothing to do with academics.²

When should I apply?

According to the National Scholarship Database, nearly 60 percent of scholarship deadlines fall between the months of February and April, but we have many scholarship deadlines at the beginning of the school year. Students should always submit their scholarship information before the application deadline. Many organizations will not even glance at late arrivals when determining recipients of scholarship awards, so you could be out of luck if you're even a day late. Some applications may require you to put in some time but once you've completed an application or two, you might find it will get easier and take less time with each additional application. You may even find that you're able to use components of some applications for other scholarships, such as essays or personal statements.

How do I set my scholarship application apart?

Scholarship competitions receive applications from numerous deserving students each year. With so many students who deserve an award, how do they choose just one or a few winners? Perhaps the most basic scholarship application strategy is to apply for scholarships you have the best chance of winning. While this seems obvious enough on the surface, figuring out what these scholarships are does require some thought. After you've finished your scholarship search, you can begin narrowing down the list to awards you think you have the best chance of winning. Perhaps you're an excellent writer, you've had a truly unique experience, or you are fascinated with the subject of a scholarship competition. Whatever the reason, there are likely to be scholarships that stand out as awards for things you can do, and do well.

Beyond deciding which scholarships to apply for, you should play to your strengths in constructing your scholarship application. Everything you put in your application should be designed to highlight your strengths, including the materials written by someone else. For example, if you need a letter of recommendation, ask someone who knows you well and can speak to your strengths, rather than someone with an impressive title or a friendly attitude that may not be able to go into the level of detail that scholarship providers would like to see.

A large part of your time and energy when applying for scholarships will be devoted to writing scholarship essays. Many scholarship applications require at least one essay and a large number of scholarship reviewers will rely heavily on the essay in choosing a scholarship winner. There are things you can do to write effective scholarship essays that save you time and highlight your strengths as an applicant. By learning about your audience and what they want (one way to do this is by reading about the scholarship contest's mission and reading previous years' winning essays), you can better tailor your scholarship application to their needs. This will immediately set you apart from the students who didn't bother to figure out exactly where they were submitting their scholarship application. And before submitting your essay, have someone proofread it and offer suggestions for improvement.

The most useful, and often overlooked, scholarship application strategy is paying attention to details. From making note of scholarship application deadlines to getting organized to formatting essays, paying attention to details can make the difference between winning a scholarship and finding your essay at the top of the reject pile. Be sure to always follow the rules, no matter how tiny or arbitrary, and to observe appropriate scholarship application etiquette. Taking these steps will ensure that it's the substance of your scholarship application that stands out, not the errors in its presentation.³

¹ "An Introduction to Scholarships." <http://onlinelearningarticles.com/introduction-scholarships/>. 9 March 2011.

² "Scholarship Information." www.scholarships.com. 9 March 2011.

³ "Scholarship Application Strategies." www.scholarships.com. 9 March 2011.

Some Helpful Scholarship Tips

- Check the website of the colleges/universities you're interested in. Search within those websites for scholarships specific to those colleges.
- Watch for weekly updates regarding scholarships from the Counseling Office. Updates are emailed and are listed on our website – <http://santafe.edmondschools.net/counselors/scholarships-financial-assistance/>. If you would like to receive email updates, contact your child's counselor: Last names A-G deanna.fleck@edmondschools.net, last names H-O linda.hood@edmondschools.net, last names P-Z lindsey.williams@edmondschools.net .
- Ask your teachers about scholarship opportunities in their area of expertise such as music, art, or writing.
- Check the display cases outside the Counseling Office. As we learn about scholarships, information regarding the scholarship is posted in the cases. Applications are often online but some apps are available in the Counseling Office.
- Watch the newspapers for scholarship announcements and scholarships sponsored by groups in the community.
- Follow ESFHS on twitter @ESFHScounseling.
- Have your parents ask their employers if any company-sponsored scholarships are available for employees' children.
- Often, colleges combine their application for admission with their scholarship applications. You may be asked to answer essay questions for scholarship consideration. Take your time and do your best on these essay questions.
- **WATCH THE DEADLINES!**
- Avoid mistakes on scholarship essays and applications. Always spell-check, proofread, and allow another person to proofread your scholarship applications and essay for errors.
- Apply for scholarships that may be local or those for small amounts. Even small scholarships can add up.
- Use multiple resources for scholarship information. Many scholarships offered in the free scholarship searches online are nationally known and are harder to win due to greater competition. Local and regional scholarships are not found as easily through an online search, although they may be easier to win because the applicant pool is smaller. You have to use a combination of resources to find as many scholarships to apply for as possible.
- In most cases scholarship decisions are based on a variety of criteria. These are a few of the most often used:
 - Grade point average
 - Percentile rank
 - Class Rank
 - ACT or SAT test score
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Community Service
 - Leadership
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Interviews
 - Personal statement or essay
 - Financial need

FREE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Type "scholarship" into a Google search engine and you will get over 141,000,000 results. These are free resources. **Never** pay for scholarship searches or auto-completers. Most sites will do the searches for you and all you will need to do is fill in a few forms.

www.okhighered.org – Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. This site provides the information on starting your college search and funding your education in Oklahoma, with links to many other web pages, as well as information on all Oklahoma State Colleges and Universities.

www.fastweb.com – One of the largest free scholarship searches on the web. Database includes information on 180,000 scholarships, grants, fellowships and loans for college students living in the United States. Also includes general information about Federal Student Aid and extended information on the following programs:

www.finaid.org - (NASFAA) The Financial Aid Information Page

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html - United States Office of Post Secondary Education

www.salliemae.com – Provider of funding for Higher Education Loans

www.rspfunding.com – Reference Service Press provides information on collecting, organizing and disseminating current and accurate information available on scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, awards, internships and other types of funding opportunities. Also provides a list of hotline numbers.

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams - Warnings about scholarship scams

www.okcollegestart.org – Comprehensive site for information about post-high school options in Oklahoma including college sorts, financial aid, careers, applications, and test prep.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college> - Easy to navigate site with lots of good resources.

Online Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com

www.collegequest.com

www.collegexpress.com

www.collegenet.com

www.okcis.intocareers.org

www.scholarships.com

www.meritaid.com

www.christianconnector.com

www.cappex.com

www.finaid.org

www.dosomething.org

www.studentscholarships.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are usually offered each year. Remember that scholarship deadlines vary from year to year. Be sure to check for applications early since some might be due at the beginning of the month or may have changed their due date from the previous year.

SEPTEMBER

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship - www.us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html

(12th grade) - \$2,500-\$25,000

- Accomplished an outstanding achievement in a non-academic activity or project
- Consideration given to other extracurricular activities in school and community, work experience, and academic record over the past four year

Lighthouse Guild Vision+Health for Visually Impaired High School Students – www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/scholarships/

- Scholarships up to \$10,000
- For college-bound seniors who are **legally blind**

Hispanic Scholarship Fund - www.hsf.net or call 1-877-HSF-INFO

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must be Hispanic

Illustrators of the Future - www.writersofthefuture.com

(9th – 12th grade) – up to \$1,000 each quarter & \$5,000 annually

- New entries judged 4 times throughout the year
- Open to amateur Sci-Fi and Fantasy artists
- See website for size requirements and rules

Miss Oklahoma Teen USA Scholarship Pageant

(Females 14-18 years old) - \$36,000 scholarship for participants - \$57,000 scholarships for winners

- Begin application process on-line @ www.missoklahomausa.com
- Females 14-28 years old, US citizen and Oklahoma resident

Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship - www.oklahomahof.com/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$6,000

- By teacher, counselor, or administrator nomination
- Based on demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of Oklahoma history, and on leadership in the community
- Student must commit to attending an Oklahoma college or university

OK Higher Ed Scholarship - <http://www.okhighered.org/tseip/>

(12th grade) – various amounts

- For students considering teaching math or science in Oklahoma
- Oklahoma helps to pay for student loans or gives a cash benefit if student teaches for 5 years

United States Senate Youth Program

(11th & 12th grade) – Two \$2,000 scholarships in Oklahoma and a trip to Washington D.C. in March

- Must have been elected to student government offices
- Must be willing to include courses in government or related subjects in college
- See Mrs. Heath in the Counseling office if you are interested in applying

Wendy's High School Heisman - www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com

(12th grade)

- Must have played an approved sport in high school
- Must have a 3.0 GPA

Zonta International Scholarship – Young Women in Public Affairs Awards - www.zonta.org

(12th grade, females) – \$500

- Must be committed to the volunteer sector
- Evidence of volunteer leadership achievements & dedication to the advancement of the status of women

OCTOBER

AES Engineers Scholarship - www.aesengineers.com

(12th grade) - \$500

- Submit essay online to scholarships@aesengineers.com
- Deadline for entry: October 6, 2018

Coca-Cola Scholars Program - www.coca-colascholars.org

(12th grade) – up to \$20,000

- 3.0+ GPA and involved in school activities & clubs
- Leadership qualities
- Employment & Community Service

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation Scholarships

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Info, criteria, and applications online @ www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/

Heart of America “The Christopher Reeve Award” - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/the-christopher-reeve-award>

(9th – 12th grade) - \$1,000

- Demonstrate tremendous compassion and caring within the community

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans – www.horatioalger.org

(12th grade) – \$6,000+

- 2.0+ GPA and involved in co-curricular & community activities
- Financial need
- U.S. citizen

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award - www.NFIB.com/YEA

(Seniors) \$2,000 - \$15,000

- Must own/operate a small business

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards - www.spirit.prudential.com

(9th -12th grade) \$1000 scholarship for State Honorees, eligible for \$5000 national award

- Honors young people solely on the basis of volunteer work in your community *during the past year*
- Santa Fe will select two top student volunteers to nominate for the state award, which will include \$1000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington D.C. in May

Ron Brown Scholar Program - www.ronbrown.org

(African-American Seniors) – 10 awards of \$10,000 per year for 4 years

- May be used at any university
- Must have excelled academically
- Exemplified exceptional leadership potential
- Participate in community service activities
- Demonstrate a financial need
- Two letters of recommendation & Essay
- Twenty finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a weekend selection process in Washington D.C. at the expense of the CAP Foundation

UCO Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship, President’s Leadership Council and Emerging Leaders Scholarship

(12th grade) – Various amounts

- Will attend UCO in the fall
- Get information and apply online through UCO

NOVEMBER

AXA Achievement Scholarship Program - www.axa-achievement.com

(12th grade) - One \$10,000 state scholarship, ten \$15,000 national scholarships (selected from state recipients)

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must demonstrate ambition and self-drive seen in an activity in school, the community, or the workplace
- Be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to achievement

ACS Scholars Award - <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships.html.html>

(12th grade) – up to \$5,000 per year

- Must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian
- 3.0+ GPA in science courses
- Be pursuing a degree in a chemistry-related field

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Contest - www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee

(12th grade) – **full tuition and fees for 4 years**

- Must have nomination from school principal or counselor
- Must submit the “Common Application” and additional essays
- Must have SAT with 2 subject area tests OR ACT plus writing before November

Dell Scholars Program - www.dellscholars.org

(11th & 12th grade) – \$20,000

- 2.4+ GPA, demonstrated financial need, planning on attending college for a bachelor's degree
- Must participate in an approved “college readiness program” for 2 years
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident

Elks “Most Valuable Student” Scholarships - <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

(12th grade) – up to \$60,000

- Applicants judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship
- To be used at any accredited U.S. college or university
- Student must be US citizen
- Must advance through local, district, and state competition to reach national competition

Gates Millennium Scholarship - www.gmsp.org

(12th grade) – **full cost of college attendance through graduation**

- Must be one of the following ethnic backgrounds: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific, African American, or Hispanic/Latino American (If American Indian/Alaska Native, provide certificate of tribal enrollment or proof of descent)
- Must be U.S. citizen, 3.30+ GPA
- Must be admitted to an accredited two or four year college
- Must be Pell Grant eligible as determined by the FAFSA and demonstrate financial need
- Must have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service

Intel Science Talent Search - www.societyforscience.org

(Seniors submit, research should start junior year or earlier) – up to \$100,000

- Must submit original scientific research done solely by the participant (no teams or teacher-led research)
- Must complete a 20-page research paper and submission application online

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: Community Foundation Scholars - www.occf.org

(12th grade) - \$2,000

- GPA between 3.25 and 3.79 (unweighted)
- Demonstrated commitment to community and education

Oklahoma JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate Foundation Scholarship Program – www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program

(12th grade) – \$1,000

- Based on scholastic abilities, extra-curricular activities, and financial need
- References, Personal Statement, application, and supporting material must be mailed
- Applications are in the Counseling Office

ORU's Whole Person Scholarship Competition - http://www.oru.edu/whole_person

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Multiple competition dates throughout the year
- 2.6+ GPA, 20+ ACT, & nominated by a school official
- Must have a completed ORU application on file

SAE Engineering Scholarship - students.sae.org/scholarships/freshman/

(12th grade) - Undesignated scholarships (\$1,000 - \$10,000) and University-sponsored scholarships (\$400 – full tuition)

- Must intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science

Wal-Mart Dependent Scholarship - www.walmartfoundation.org

(12th grade) - \$3,000

- 2.5+ GPA - must have high academic and scholastic achievements & Active extracurricular or community involvement
- Financial need
- Essay Section
- Must be the dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's employee

Walton Family Foundation Scholarship - www.walmartfoundation.org

(12th grade) - \$13,000

- 22+ ACT or 1030+ SAT
- Financial need
- Must be the dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's employee

DECEMBER

Army ROTC Scholarship – www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html

(12th grade) – up to \$60,000

- Good high school grades & Extracurricular participation
- Pursue an Army-approved academic major (listed on application)
- Agree to accept a commission as either a Regular Army, Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve
- Meet physical standards
- 2.5+ GPA, three references & essay
- Handwriting preferred over typewriter or computer

Burger King Scholars - www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php

(12th grade) - \$1,000

- 2.5+ GPA
- Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or Career Tech school in the fall

College is Power Scholarship – www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm

- Online application
- 1st place - \$1,000
- Short essay – “What is your primary goal for going to school?”

Dr. Pepper Scholarship - www.drpeppertuition.com

(Seniors) - \$2,500 to \$100,000

- Must be at least 18
- Submit a 350 word essay describing how you'll change the world
- If you get enough votes, submit a video

Oklahoma Junior Chamber International Senate Club Scholarship - www.jayceefoundationofok.org

(12th grade) – \$1,000

- Application packet available online

NASSP/Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award

(12th grade) – 100 awards from \$1,000 - \$12,000

- Top 20% of class and demonstrated leadership
- Must be nominated by the school principal

NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund - <http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

(9th -12th grade) – \$100-\$1,000

- Essay contest based on importance of the Second Amendment

JANUARY

Alliance/Merck Ciencia Hispanic Scholars Program - www.alliancescholars.org/scholarships.html

(12th grade) – \$42,500

- Must be planning to pursue a career in **science, technology, engineering, or math**
- Must apply online

Women Techmakers Scholars Program – www.womentechmakers.com/scholars

(12th grade, female) - \$10,000

- Enrolled at a U.S. university or college studying Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering or related
- Essays, questionnaire, two letters of reference, transcript, & online application

APIASF Scholarship Foundation - www.APIASF.org/scholarships.html

(12th grade, Asian or Pacific Islander) - \$2,500-\$8,000

- 2.7+ GPA & letter of recommendation
- Must be enrolled in and accredited college or university in the fall
- Must file FAFSA by February 1st

Clara Luper Scholarship, Oklahoma City University (OCU)

(12th grade) – full tuition, room and board, and membership in the President's Leadership Class

- Applicant must complete the Oklahoma City University Application for Admission and FAFSA
- Essay & Interview may be required
- Textbook allowance included
- One letter of recommendation
- Students are eligible for up to eight consecutive semesters of the scholarship, if a 3.0 GPA is maintained in college

Edmond Women's Club Scholarship – www.ewc.org/grants-scholarships

(12th grade – Males and Females) – up to \$1000

- One personal recommendation & one teacher recommendation
- A one-page essay describing why EWC should choose you as a scholarship recipient
- Copy of parents' previous year Federal Income Tax return (pages 1 and 2)
- Official 7-semester transcript

Edmond Women's Club – Learning Disabled High School Scholarship – www.ewc.org/grants-scholarships

(12th grade) - \$500

- Must be used only for payment of tuition, books, fees & educational supplies
- Must reside full-time in Edmond city limits
- Letter from counselor or teacher of record verifying Independent Education Plan
- One-page essay describing why EWC should choose you as a scholarship recipient
- Interview

Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling (GPACAC) - www.gpacac.net/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$1000

- Complete application
- ACT between 21 & 28
- 3.0+ GPA and a personal essay

Greater Oklahoma City Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship - <http://www.okcpanhellenic.org/scholarships>

(12th grade, females only)

- Must enter a university in Oklahoma with National Panhellenic Conference sororities in the fall after graduation. These universities are: Cameron, East Central, Northeastern State, Northwestern State, Rogers State, Southeastern, OU, OSU, UCO, OCU, and University of Tulsa.
- 3.25+ GPA and 22+ ACT
- Two sealed letters of recommendation
- Based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, citizenship.

National MS Society Scholarship Program - <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Living-Well-With-MS/Work-and-Home/Insurance-and-Financial-Information/Financial-Resources/Scholarship-Program>

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must have MS or have a parent with MS

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Dr. Aura-Lee and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship - <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

(12th grade) - \$2,000 each year for up to four consecutive years

- Several scholarship categories
- Based on academic excellence, commitment to field of study and/or financial need
- No affiliation with DAR is necessary
- Must be a US citizen

NCCE Co-Op Scholarship - www.co-op.edu

(12th grade) - \$5,000 renewable

- Must plan to participate in college cooperative education
- 3.5+ GPA
- One page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program
- Minority and female students are encouraged to apply as well as students interested in Science-Math-Engineering-Technology

National Honor Society Scholarship - <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship>

(12th grade) – \$2,850-\$25,000

- character, scholarship, service, and leadership
- contact NHS sponsor for more information

Oklahoma Association of Higher Education and Disability - www.ok-ahead.org/scholar

(12th grade) – Three \$500 scholarships

- Pursuing an education at an Oklahoma CareerTech center, two-year college, or four-year college
- 2.0+ GPA, official transcript, three letters of recommendation, and listing of extra-curricular / work activities
- Documented disability

Poster Contest for High School Students - www.christophers.org

(9th - 12th grade) – up to \$1,000

- Original poster (16 x 20 inches) and submission form
- Must include "You can make a difference" on paper, or a .jpg file

Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) National Scholarship Program - www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships

(12th grade) - \$1,000 applied toward tuition and fees

- Seniors planning to enroll in a 2 or 4-year college
- Transcript, personal statement, & letter of recommendation
- Parent/Guardian IRS Form 1040 required

Rotary Club of Edmond Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$2,000 - \$5,000 per Fall/Spring semesters for freshman and sophomore years

- 3.0+ GPA or 20+ ACT
- Typed personal letter including significant achievements, personal background information, financial/scholastic need, and educational/career goals
- One letter of recommendation (no relation to student)
- Must be enrolled as a full time student with a 2.5+ GPA to maintain eligibility
- Applications available in the Counseling Office

Sir Alexander Fleming Scholarships for Gifted Science Students - <https://omrf.org/education-outreach/fleming-scholar-program/>

(Summer Scholarship Program for students who have completed their junior year in high school)

- Twenty five scholarships offered
- Must have excellent academic standing and aptitude in science and mathematics
- Submit transcript and SAT or ACT scores
- 3 letters of recommendation by teacher, counselor, or principal
- Will work 8 weeks in the labs of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation during June and July and receive \$2,500 stipend
- Housing furnished by OMRF

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship - www.gwcf.org

(12th grade) - \$500- \$5,000

- Must be planning a career in local, state, or federal government
- Three copies of essays, letter of recommendation, transcript, ACT scores, and resume
- Application available online

Youth Foundation Grants - www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/youthfdn

(12th grade) – up to \$4,000 renewable for 4 years

- US citizen
- 3.5+ GPA, and additional criteria upon request
- Financial need
- Must be seeking higher education at an accredited U.S. university or college

FEBRUARY

Daughters of the American Revolution National Society Scholarships - www.DAR.org/national-society/scholarships

(12th grade) - various renewable amounts

- Multiple scholarships based on area of study
- Must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a local DAR chapter

“Stuck at Prom” Scholarship - www.stuckatprom.com

(12th grade) – \$10,000 for each partner

- Must attend high school prom wearing complete outfit and/or accessories made of duct tape “Duck Tape Prom Attire”
- Complete online application and submit 1 high-resolution picture to www.stuckatprom.com

Executive Women International Scholarship (EWISP) - www.ewiconnect.com/scholarships/

(11th grade) – male or female; \$1,000 - \$5,000

- Must attend a 4-year college program
- Teacher or counselor nomination

Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling (GPACAC) - www.gpacac.net/scholarships

(12th grade) – Three \$1,000 scholarships to students in Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas

- For use at any college or university
- Personal Essay (500 word max), transcript, & counselor documentation
- ACT score 21-28, or SAT 1450-1900, Minimum 3.0+ GPA

Latino Agency High School Scholarship - www.lcdaok.com/lcda-high-school-scholarship/

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must be Hispanic heritage
- 3.0+ GPA
- Additional essays, recommendations, and documents required
- Need-based scholarship

MG James Ursano Scholarship - <https://www.aerhq.org>

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must be a dependent of US Army soldier (active, retired, or deceased)
- 2.0+ GPA
- Full-time undergraduate student

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Commander Family Scholarship – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$2,500

- Must be eligible for Community Foundations Scholars
- Provide documentation of work history

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Dan Zanowiak Memorial Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$5,000

- 3.0+ GPA, and ACT math sub-score of 24+
- Santa Fe graduates only with 6 semesters in Edmond schools
- Must major in engineering, finance, computer science, chemistry, mathematics, bio-medicine, etc.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – New Opportunities Scholars scholarship

(11th grade) - \$2,000

- Must have 3.25-3.79 GPA
- Apply through counseling office (see Mrs. Fleck for more info)
- Must be first generation in family to attend college (parents, grandparents cannot have attended college)

Oklahoma City Community Foundation - Friends of Kim Jones Shelton Scholarship – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$500

- 3.25 GPA or higher
- Demonstrated commitment to education, school, and community.
- Demonstrated financial need

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: H.W. Almen – West OKC Rotary Scholarship - www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) \$2,000-\$4,000

- 2.75+ GPA and a family income not exceeding \$100,000
- Essay required

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Michael Neal Minter Sr. Scholarship Fund – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$1,200

- 3.0-3.79 GPA
- Must attend college in Oklahoma

OU Henderson Scholars Program Scholarship

(12th grade) – various amounts

- **Only students admitted to OU are eligible**
- Award based on academic promise, leadership ability and having exhibited local and community human relations activities and community development involvement.
- 3.25+ GPA, Class rank in upper 25%, and 26+ ACT or 1170+ SAT
- This scholarship is part of the OU General Scholarship application.

Phi Delta Kappa International Award - www.pdkintl.org

(12th grade) – \$1,000-\$5,000

- Must be pursuing a degree in Education
- Awards based on academics, personal essay, letters of recommendation, school activities, and community activities

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship OSU

(12th grade, male) – \$250-\$1,500

- Must attend OSU
- Judged on academic excellence, selfless leadership, service to the community, and a healthy lifestyle
- Submit one-page summary of academic honors, leadership experience and extracurricular activities
- Finalists will be interviewed
- NO requirement for affiliation with Sigma Phi Epsilon or any other fraternity

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program – www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890/

(12th grade) – **full tuition, fees, books, room & board, laptop, printer + a guaranteed job after graduation**

- 3.0+ GPA, 21+ ACT, US citizen
- Attend a historically black land-grant university, such as Langston University
- Leadership and community service

Vegetarian Resource Group - www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm

(12th grade) - \$5,000 - \$10,000

- Student who promote vegetarianism in their school or community
- Essay required

WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship – <https://www.weokie.org/foundation>

(12th grade) \$1,000 - \$3,000

- Essay – limited to two pages.
- Winners asked to attend WEOKIE's Annual Meeting in the spring

Will Rogers Elementary School PTO Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$1000

- Must have attended Will Rogers Elementary School for one year or more, including the 5th grade year
- Typed one or two page essay about a memorable event, teacher, or staff member from your year(s) at Will Rogers
- The award will be given based primarily on the essay; however, academic record and financial need will also be considered
- Must attend an event near end of school year

MARCH

AFSA Scholarship Program - www.afsascholarship.org

(12th grade) – \$2,000

- Read on-line essay about fire safety
- Take on-line quiz, each correct answer earns one entry
- US citizen

Air Force ROTC Scholarship Programs - www.afrotc.com/scholarships

(11th grade) – up to full college or university cost

- The scholarship cycle begins March 15 of the **junior year** & continues through December 1 of the applicant's senior year
- 3.0+ GPA and official transcript, top 40% class rank, 26+ ACT
- Complete Application Fitness Test and Letter of Certification
- Be 17 years old prior to scholarship activation

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program - usascholarships.com/buick-achievers-scholarship-program/

(12th grade) – 1,000 awards of \$2,000, 100 awards of up to \$25,000

- Must be enrolled as a full-time college student in the fall studying a STEM major (see complete list online)
- Selection based on financial need, academics, community service, and several special considerations

Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship – Sigma Conclave

(12th grade, female) - \$200 scholarship a semester for freshman year

- For Senior women planning to enter the field of education
- For use at any college or university
- Essay. . . “Why do you wish to enter the field of education?”
- Two letters of recommendation, transcript and recent photo
- Application available in Counseling Office

MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, Oklahoma City Scholarship – www.macdowellclubokc.org

(12th grade) - \$1000

- Must major in a field of the Arts
- Demonstrated commitment to education, school, and community.
- Demonstrated financial need

Nichols Scholarship - www.oklahomahof.com/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$10,000

- By teacher, counselor, or administrator nomination
- Based on demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of Oklahoma history

Oklahoma City All Sports Association Scholarship - www.okcallsports.org/scholarship

(12th grade) - \$1,200

- Must have participated in high school sports, but NOT receiving any scholarships for athletics
- 3.0+ GPA, 22+ ACT, and online application
- Attend college or university in Oklahoma

Shelter Insurance Foundation Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$1,500 scholarship awarded

- May be used at any college or university for any major
- Selection Committee will consider applicant's Scholastic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community activities, citizenship and moral character and educational goals
- Application available in Counseling Office

APRIL

The Bill Nicklas Memorial Scholarship – www.edmondjuniorgolf.org/scholarships/
(12th grade)

- Must live in Edmond or attend school in Edmond Public Schools
- Must have shown excellence in leadership, scholarship & sportsmanship
- 500-word essay on why you think a college education is important
- Relatives of Board members or selection committee are not eligible
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty, staff, or administration
- Completed application

MAY

Miss Edmond LibertyFest Scholarship Pageant

\$3,000

- May not be older than 23 years of age
- Applications and information available by contacting misslibertyfest@aol.com

The Association of LGBT Journalists – <http://members.nlgja.org/scholarships>

- Application online
- One-page resume
- Five work samples
- A letter of acceptance from a US community college or four-year university
- Write and publish a news story to tumblr of words and multimedia. See website for topics.
- Official transcript

JUNE-JULY

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship – www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

(Juniors & Seniors) - \$1,000

- Essay submitted online

BigSun Scholarship - www.bigsunathletics.com

(Senior) - \$500

- Must have participated in a school sport
- Short essay with application

Freedom from Religion Foundation Essay Contests - www.ffrf.org

(12th grade) – up to \$2,000

- 500-750 word essay on a time you were proud to be a freethinker (Atheist/Agnostic/Non-believer)
- Can be mailed or e-mailed by deadline

International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows - www.iamwmw.com

(12th grade) – up to \$25,000

- Must be enrolled as a full-time college student in the fall
- Copy of transcript, ACT scores, current picture, & completed application
- Letter of recommendation from the wife/widow recommending you
- Letter of recommendation from your pastor/youth minister verifying involvement in your church

ESSAY/SPEECH CONTESTS

These essay/speech contests were available to students in recent years. Check each site or the counseling office for the most current information regarding these opportunities and each deadline.

The American Legion: National High School Oratorical Contest - www.legion.org/oratorical

1st place - \$18,000; 2nd place - \$16,000; 3rd place - \$14,000

Each State winner who advances to the second round but does not advance to the final round receives a \$1500 scholarship

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- The Prepared Oration must be between 8-10 minutes in length. The subject must be on some phase of the Constitution of the U.S. which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government
- The assigned topic must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length

Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contests - www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests

(11th & 12th grade) - \$50 - \$10,000

- Deadlines throughout the year based on the novel and the contest
- All are **CASH** prizes
- Must submit essays online

Bennington Young Writers Awards - at www.bennington.edu/events/young-writers-awards

(10th-12th grade) - \$250 - \$500

- Submit poetry, fiction or nonfiction
- Specific requirements for formatting
- Must be original work and sponsored by a high school teacher
- Winning entries published on the Bennington College website

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Lincoln Essay Contest (sponsored by BancFirst)

(9th -12th grade)

- \$50, \$75, and \$100
- Essay Topic: How are the characteristics of Abraham Lincoln important to the leaders of today?

Martin Luther King Enterprise Oratory Competition - www.uco.edu

(12th grade) – up to \$1,000 in tuition waivers

- Applications available online
- 2.7 GPA & top 50% of class or 20 ACT
- Multiple rounds of competition

Mensa Education & Research Foundation Essay Contest - www.mensafoundation.org

(12th grade) – \$1000 scholarships at local, regional, and national level –Complete entry form

- Write an essay that describes career, vocational, or academic goals
- Not necessary that applicant be a member of Mensa
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Length – no more than 550 words
- Must be typed or computer-generated

SBO Music Student Scholarship - www.sbomagazine.com

(9th -12th grade) – \$1,000 per year and up to \$20,000 in products for your school

- Essay contest
- Write in 250 words (or less) "How my music teacher has influenced me and my goals in school..."
- Submit entry online

National Peace Essay Contest - www.usip.org/npec

(9th -12th grade) – \$1,000+

- February 1st deadline
- No more than 1,500 words on the current year's topic

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

(12th grade) – Essay Scholarship Contest

\$250 for State Winner, up to \$3000 for National 1st place winner.

- Must be nominated by teacher to participate in this contest
- Must have the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism to an outstanding degree – complete a questionnaire addressing these qualities
- Only one student is chosen by a committee of teachers (based on who best fits qualities listed above) and that student writes the essay
- DAR judging based on 50 points for Personal questionnaire, and 50 points for Essay
- Information in the Counseling Office – usually in October

Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum Essay Contest - www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org

(9th -12th grade) - \$50 - \$100

- First place travels with parent or guardian to Washington D.C..
- Entries must be typed. 500 word essay
- Teachers may submit up to five entries per grade per school

Profiles in Courage Essay Contest - www.jfklibrary.org

1st place - \$5000 cash & \$5000 in a savings plan, 2nd place - \$1000

- No more than 1000 words
- Must describe how an elected official demonstrated political courage at the local, state, or national level
- Contest will open for submissions on September 1.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest

(9th -12th grade) – 1st place \$30,000, other \$1000 - \$16,000

- 3-5 minute essay typed, then recorded on audio CD or flash drive
- Submit directly to local VFW
- Full contest details available at www.vfw.org/ (go to Search at top of page & enter scholarships, go to “Voice of Democracy”)

Writers of the Future Contest - www.writersofthefuture.com

(9th -12th grade) - Up to \$5,000

- Sci-Fi or fantasy works of fiction up to 17,000 words in length
- Submit original works online
- – new entries judged 4 times per year