

# JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024-2025 Scholarship List

Local Scholarship	Description	Deadline
Mercedes Hall Thomas Scholarship  (Local Scholarship)	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 This scholarship was created in memory of our beloved mother, Mercedes Hall Thomas. The scholarship is awarded to a student who attends James S. Rickards High School and embodies the principles community involvement, leadership, and academic achievement. The scholarship will be awarded to a student that has been accepted and attends either TCC, FAMU, or FSU. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00. For an application, see Mrs. V. Williams in the Front office, Your Guidance Counselor, English Teacher, or Mr. Hankerson in AVID. For more information, please contact Brenda Christie at 850-878-0664.	March 31, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.
New Best & Brightest Awards	Awards: Winners-\$1,500, Runners-Up-\$750, Honorable Mentions-\$500, All other finalists-\$100 <b>Purpose:</b> The Best & Brightest Awards honor outstanding high school seniors in Leon County for excellence in a field of study, service to their schools and the community, leadership and academic success. <b>Who's Eligible To Participate:</b> Graduating Seniors in accredited High Schools in Leon County are eligible for nomination for the Best & Brightest Awards. The principal of each public and private high school has the opportunity to nominate a student in each of the 15 categories. Schools are not required to nominate a student for every category. For categories, application, application process and more information, see your Guidance Counselor, IB Departement, or AVID Department. Applications can also be downloaded online at <a href="http://www.wcsleon.com/bestandbrightest">www.wcsleon.com/bestandbrightest</a> .	Deadline for school nomination: January 30, 2025  Judging March 1, 2025

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Variety of Scholarships	*See Mrs. V. Williams in the front office (upstairs) to access scholarship guides titled, <a href="#">The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2023</a> , <a href="#">The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2024</a> , and <a href="#">The Full Ride Scholarships Book 2024</a> . Scholarships are listed by school, subjects, challenges, topics, and more.	Varies
Florida Shines	General information about scholarships that may be available at <a href="https://floridashines.org">Paying for College in Florida   Florida Education Costs (floridashines.org)</a>	Varies
BigFuture CollegeBoard Scholarships and More	What can you do with BigFuture? You can check out careers you're interested in. You can find colleges based on what's important to you. You can discover ways to pay for college. You can take the "Scholarship Quiz" and begin applying for scholarships. Visit <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</a>	Varies
U.S. Air Force Scholarship	We are dedicated to developing leaders of tomorrow who will go on to fulfill the Air Force <u>MISSION</u> , represent our <u>CORE VALUES</u> and live up to the rich <u>HISTORY</u> of Air Force ROTC. We have different types of scholarships so you are focusing on school, not paying for it. For more information: <a href="https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/">https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/</a>	Varies
University of Miami Scholarships	The Office of Academic Enhancement has detailed information and application instructions on many major awards at the University of Miami. For more information visit: <a href="https://oae.miami.edu/prestigious-awards-and-fellowships/search-scholarship-listings/index.html">https://oae.miami.edu/prestigious-awards-and-fellowships/search-scholarship-listings/index.html</a>	Varies
Bright Futures Scholarship Program	The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 950,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS),	No later than August 31 after high

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	<p>Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV). Visit <a href="https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/">https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/</a> for more information and <a href="https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/">https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/</a> to access the application. The application opens October 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b>*Apply even if you initially think you are going out of state to school.</b></p>	school graduation
<b>NCWIT Award For Aspirations in Computing</b>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$500</p> <p>The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC) honors 9th-12th grade women, genderqueer, or non-binary students for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and future plans. For more information visit: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12511/ncwit-award-for-aspirations-in-computing">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12511/ncwit-award-for-aspirations-in-computing</a></p>	October 29, 2024
<b>ScholarshipOwl No Essay Scholarship</b>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,000</p> <p>ScholarshipOwl is your source of relief from the dreaded application process. We put students on the fast-track to success by providing direct access to the scholarships they need the most. Take the hassle out of financial aid and maximize your chance at a free ride in college. No matter how much funding you need for school, we have the opportunities you're looking for. For more information: <a href="#">https://www.scholarshipowl.com/</a></p> <p>Eligibility: A) You must be a resident of any of the 50 United States, District of Columbia or US Territories; B) You must be 16 years of age or older; C) You must either be enrolled in a college/university or registered in a qualified high school; D) You must be located within the United States.</p>	October 29, 2024

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SM Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$2,000</p> <p>The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;</li><li>2. A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;</li><li>3. A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States;</li><li>4. A student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located with the United States, within a year of graduating high school.</li></ol>	October 31, 2024
SP Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value \$2, 500</p> <p>The SP College Scholarship program was created to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays.</p> <p><b>To be eligible for the Scholarship you must be:</b></p> <p>A) At least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US. B) A legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Thus far, they have given away more than \$650,000 to students through this scholarship program.</p>	October 31, 2024
Equitable Excellence Scholarship	<p>The 2025 scholarship will open in the fall of 2024 with a renewed focus to recognize students who show potential by demonstrating the qualities of leadership, determination and resilience as critical enablers of their future success. For more</p>	Application opens in Fall of 2024; apply early

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	information: <a href="https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship">https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship</a>	
<b>Voice of Democracy Scholarship</b>	Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9228/voice-of-democracy-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9228/voice-of-democracy-scholarship</a>	October 31, 2024
<b>Veterans United Foundation Scholarship</b>	The Veterans United Foundation Scholarship creates opportunities for family members of service members and Veterans to achieve their educational dreams. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11250/veterans-united-foundation-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11250/veterans-united-foundation-scholarship</a>	October 31, 2024
<b>Be Bold Scholarship</b>	Scholarship Value: \$25, 000 The "Be Bold" Scholarship is a no-essay scholarship that will be awarded to the applicant with the boldest profile. It takes less than 2 minutes to apply. <b>To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being:</b> A) Earnest, B) Determined, C) Moving The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics. Furthermore, the scholarship will be unique in that it will favor students who apply earlier-who are bold and seize the day without procrastinating. For more information visit: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship</a>	November 1, 2024
<b>National Space Club Scholarship</b>	Since 2013, The National Space Club and Foundation has offered the opportunity for a student to give the keynote address at the National Space Club and Foundation's annual Goddard Memorial Dinner, one of the space industry's most prestigious gatherings. The student must intend to pursue a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering or	November 1, 2024

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	Mathematics (STEM) fields, be academically strong and excel in public speaking. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12191/national-space-club-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12191/national-space-club-scholarship</a>	
<b>Cheatham-White Scholarship at North Carolina A &amp; T State University</b>	To be eligible for selection as a Cheatham-White Scholar, a senior must satisfy all of the following criteria: • Be a competitive applicant for admission as a freshman in the fall semester into a baccalaureate program at North Carolina A&T. • Be a United States citizen or permanent resident. • Be on course to graduate from high school in the spring semester prior to college admission. • Minimum 4.0 or higher weighted cumulative GPA. • A minimum score of 1280 SAT or 28 ACT. • Show exceptional qualities of character and leadership. • Be significantly • Demonstrate a strong commitment to service.involved in extracurricular activities. Candidates for Cheatham-White Scholarships shall be selected on the basis of merit, with all of the above criteria taken into account. Financial need shall not be a consideration. Application form located at <a href="https://www.nccu.edu/usp/cheatham-white-scholarship-program">https://www.nccu.edu/usp/cheatham-white-scholarship-program</a>	Nomination/ Self nomination deadline November 1, 2024  Application deadline December 15, 2024
<b>Acker Warren Fresh Start Scholarship</b>	Scholarship Value \$1,000 At the law firm of Acker Warren P.C., we have dedicated our practice to helping people get a fresh start for themselves and their families. Acker Warren hopes to help first-time college freshmen to find a fresh start, too. We understand that education is expensive, and we hope that the Acker Warren Fresh Start Scholarship helps students get one step closer to achieving their goals. For more information visit: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20581/acker-warren-fresh-start-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20581/acker-warren-fresh-start-scholarship</a>	November 6, 2024

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<b>Regeneron Science Talent Search</b>	Scholarship Value: \$250,000 Regeneron STS has identified future leaders in STEM since 1942. High school seniors living in the United States, and US citizens living abroad, who have completed independent research projects are encouraged to apply online for the chance to win up to \$250,000! <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20481/regeneron-science-talent-search">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20481/regeneron-science-talent-search</a>	November 7, 2024
<b>Elks Most Valuable Student Competition</b>	Scholarship Value: \$30,000 Since 1931, the Elks National Foundation has helped students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, we award more than \$3 million in college scholarships to at least 800 outstanding, service-minded high school seniors. Once you're an Elks scholar, you're family. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9716/elks-most-valuable-student-competition">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9716/elks-most-valuable-student-competition</a>	November 12, 2024
<b>Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program</b>	The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. In addition to the monetary award, Cooke Scholars receive comprehensive educational advising, significant cohort-based programming, and graduate school funding, as well as a thriving network of nearly 3,000 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11973/jack-kent-cooke-foundation-college-scholarship-program">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11973/jack-kent-cooke-foundation-college-scholarship-program</a>	November 14, 2024
<b>Conerto High School Musicians Scholarship</b>	"The President's Own" United States Marine Band, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, is pleased to announce its Concerto Competition for High School Musicians are now open. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16826/conerto-high-school-musicians-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16826/conerto-high-school-musicians-scholarship</a>	November 15, 2024



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<b>James Alan Cox Student Photography Scholarships</b>	High school students applying for these scholarships must have completed one year at an accredited high school (student must therefore be a sophomore or older) and should have taken at least one photography or related art class. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9451/james-alan-cox-student-photography-scholarships">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9451/james-alan-cox-student-photography-scholarships</a>	November 15, 2024
<b>Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship</b>	To be considered eligible for the Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship you must: A) Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on the day of the deadline. B) Submit answers to the essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the deadline. C) Have at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award. D) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. E) Be a citizen of the United States or Canada. <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9919/odenza-marketing-group-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9919/odenza-marketing-group-scholarship</a>	November 15, 2024
<b>Jefferson Scholars Foundation</b>	The award for the Jefferson Scholarship and the Walentas Scholarship is intended to cover the entire cost of attendance for four years at the University of Virginia, plus coverage of supplemental enrichment experiences. Application information can be found at <a href="https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship">https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship</a>	Nominations due December 1, 2024
<b>Boston University (BU) Scholarships for High-Achieving Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Trustee Scholarship:</b> Boston University's most prestigious full-tuition scholarship recognizes extraordinary academic performance and leadership ability. Students must submit one additional essay with their application for admission.</li><li>• <b>Presidential Scholarship:</b> This four-year, \$25,000 scholarship is awarded to students with exceptional academic achievements. No additional application materials are required—all students need to do to be</li></ul>	December 1, 2024



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	<p>considered is apply for admission by the scholarship deadline. For more information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bu.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/first-year-merit/?j=292822&amp;sfmc_sub=6067584&amp;l=205_HTML&amp;u=8771702&amp;mid=514005790&amp;jb=6003&amp;utm_source=sfmc&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=Scholarship+Reminder+to+DOM+Counselors&amp;utm_term=our+website&amp;utm_id=292822&amp;sfmc_id=6067584">https://www.bu.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/first-year-merit/?j=292822&amp;sfmc_sub=6067584&amp;l=205_HTML&amp;u=8771702&amp;mid=514005790&amp;jb=6003&amp;utm_source=sfmc&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=Scholarship+Reminder+to+DOM+Counselors&amp;utm_term=our+website&amp;utm_id=292822&amp;sfmc_id=6067584</a></p>	
<b>The University of Texas at Dallas Eugene McDermott Scholars Program</b>	<p>The Eugene McDermott Scholars Programs offers a <b>full-ride merit scholarship</b> to top students who are seeking academic engagement, leadership development, and opportunities to improve their communities through service. Students must apply to UT Dallas through Common App well before the priority deadline. Learn more at: <a href="http://utdallas.edu/mcdermott">utdallas.edu/mcdermott</a></p>	December 1, 2024
<b>The Ron Brown Scholar Program</b>	<p>The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. For more information: <a href="https://www.ronbrown.org/">https://www.ronbrown.org/</a></p>	December 1, 2024
<b>Your Time to Climb Scholarship</b>	<p>Scholarship Value \$2,000</p> <p>From the wild outdoors of Alaska to the coast of Southern California to the City of Boulder, J. Todd Tenge pursued a goal: to open his own law office. Now, our boutique personal injury firm wants to assist another set of students in reaching their goals through secondary education.</p> <p>We know the potential each student has inside. Don't let anything stop you; find a way to climb higher. That's why we're offering \$2,000 in scholarship money to one deserving student from anywhere in the United States — from Todd's hometown of Anchorage and beyond. It doesn't matter where you need to go on your journey — we want to help you reach that goal. Please visit <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15706/your-time-to-climb">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15706/your-time-to-climb</a></p>	December 1, 2024

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	<a href="#">to-climb-scholarship</a> to see if you're eligible to apply, and we wish everyone the best of luck.	
<b>Burger King Scholars Program</b>	<p>The Burger King Scholars Program assists employees, employees' spouses, employees' children and, high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada in continuing their education. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and, community service. For more information:</p> <p><a href="https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/burger-king-scholars-program/">https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/burger-king-scholars-program/</a></p>	<p>Applications will be accepted from October 15 through December 16, 2024. Apply early!</p>
<b>The Biletnikoff Award</b>	<p>Candidates must have overcome a significant mental, physical, emotional, or environmental challenge to achieve at the highest academic and extracurricular levels. The extracurricular achievement does not require playing a sport, although sports participation does qualify for the extra curricular requirement. At least 15 scholarships are awarded annually. Scholarship grants range from \$7,500 to \$14,000 per student. More information regarding the scholarships, including the application, can be found online at <a href="http://BiletnikoffAward.com/about-scholarships">BiletnikoffAward.com/about-scholarships</a></p>	<p>Application opens November 20, 2024</p> <p>Applications must be postmarked by March 11, 2025</p>
<b>Equitable Excellence Scholarship</b>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$20,000</p> <p>Equitable Foundation has established the Equitable Excellence Scholarship® Program program to assist high school seniors who are planning to continue their education at a two- or four-year college in the United States by Fall 2025.</p> <p>This program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Eligibility for individual programs is determined at the sole discretion of the sponsor and eligible applications are reviewed by Scholarship</p>	<p>December 18, 2024</p>

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	<p>America's evaluation team. In compliance with Federal law, this program will not discriminate in the terms, conditions, or privileges of participation on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation. For more information, visit:</p> <p><a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9591/equitable-excellence-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9591/equitable-excellence-scholarship</a></p>	
<p><b>New</b> <b>Niche \$50,000 Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$50,000</p> <p>Covering the cost of college expenses for four years without writing a single essay? Sounds too good to be true.</p> <p>It isn't with Niche. We are giving one student \$50,000 (our biggest scholarship yet) to help pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other educational expenses.</p> <p><b>Who Can Apply</b> All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year.</p> <p><b>How It Works</b> The \$50,000 "No Essay" Scholarship is an easy scholarship with no essay required. Only one entry allowed per person. The winner will be determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the Scholarship Winners page.</p>	<p>December 31, 2024</p>
<p><b>New</b> <b>DECA Student Scholarships</b></p>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$5,000</p> <p>DECA's scholarship program provides over \$200,000 in scholarships to high school and college DECA members at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) each year. DECA Inc. administers the program based on guidelines set by the donor. DECA scholarships are strictly merit-based.</p>	<p>January 10, 2025</p>

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	<p>DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. For more information, visit:</p> <p><a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12283/deca-student-scholarships">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12283/deca-student-scholarships</a></p>	
<p><b>New</b></p> <p><b>Avoiding Probate Pitfalls Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,000</p> <p>At Alden Law Firm, we are thrilled to offer a scholarship to support students who understand the importance of estate planning and wish to share their insights on avoiding probate pitfalls.</p> <p>In your essay, we encourage you to discuss strategies such as trusts, joint ownership, and beneficiary designations. Explore how these techniques can streamline the transfer of assets, protect privacy, and potentially reduce estate taxes. Share examples to illustrate the effectiveness of these strategies in real-life scenarios. For more information, visit:</p> <p><a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/32294/avoiding-probate-pitfalls-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/32294/avoiding-probate-pitfalls-scholarship</a></p>	<p>February 10, 2025</p>
<p><b>New</b></p> <p><b>Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,000</p> <p>Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship was created to honor the memory of those courageous and adventuresome pioneer women who played such an important role in the founding of this nation and encourage the present generation to continue their education in agricultural pursuits. These two scholarships (\$1,000 each) are available to any farm, ranch or agribusiness woman or her daughter to pursue accredited courses in agriculture leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine, or any other courses directly related to agriculture. Applications will be taken beginning January 1 of each year and need to be postmarked on March 1st. Applications will not be accepted after March 1st. For more</p>	<p>March 1, 2025</p>

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	information, visit: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13237/daughters-of-american-agriculture-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13237/daughters-of-american-agriculture-scholarship</a>	
<b>New</b> College Mix Christian College Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$3,500 The Christian Connector offers various scholarship drawings for Christian colleges. All of the information services provided by The Christian Connector are offered absolutely free! For eligibility and more information, visit: <a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/32396/college-mix-christian-college-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/32396/college-mix-christian-college-scholarship</a>	May 31, 2025

