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2025-2026 Scholarship List

Local Scholarship	Description	Deadline
2025 Hispanic Heritage Month Contests	<p>About the Student Essay Contest</p> <p>The 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). Each winner will receive a 2-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and a \$100 gift card for school supplies.</p> <p>Contestants must be Florida residents, attend school in Florida in grades 4-12 (including public, charter, private, home or virtual) and able to provide a Social Security Number. Each student may enter only one essay, written in English, no longer than 500 words.</p> <p>There are many examples throughout our state's history of Hispanic Heritage. Using your own words, write about a Hispanic Floridian who has had an impactful effect whose story should be shared. The subject of the essay should be a Floridian.</p> <p>Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juan Ponce De Leon, first European to reach Florida• Anastasios Kamoutsas, Florida Commissioner of Education	September 24, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeanette Nuñez, President of Florida International University• Madeline Pumariega, first female President of Miami Dade College• Alex Rizo, Florida State Representative• Esteban Bovo Jr., Mayor of Hialeah <p>Contest Entries and Nominating Forms and Guidelines Student contest forms and educator nomination forms must be mailed to Volunteer Florida or submitted online at www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.</p> <p>Volunteer Florida Hispanic Heritage Month Committee 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250 Tallahassee, Florida 32308</p>	
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Variety of Scholarships	*See Mrs. V. Williams or Guidance Counselors in the front office to access scholarship guides titled, <u>The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2026</u> (Previous Years Available) and <u>The Full Ride Scholarships Book 2024</u> . Scholarships are listed by school, subjects, challenges, topics, and more.	Varies
Florida Shines	General information about scholarships that may be available at Paying for College in Florida Florida Education Costs (floridashines.org)	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 https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/	Varies

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Bright Futures Scholarship Program	<p>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), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV). Visit https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ for more information and https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/ to access the application. The application opens October 1st.</p> <p>*Apply even if you initially think you are going out of state to school.</p>	No later than August 31 after high school graduation
ScholarshipOwl No Essay Scholarship	<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:</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. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19881/scholarshipowl-no-essay-scholarship</p>	September 29, 2025
A Better Financial Future Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$2,000</p> <p>The Scholarship is open to all residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, age 17 or older at the time of entry. Employees and contractors of LeverEdge Association</p>	September 30, 2025

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	<p>are ineligible to participate in the Scholarship Program. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.</p> <p>Selection</p> <p>One (1) entry will be selected at random at the end of the Scholarship entry window. The drawings will be performed by an employee of LeverEdge Association, whose decisions are final and binding in all matters related to this Scholarship. The winner(s) will be notified via email.</p> <p>Prize Value</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated in the title of the Scholarship, SmarterCollege will award \$2,000 to one Entrant.</p> <p>For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20394/a-better-financial-future-scholarship</p>	
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation	<p>Scholarship Value: \$20,000</p> <p>Each year, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000 to high school students across the United States through the Coca-Cola Scholars Program.</p> <p>Students need to be graduating high school during the 2025-2026 school year, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and to complete an online application that requires no essays, no recommendations, and no transcript by September 30, 2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern.</p>	<p>September 30, 2025 at 5 p.m.</p>
Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway	<p>Scholarship Value: \$100,000</p> <p>What are the age requirements to participate?</p>	<p>September 30, 2025</p>

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Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 24 at the time of application submission.

What should I include in my video?

Anything that helps us get to know you and your dreams. Tell us about your academic goals, professional aspirations, or even personal dreams, how you plan to use the tuition and why you need it. Your video will be judged on the four following criteria: career goals, need for tuition assistance, impact of tuition assistance, and overall presentation quality and delivery. Be passionate, be creative, be you. You got this, Pepper!

When are the \$100,000 winners awarded?

Finalists selected to compete to win up to \$100,000 in tuition will compete for tuition dollars at the following games:

- ACC Game Site: ACC Championship Game in Charlotte, NC, at Bank of America Stadium on December 6, 2025
- Big Ten Game Site: Big Ten Championship Game in Indianapolis, IN, at Lucas Oil Stadium on December 6, 2025
- SEC Game Site: SEC Championship Game in Atlanta, GA, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on December 6, 2025

Grand Prize Winners can compete for one (1) of the following prizes:

- Three (3) \$100,000 Tuition Prizes (one (1) per Championship Game)
- Three (3) \$20,000 Runner-Up Prizes (one (1) per Championship Game)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Three (3) \$2,500 Consolation Prizes (one (1) per Championship Game) <p>For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12674/dr-pepper-tuition-giveaway</p>	
Path to Pro Scholarship Program	<p>Scholarship Value: \$2,500</p> <p>The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation are committed to educating more people in the skilled trades and helping them find careers in the home improvement industry through our Path to Pro program. With nearly 400,000 open roles in the trades nationally, we can't tackle this work alone. Industry leaders like Home Builders Institute (HBI), Construction Ready, SkillPointe Foundation and Atlanta Technical College (ATC) are helping us prepare skilled people for these opportunities. Since the program's inception, the Foundation's trades-focused partnerships have trained more than 60,000 participants and introduced more than 490,000 people to the skilled trades, surpassing its commitment to train 20,000 people six years ahead of schedule.</p> <p>We want to help create the next generation of skilled trade leaders by providing scholarships to further your education. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19069/path-to-pro-scholarship-program</p>	September 30, 2025
Sallie Mae 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>	September 30, 2025

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;2. A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;3. A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States;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. <p>For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17688/sallie-mae-scholarship</p>	
Be Bold Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$25,000</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Earnest2. Determined3. Moving <p>The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics.</p> <p>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</p>	October 1, 2025

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	https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship	
CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,500</p> <p>CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship is a program to assist high school and college students in easing financial burdens and empowering them to pursue higher education. A total of \$3,000 will be awarded to five students who showcase their creativity and talent by submitting a short video sharing their money-saving secrets. This initiative aims to provide financial support to help students succeed in their academic endeavors. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15198/couponbirds-help-to-save-scholarship</p>	October 10, 2025
Niche Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$40,000</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 \$40,000 to help pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other educational expenses.</p> <p>Who Can Apply</p> <p>All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year. Please note: Not everyone is eligible for this scholarship. Niche sponsored scholarships and sweepstakes are for people with US citizenship or a valid Visa/US passport only.</p> <p>How It Works</p> <p>The \$40,000 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</p>	October 15, 2025

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	directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the Scholarship Winners page. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/30745/niche-scholarship	
NSCA High School Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2, 000 This program provides funding to high school seniors preparing to enter college. Students must demonstrate their acceptance into an accredited institution, their intention to graduate with a degree in the strength and conditioning field, their goals beyond college, and their track record of community service. Awards in the amount of \$2,000 are granted and are to be applied toward tuition charges accrued by the student. *If you have not yet been accepted into a college program, and are awarded the High School Scholarship, funds will be held until a letter of acceptance has been reported to the NSCA Foundation* For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25982/nsca-high-school-scholarship	October 15, 2025
Neuroscience Research Prize	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 This award is designed to encourage high school students to explore the world of the brain and nervous system through research, identify and reward those students whose scientific skill and talent indicate potential for scientific contributions in the field of neuroscience, and recognize the efforts of science teachers who have demonstrated support for students interested in neuroscience. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10035/neuroscience-research-prize	October 21, 2025
U.S. Bank Student Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$20,000 Who is eligible for the U.S. Bank Scholarship?	October 30, 2025

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school students accepted or enrolled as an undergraduate student (for at least 6 credit hours per semester) as of September 1, 2026, at an eligible, U.S.-based, accredited two- or four-year U.S. brick-and-mortar or online college or university (specifically excluding trade and vocational schools)• Undergraduate university students enrolled (for at least 6 credit hours per semester) as of September 1, 2026, at an eligible, U.S.-based, accredited two- or four-year U.S. brick-and-mortar or online college or university (specifically excluding trade and vocational schools)• Must be a legal resident of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia• Graduate students are NOT eligible• Are graduate students or international students eligible?• You must be a U.S. resident and an undergraduate student to be eligible. Due to the parameters of this sweepstakes, the funds cannot be applied to a graduate degree or a school outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. <p>For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10704/us-bank-student-scholarship</p>	
Good Works Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,000</p> <p>Virginia criminal lawyer Karin Riley Porter believes in advancing the cause of the criminal justice system and criminal defense services by ensuring that everyone within the Commonwealth of Virginia receives fair representation and that those who are dedicated to that calling can realize their full academic potential. One of the primary aspects of criminal</p>	October 31, 2025

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	<p>defense is representing individuals in vulnerable situations and protecting them and their family's interests. Furthermore, many people who aspire to be lawyers or pursue other demanding careers fail to find the time to promote the good of others in their community.</p> <p>To that end, the firm is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for future lawyers and other college and university students who are also actively engaged in making their community a better place by leading and planning community service projects. One student will be awarded the 2025 Karin Riley Porter Good Works Scholarship of \$1,000. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15047/good-works-scholarship</p>	
Stand Up to Distracted Driving Scholarship	<p>Scholarship Value: \$1,000</p> <p>Distracted driving, including due to texting and other cell phone use, is a serious issue that leads to hundreds of thousands of accidents and injuries in the United States each year. The problem is especially prominent among teen and young adult drivers, and teens are also at a greater risk of being the victim of a distracted driving accident.</p> <p>At Kanoski Bresney, we want to support students who do their part to fight the problem of distracted driving. Through the Kansoki Bresney Stand Up to Distracted Driving Scholarship program, we are offering five scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, to students in the U.S. who are pursuing higher education at the undergraduate or graduate level.</p> <p>For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18933/stand-up-to-distracted-driving-scholarship</p>	