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Local Scholarship	Description	Deadline
Farm Credit AgVocator Scholarship Program 2026	This scholarship is designed to support students who are passionate about agriculture and aspire to be advocates for the industry. Farm Credit of Northwest Florida representatives will be presenting their scholarship information in the Rickards Media Center on Friday, November 21, 2025 during lunch (11:15 am-11:55 am). They will share details about the application process, eligibility, and the impact this scholarship can have on students' future.	TBA
Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. Youth Tour 2026	High School Juniors, it's time to Make Your Mark! Up to \$15,000 in scholarships to be awarded! Talquin Electric Cooperative is seeking enthusiastic students to serve as delegates for the 2026 Talquin Youth Tour. We are sponsoring 24 students for a unique 2-day, overnight conference in Tallahassee, February 4-5, 2026, which includes a scholarship for post-secondary education. Participants will gain insight into the Cooperative business model and Florida's legislative process while touring the State Capitol and the Supreme Court.	December 3, 2025

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The DeBoles-Johnson Foundation, Inc. Scholarship	The DeBoles-Johnson Foundation, Inc. (DJF), is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide financial support to scholars dedicated to improving their lives through education and changing their respective communities through service. We are excited to announce that our scholarship application portal is now open and warmly invite the graduating Class of 2026 to apply! Eligibility Requirements: ✓ Be a graduating high school senior (Spring 2026 Class) within the State of Florida ✓ Have a 2.0 GPA (unweighted) or higher ✓ Submit completed DJF Application & required documents: ▪ Unofficial high school transcript ▪ 2 Letters of Recommendation (minimum) ▪ DJF Volunteer Form detailing a minimum of 100 hours of community service The portal and volunteer form can be accessed at: https://djfoundationinc.org/. The completed application and required documents may be uploaded through the scholarship portal, emailed (scholarships@djfoundationinc.org), or mailed (P.O. BOX 38596 Tallahassee, FL 32315), by January 31, 2026.	January 31, 2026
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The Biletnikoff Award (Created and sponsored by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation Inc.)	The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., celebrates the qualities of determination, focus, perseverance, courage, self-discipline, and leadership on the football field through the Biletnikoff Award, which recognizes the college football season's outstanding FBS receiver, regardless of position. The Foundation also recognizes and rewards these qualities in our 11-county region by providing financial assistance through merit scholarships to deserving Leon County's and the eleven area counties' graduating high school achievers. This scholarship program recognizes the students' excellence in academic and extracurricular activities. Foundation scholars have succeeded in spite of significant physical, mental, emotional, environmental, and other challenges faced and overcome during their young-adult lives. The Foundation evaluates their academic achievements, character, involvement in school and community activities, as well as the "nature of the challenges they have overcome." Applicants do not have to play a high school sport to qualify. The Foundation typically awards fifteen scholarships each year. Applications are accepted from high school seniors attending public, private, charter, or virtual high school in Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, or Wakulla counties. For application and more information, visit https://biletnikoffaward.com/about-scholarships/	Applicants are urged to submit applications at any time beginning November 20, 2025, well before the March 2, 2026, deadline. Applicants may have their grade transcripts mailed and postmarked on or before March 2, 2026.
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Southern Scholarship Foundation (SSF)	Since 1955, Southern Scholarship Foundation has helped thousands of students with outstanding academic abilities, good character, and financial need realize their dream of a college education. Qualified students attending Florida A&M University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, Santa Fe College, Tallahassee State College, and the University of Florida are awarded scholarships in the form of rent-free housing, offering leadership training and personal development opportunities in the living and learning community. Beyond rent-free housing, SSF is a living and learning community. The cooperative living program fosters leadership and instills essential life skills. Residents maintain individual household responsibilities, such as cooking, cleaning common areas, managing the house's finances, budgeting weekly expenses, and organizing socials. SSF also offers focused workshops to help students grow and become community leaders. Examples of workshops facilitated throughout the year include best practice study skills, financial literacy, and conflict resolution workshops. To apply, visit https://southernscholarship.org/rent-free-cooperative-living/	The deadline for Spring consideration is November 1st . The deadline for Fall consideration is April 1st .
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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

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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
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), 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 1 st . *Apply even if you initially think you are going out of state to school.	No later than August 31 after high school graduation
ScholarshipOwl No Essay Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 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: 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)	November 29, 2025

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	You must be located within the United States. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19881/scholarship-no-essay-scholarship	
A Better Financial Future Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 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 are ineligible to participate in the Scholarship Program. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20394/a-better-financial-future-scholarship	November 30, 2025
Rumba Meats Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 Rumba Meats, part of the Cargill family of brands, helps the Hispanic community celebrate their culture and preserve their heritage through food. Through a partnership with United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Rumba is awarding 25 post-secondary academic scholarships of \$1,000 each and helping empower today's Hispanic youth to become tomorrow's leaders. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/32582/rumba-meats-scholarship	November 30, 2025
Ron Brown Scholarships Program	Scholarship Value: \$40,000 The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards 20 four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business	November 30, 2025

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	entrepreneurship and global citizenship – the four pillars of the late Ronald H. Brown’s mission to uplift people of all races, cultures and ethnicities – especially our disadvantaged youth. Recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. Since the Program’s inception in 1996, 683 students have been designated as Ron Brown Scholars. Applicants for the Ron Brown Scholarship MUST be Black/African American, US citizens or permanent residents, and a current high school senior at the time of their application. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9535/ron-brown-scholarships-program	
Sallie Mae Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 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: 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	November 30, 2025

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	college or university located with the United States, within a year of graduating high school. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17688/sallie-mae-scholarship	
Be Bold Scholarship	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. To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being: 1. Earnest 2. Determined 3. 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 https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship	December 1, 2025
9-12 Grade Wyland National Art Challenge	Scholarship Value: \$500 World-renowned environmental artist, conservationist and muralist Wyland is inviting classrooms across the United States to take part in the 13th annual Wyland National Art Challenge, a nationwide environmental mural and individual art contest with the theme of conservation of our ocean, lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. The contest begins Oct. 1, 2025 and runs through Dec. 1, 2025. Teachers are invited to create with their students a 4-foot by 8-foot (or larger) mural painting to celebrate how conservation shapes our lives and our world. A mural canvas will be provided in a random drawing to more than 20 participating classrooms who sign-up before Sept 5,	December 1, 2025

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	2025. NOTE: Schools that don't receive a mural kit may still participate by painting a mural on any 4-foot by 8-foot surface (or larger). Contest categories include grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12. The class in each category whose mural best expresses their understanding of conservation will receive a cash prize. Schools may register multiple classes. However, only one free mural kit per school is permitted. To enter, each mural must be accompanied by at least five individual drawings or paintings from students as part of the process of discovering their subject matter and theme for their mural. An Individual winner will be selected from each grade category, K-12. Prizes include a scholarship and gift cards for art supplies. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14620/wyland-national-art-challenge	
Ray Stoesser Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$5,000 In partnership with the US Rice Producers Association, the Stoesser family is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to one deserving high school senior or current college student who is interested in or is currently pursuing a career in an agriculture-related field. In addition to the monetary award, the selected recipient will serve as a student ambassador for USRPA in 2025, expecting to participate in at least two activities during the calendar year. The recipient will be invited to participate in various USRPA activities, including but not limited to Field Days, legislative activities, Texas Rice Council meetings, conferences, and more. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/31398/ray-stoesser-memorial-scholarship	December 6, 2025

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Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 Since 2011, Denny's has been preparing students for the future through the Hungry for Education scholarship program. They have given away over \$2.7 million in scholarships to support deserving students who are truly difference-makers in their communities. Denny's Hungry for Education scholarship program is awarding scholarship money to deserving high school and college students and helping bring communities together. In 2025, Denny's HFE scholarship program is partnering with USHLI to award scholarships to deserving high school and college students for their ideas on bringing communities together. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/26987/dennys-hungry-for-education-scholarship	December 8, 2025
ELG Scholarship Program	Scholarship Value: \$5,000 We are aware of how profoundly a cancer diagnosis affects the family dynamics and the emotional well-being of each family member. Everything changes in a family when someone gets a cancer diagnosis. Parents have to quit jobs and focus on treatment and the family's income decreases drastically. Our goal is to support a student with a family connection to cancer continue his/her education. For this reason, we have decided to offer a little help to young people who have witnessed a loved one's devastating struggle with cancer in order to ease at least their financial situation. "Our firm founder's father suffered from an asbestos-related disease and many members of our staff share the traumatizing experience of standing by a family member who battled cancer." Our asbestos scholarship fund was established over 50 years ago with the purpose of providing financial help to children	December 15, 2025

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	and grandchildren of our clients whose asbestos litigation cases had been settled. Over 160 students receiving the asbestos scholarships have attended 47 colleges and universities, including Auburn University, University of Alabama, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Stillman College, Spelman College, and University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). In 2005 we extended the eligibility requirements to include all students who have a family member diagnosed with cancer. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14276/elg-scholarship-program	
North American Van Lines Logistics Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 North American Van Lines, one of the leading long-distance moving companies in the United States, is committed to supporting the community as well as the growth and development of the moving services and cross-country moving industries. We believe education is the best way to ensure our industry has qualified professionals for years to come. Because of this belief, we are proud to announce our first annual Logistics Scholarship contest. Three lucky qualified entrants will each win a \$1,000 scholarship towards their degree in logistics or supply chain management at the college or university of their choice. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11374/north-american-van-lines-logistics-scholarship	December 15, 2025
Ronald D. Weiss Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$3,500 In an effort to help college and/or graduate school students meet their educational costs, the Law Office of Ronald D. Weiss, P.C. is pleased to offer incoming and existing college and/or graduate school students an opportunity to win a total of \$6,500. in prizes, twice per year. Every Spring and Fall we hold this Essay Contest and award three (3) prizes.	December 15, 2025

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	The current prizes consist of a \$3,500. 1st prize, a \$2,000. 2nd prize and a \$1,000. 3rd prize. The biannual scholarship and selection for the three (3) scholarship awards is based on an essay contest where the contestants take a position on a relevant topic that is unique for each contest. The Essay Topics for each contest deal with current legal and policy issues pertaining to debt relief. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11215/ronald-d-weiss-scholarship	
Niche Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$40,000 Covering the cost of college expenses for four years without writing a single essay? Sounds too good to be true. It isn't with Niche. We are giving one student \$40,000 to help pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other educational expenses. Who Can Apply 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. How It Works 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 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	December 31, 2025

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William B. Ruggles Journalism Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 The William B. Ruggles Journalism Scholarship honors the esteemed Texas journalist who coined the phrase “Right to Work” and contributed greatly to the movement’s advancement. One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the student who exemplifies the dedication to the Right to Work principles and high journalistic standards of the late Mr. Ruggles. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/31805/william-b-ruggles-journalism-scholarship	December 31, 2025
Conflict Conquerer Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$1,000 At The Bihm Firm, LLC, we believe in the power of problem-solving. Each day, our team uses thoughtful problem-solving skills to help our clients and their families through difficult situations. Now, we want to help others who have the courage and creativity to use their problem-solving skills to conquer conflict. We created The Bihm Firm, LLC Conflict Conqueror Scholarship as an opportunity for students who demonstrate their ability to overcome the challenges they face. The winner of the Conflict Conquerer Scholarship will receive \$1,000 to put toward their educational expenses. To find information regarding eligibility, requirements, and how to apply, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/24430/conflict-conquerer-scholarship	January 7, 2025
Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$5,000 The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the annual National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship Awards for students completing twelfth grade (or final high school year) in 2026 who are planning careers in government service.	January 15, 2025

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	Scholarship applicants must be citizens of the United States. The Trustees and Members of the Foundation, mindful of the significance of the important event in our nation's history that occurred at Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, believe that if our country is to continue to progress, we must have thoroughly trained, dedicated young people to carry on our government's work in future years. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington-crossing-foundation-scholarship	
American Public Service Scholarship	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 As a way to help encourage the next generation of public servants throughout the nation, our law firm is proud to announce a scholarship opportunity open to eligible students nationwide. This scholarship aims to incentivize students to enter public service careers and make the difference that is needed. Our hope is the 2026 American Public Service Scholarship's financial assistance can help kick-start that process and encourage students to brainstorm their potential career pathways in public service. This \$2,000 scholarship award will be granted to two students who best exemplify what it means to be a public servant and answer the essay prompt to demonstrate their commitment to helping others. Be sure to outline your career aspirations, motivations, and how you will contribute as a public servant. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25577/american-public-service-scholarship	January 31, 2025

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Scholarships for Military Children	Scholarship Value: \$2,000 The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the fighting force's readiness and to celebrate the commissary's role in the military family community. The application period for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on December 10, 2025 and close on February 11, 2026. Recipients will be notified of their status by mail on or about May 15, 2026. Due to the volume of applications, non-recipients are not notified. The Scholarships for Military Children Program is designed to award scholarships annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide, with funding provided through generous contributions. For more information, visit https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12345/scholarships-for-military-children	February 11, 2025
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