

2018-2019 Scholarships - #1

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP \$3,200.00 to \$25,000.00 (600 total recipients)

<https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship>

High school seniors who are National Honor Society (NHS) members in good standing of an affiliated NHS chapter are eligible to apply for the scholarship. There are no limits to the number of applications per chapter.

NHS advisers will be able to access **application information on the NHS website** 10/1/2018. Each adviser is responsible for distributing the application procedures to eligible senior members. If you are eligible to apply, please speak with your adviser to obtain the application instructions.

Members may begin the online application process on October 1, 2018. All applications must be accompanied by three recommendations—one from the NHS adviser, one from the school principal, and a third from a faculty member of the student's choice. Applications are not considered complete unless all components (the student application and three recommendations) have been completed and submitted by the published deadlines.

October 1, 2018 – Application process opens.

DEADLINE FOR STUDENT APPLICATIONS: December 7, 2018 –After this date, student applications are “read-only.” No changes may be made.

December 14, 2018– Deadline for adviser, principal, and faculty recommendations and certifications. **All** completed materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (CT). Applicants are responsible for verifying that all materials have been submitted.

AES Engineers - \$500

<http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>

Criteria: Their belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason, they are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by the essays that are submitted. This award is available to **high school seniors and all students attending a post secondary educational facility**. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. . **MUST** submit an essay between 500 and 1,000 words that answer: “*When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?*” Information and application are on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: October 6, 2018

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

www.berkshiretaconic.org

Many local scholarships are available but you can only apply directly through this foundation.

MUST APPLY ON-LINE! Available to High School Seniors.

DEADLINE DATE: Various but most are due by March 15, 2019

Horatio Alger Scholarship

www.scholars.horatiaoalger.org

Criteria: 1) be a **full-time high school senior planning on attending college in the fall of 2018** with a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private U.S. institution (students may start their studies at a two-year and then transfer to a four-year institution); 2) demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required); 3) be involved in co-curricular and community activities; 4) display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; 5) maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0; 6) must be a United States citizen

Application is on-line only but information is available in guidance.

DEADLINE DATE: October 25, 2018

Burger King Scholarship Program

burgerkingscholars@scholarshipamerica.org or call (507) 931-8340 and ask for Burger King Scholars

Criteria: Available to **high school seniors** who live in the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and plan to enroll full-time to an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico.

Application is on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: 10/15/2018 - 12/15/2018

College Scholarships

www.collegescholarships.org

Information is available on-line by state, by subject, etc.

College Scholarships for Women

<http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/college-scholarships-for-women.html>

There are many different scholarships for women only.

Information is on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: Various

LM (Leavitt Machinery) Scholarship Program - \$500

<http://forkliftcertificationedmonton.com/certifications.php>

Criteria: Student must be currently enrolled or expects to enroll in a degree program (2 years in length or greater) by **September 2019**. Student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Student must be a resident of the United States or Canada and must also attend a school in the United States or Canada.

Application is on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: May 31, 2019

United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

<https://scholarships.uncf.org> or www.fafsa.ed.gov or Call (202) 810-0258

Information and application is on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: Various

Washington Crossing Foundation - (Annual) National Scholarship Awards - \$500 to \$5,000

www.gwcf.org or call (215) 949-8841

Criteria: Students planning careers in government (local, state, or federal) service. An essay is required.

Information and application is on-line.

DEADLINE DATE: January 15, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There is no shortage of places to find information about different college scholarship opportunities. The Internet has made finding scholarships a breeze! In fact, there are several free services that will allow you to simply enter some information about yourself and the database will locate scholarships that match your profile. Check these out:

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Big Future- College Board	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
Chegg	Chegg.com
College Answer	www.collegeanswer.com/scholarships
Good Call	Goodcall.com
Fast Web	http://www.fastweb.com
FinAid	http://www.finaid.org
HVHS Guidance Scholarship Bulletins	http://goo.gl/ItKPCR
MA Department of Higher Ed	Mass.edu/osfa
MA Educational Financial Authority	Mefapathway.org
Raise Me	www.raise.me
Student Aid (Information about scholarships)	studentaid.ed.gov
Tuition Funding Sources	http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com
US Department of Labor	goo.gl/7u2Uah
Your Plan for the Future	http://yourplanforthefuture.org
Other Resources	Financial Aid office at your college/university Your local library's reference section Foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups Ethnicity-based organizations Your employer or parent/guardian's employers

Once you've located possible scholarship opportunities, it's time to apply. Make a great first impression. To do that, follow those helpful hints:

- Be neat. This is especially important if you're completing a paper application.
- Be original. Don't just state the facts - give meaning behind the facts. If you're applying for a scholarship for veterinary technician schools, don't just say you like animals. Tell how you came to love animals and what things along the way have reinforced that feeling or belief.
- Be timely. A deadline is a deadline. If a scholarship has a deadline of March 15th, guess how many applications come in that day? Don't get lost in the crowd. Stay ahead of the curve and apply early.
- Be mistake-free. Grammatical errors, incorrect punctuation, illegible handwriting are all examples of careless mistakes that can cost you a scholarship.
- Be bold. Sometimes it's hard to toot your own horn. But in the case of scholarships, bold is better. You want to let the scholarship committees or judges know as much about you as you can. Don't be modest...the committees and judges want to know!
- Be more than academic. Grades are important, but so are extracurricular activities. Many scholarships are constructed to reward people with unique characteristics, not just good grades. Be sure to highlight things such as sports, musical talents, club memberships, church involvement, etc.
- Be optimistic. Having a good attitude about your scholarship potential will come through in your application. Know that you're just as qualified as anyone else applying for this scholarship.

Scholarship Application Requirements

The most common supplemental materials that are needed to apply for scholarships include transcripts, essays, letters of recommendation, and the application for the scholarship.

A lot of scholarships will ask for recommendation letters to accompany or support your application. Very often, this is what separates a good candidate from a great candidate. Recommendation letters should speak to your abilities and your capabilities. Follow these guidelines when you're asked to provide such a letter:

- Give the person who will be writing the letter as much advance notice as you can. You want them at their best, too. It's also the courteous thing to do.
- Let the writer know exactly what they need to do and provide them with a self-addressed, stamped envelope if the letter has to be sent by mail (unless it is getting sent out by the school).
- Try to use people who can speak to your integrity and know you well.
- Don't use relatives...unless your uncle is the local Congressman.

Many colleges and foundations will also want to interview you for the more prestigious, high dollar scholarships.

Scholarship interviews are usually done in mass with other prospective applicants on-site for the same reason. Here are some practical pointers:

- Be prompt. If you're late, what does that say about you?
- Be well-rested. You'll need to be sharp during the interview.
- Be well-groomed. This should not be a surprise, but your first impression consists not only of the first words you speak, but how you look. When in doubt, it's better to overdress than to underdress. Be comfortable, but present yourself accordingly. A tie for boys and a dress for girls is the norm.
- Know your audience. If your interview is with the college, it might be a good idea to visit the school's website before going. Know something about the school other than you want their money. The same goes for a foundation or company that might ask for an interview.

Scholarship Renewal

It is important to be aware of the terms of scholarship renewal. Some scholarships are awarded for only one year, with no option of renewal, while others are awarded initially for one year, with renewal dependent on specific criteria.

Scholarship Renewal Requirements

One common requirement for scholarship renewal is maintaining a certain grade point average. Another condition for scholarship renewal is often the obligation to attend a required number of classes or to earn a certain number of credits each semester.

Athletic scholarships and scholarships awarded specifically for study in certain fields are only renewable if the students continue to play the sport or remain in that area of study, in most cases. Before accepting an athletic scholarship it is wise to inquire about the rules regarding injuries and other factors that may keep an athlete from participating in a sport, and how these circumstances may affect the renewal of the scholarship. Similarly, recipients of scholarships for specified areas of study should know the consequences regarding scholarship renewal if they decide to change majors. There are a few final points to keep in mind about renewing scholarships: remember to reapply, have all progress reports available, and do not miss the deadline.

Scholarship Fraud Red Flags

There are a few clear signs to look out for to guard against fraudulent financial aid offers. First of all, scholarships are free, so there should be no cost to apply for or find a scholarship. Scholarship scams will almost always involve paying some kind of fee up front. Many matching services out there offer to find scholarships for a fee. The same scholarships that the service would find are available for everyone to discover if they just look in the right place. Another sign to look for in scholarship scams is the assertion that there are private scholarships that are neglected to be used every year. Private scholarships are funded by organizations for specific people, qualifications, and academic fields. These kinds of scholarships are, in fact, very limited. If anyone asks for a fee up front, or bank account or credit card numbers, check with the Better Business Bureau and report all scholarship scams to the National Fraud Information Center.