Scholarships

Most of these scholarships can be applied for starting in your 9th grade year! Double check this information by using Naviance. Visit your school's College and Career Center (CCC) to learn more and get help applying.

Name	Deadline	Amount	Description
Beauty Changes Lives Scholarships	Varies	Varies	A variety of scholarships for students in the fields of cosmetology, barbering, nails, makeup, massage, and esthetics.
Scholarships for HBCU Students	Varies	Varies	A wide range of scholarships for students who are planning to enroll in a historically Black college and university (HBCU).
Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund	Varies	Varies	A variety of scholarships for high school seniors planning to attend college in the 2024-2025 school year. Scholarships focus on students studying a variety of fields of study.
UNCF Scholarship Search	Varies	Varies	UNCF was founded in 1944 to help more African American students attend and graduate from college. Search various scholarships based on academic goals and plan.
PD Instore Scholarship	Varies	Varies	The PD Instore Scholarship will provide funding to prospective post-secondary BIPOC students residing in Minnesota, interested in pursuing a career in production. Any BIPOC high school student in Minnesota may apply for this scholarship, but students focusing their career path on production/trades, including, but not limited to, Carpentry, Machine Operation, Logistics, Print Production, Project Management, 3D Design and Engineering are preferred.
Courage to Grow	Dec 31st	$1,000	Scholarship for high school juniors or seniors with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Awards are given out every month.
PFund Scholarship Fund	March 3,2026	$1,000 - $12,000	Open to students who identify as LGBTQ+ who are enrolling in a post-secondary education program in the 23-24 school year at a school in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, or The First Nations.
Horatio Alger Career & Technical Education Scholarship	June 17th	$2,500	Open to high school seniors who are planning to enroll in an associate's degree, certificate, or diploma program in the fall.

Unigo Do-Over Scholarship	June 30th	$1,500	Mistakes – we've all made them. Too bad life doesn't always give you a mulligan. Or does it? What if you had the chance to "do-over" a moment in your life? What would it be? How would it affect you and your future? Write a response to the question, if you could get one "do-over" in life, what would it be and why? (250 words or less)
Unigo Flavor of the Month Scholarship	July 31st	$1,500	Are you simple and sweet like vanilla, classic yet unpredictable like chocolate chip, or a little nutty like pistachio? Whatever the flavor or reasons may be, we want to know what ice cream flavor best reflects your personality and why. Write an answer to the question, if you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why? (250 words or less)
Unigo Shout It Out Scholarship	Closed for now, check back	$1,500	Have something on your mind? Let it out, or better yet SHOUT it out. Give your thoughts a voice. Whether it's a message for the world or just a quick, "hi mom," this is your opportunity to speak up and win money for college. (250 words or less)
College JumpStart Scholarship	October 17th	$1,000	Open to 10th-12th graders and current college students. Write a short personal statement about your educational goals, how you will achieve these goals with the scholarship, or a time that hard work paid off for you.
Unigo Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship	October 31st	$2,000	Hone your survival tactics and imagine what your school or college campus might be like in a zombie apocalypse. Our committee wants to know your plan to avoid zombies, where you'd hide, and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive. Write your plan in 250 words or less.
Voice of Democracy Competition	October 31st	$1,000 - $35,000	Express yourself in a democratic and patriotic-themed, recorded essay Write an essay and record yourself reading it out loud. Theme: How are you showing patriotism & support for our country?
10 Words or Less Scholarship	November 15th	$1,000	Open to students aged 14-25. In 10 words or less, why do you deserve this scholarship?
Unigo Education Matters Scholarship	November 30th	$5,000	While continuing your education takes time, and money, there's a certain value that everyone is hoping to achieve. Why does education matter to you? What is the value you hope to receive from college? Submit a written response (250 words or less) to the question: What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money.
Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships	December 5th	$5,000 + $5,000 grant to charity of your choice	Rewards students that are working to end hunger in their communities. Recognizes students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models that provide solutions to eliminate hunger in the US.

Unigo Top Ten List Scholarship	December 31st	$1,500	With so many awards based on grades and extracurricular activities, this scholarship gives you the chance to show us what's truly special and different about you. Get creative, be serious, or tug at our heart strings. Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship.
Unigo $10K Scholarship	December 31st	$10,000	It's important to be happy with who you are, regardless of your wealth or intelligence level. So, tell us, would you rather be smart, funny, or rich…and why? Answer the question in 250 words or less.
Unigo I Have a Dream Scholarship	October 31st	$1,500	It's crazy to think of all the amazing stories that happen as soon as we close our eyes and drift to sleep. It could be in a deep slumber or perhaps in a carefree daze, but our dreams can help shape our ideas, perceptions, and – now – education. We want to know…what do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us in 250 words or less.
Unigo Sweet and Simple Scholarship	February 28th	$1,500	Open to all high school students. Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you in 250 words or less.
Unigo Superpower Scholarship	March 31st	$2,500	Open to all high school students. Have you ever wondered where you'd go if you could fly around downtown? Or maybe you daydream of secretly taking over the world - to each his own. For all those hero lovers and villain enthusiasts, this super scholarship can give you the power to win free college money. In 250 words or less, answer the question, "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?"
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes	March 15th	$10,000	Scholarship for young people working on a service project, or who have worked on a project in the last 12 months.
Unigo All About Education Scholarship	April 30th	$3,000	Open to all high school students. In 250 words or less, answer the question, "How will a $3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?"
Larry Lucio Scholarship	June 15th, 2026	Varies	Open to students who have been accepted to a higher education institution, and who have demonstrated community service and participating in their community. Students should be e a graduating high school senior from Humboldt High School, Guadalupe Area Program, Edison High School, Southwest High School, Harding High School, Two Rivers High School (aka. Henry Sibley), Richfield High School, Roosevelt High School, Washburn High School, Highland Park High School, The FAIR School, South St. Paul Secondary, St. Croix Lutheran Academy, Minneapolis South High School, Takoda Prep, or El Colegio Charter School.

Award for Aspirations in Computing	October28, 2025	Varies	For students who identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary. Celebrates achievements and interests in computing and encourages students to pursue their passions.
Elk's Most Valuable Student	November 12th, 2025	$1,000 – $12,500/year	Scholarship for high school seniors planning on enrolling in a four-year college program. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.
Haz U College Grant Program	November 2, 2025	$2,000 - $15,000	Open to high school seniors with Hispanic heritage that have focused on academic excellence, dedicated service to their community, and demonstrated leadership.
Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards	November 2, 2025	$3,500	Open to high school seniors with Hispanic heritage. Students received a grant either to fund their higher education or a community project.
JackKent Cooke Scholarship	November 12th, 2025	Up to $55,000/year	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.
Dell Scholars Program	February 15, 2026	$20,000	Scholarship for high school seniors who have participated in a College Readiness Program (AVID, College Possible, GEAR UP, etc.) in their Junior and Senior years. In addition to the scholarship, students will receive access to personalized college support and a laptop.
Ron Brown Scholar Program	December 1st, 2025	$40,000	Scholarship for Black/African American current seniors in high school. Demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship, and global citizenship. Write 2 500-word essays; one answering a specific question, and one that you submitted to apply for college.
Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship	November20, 2025	Varies based on financial need	The Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, & doctoral degrees at accredited colleges in the United States by offering financial support, community resources, and professional development.
Burger King McLamore Foundation	December 15th, 2025	$1,000 - $50,000	Scholarship available for current high school seniors planning to attend college. Awards are selected based on GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service.
Students of Integrity Scholarship	November 17, 2025	$2,500	Open to high school seniors. The BBB scholarship is primarily based on a written essay which must convey how the student has overcome a personal struggle or challenge by applying one or more of the Uncommon Sense principles.

APIA Scholarship Program	January 15th, 2026	$2,500 - $20,000	Program with a focus on supporting Asian and Pacific Islander students who live at or below the poverty line; are in the first generation of their family to attend college; are representative of the APIA community's diversity, (geographically and ethnically}, especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity. Strong applicants would have an emphasis on community service and leadership.
The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	January 7th, 2026	Up to $30,000 over 4 years	A scholarship for graduating seniors planning to attend a 4-year institution. This scholarship provides a multi-faceted experience designed to not only address the financial needs of students who aspire to attend college but to guide them through the process of higher education.
John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest	January 12th, 2026	$10,000	Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level. Write an essay between 700-1,000 words. Use at least five varied sources such as government documents, letter, newspaper articles, book, and/or personal interviews.
Youth on Course College Scholarships	January, 2026	$4,000 - $20,000 over 4 years	Open to high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarships are given out after an interview and are both need and merit based.
VSA International Young Soloists Award	January 7th, 2026	$2,000	Open to U.S. and international young musicians with disabilities, either soloists or ensembles of any genre or instrument, including voice. Includes opportunities to participate in professional development and performance opportunities.
ExploraVision Awards	February 3, 2026	$10,000	A science competition for students of all interest, skill, and ability levels. Encourages students to combine their imaginations with the tools of science to create and explore a vision of future technology. Work in a group of two, three, or four, as well as a teacher as a team coach. Select a technology which is present in the home, school, community, or anything relevant to their lives. They will then explore what the technology does, how it works, and how, when, and why it was invented.
KPMG Future Leaders Program	February 1st, 2026	$10,000/year	The KPMG Future Leaders Program will award 22 deserving female high school seniors: a scholarship of $10,000 per year for four years of college, a pairing with an executive woman mentor for one-year, and KPMG Future Leaders Retreat and ongoing KPMG support.
Wallin Education Partners	2-year program open Feb13-April 2026 4-year program opens January 28, 2026	$16,000 ($4,000/year)	Scholarship for graduating seniors who are attending either a 2-year or 4-year public or private institution in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or any HBCU. Students should have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrated financial need. This scholarship includes access to individualized advising, and career/internship resources.

Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Scholarship	February 2026	$3,500/year	Award for qualified students desiring to attend an institution to pursue careers in music education, performance, or music therapy.
Point Foundation Community College Scholarship	Opens January 2026	$2,400 - $4,800	The Point Foundation Community College Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their associate degree or intend to transfer to a four-year college or university in the United States by offering financial support, community resources, and professional development.
TheDream.US National Scholarships	Opens November 1	$16,500 - $33,000,	Open to undocumented immigrant students who came to the US before the age of 16 or before Nov. 1, 2017. This scholarship covers tuition and fees at one of their partner colleges.
Point Foundation BIPOC Scholarship	October 23, 2025	$1,500	The Point Foundation BIPOC Scholarship aims to mitigate generations of racism and an education system born from discriminatory policies by providing financial support, community resources, and professional development to LGBTQ students who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.
Catch a Break	Opens Nov 15 – check back	$11,000/year	A scholarship for Minnesota residents who have faced challenges in life, learned from them, and are enrolling in post-secondary education. Students will share challenges they have faced, and why they are motivated to receive a college education.
Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship	Opens Dec 1-March 1 – check back	$2,500	The Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.
MnACC BIPOC Student Scholarship	Opens Jan15-March 18, check back	$1,000 - $2,500	Open to high school seniors who identify as BIPOC. Write a 500–1000-word essay about Leadership & Community Engagement, Diversity, or what empowers you and what completing your degree would mean to you.
McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarship	April 24, 2026	$15,000	Open to students planning to attend an HBCU during the 2024-2025 academic year. Students should have demonstrated leadership abilities and financial need. Students will submit a professional image with their school logo and create a video answering how their education can empower them to achieve Black Excellence.

The following scholarships have not yet announced details for the coming school year. Check their websites throughout the year for updates or visit your school's College & Career Center!

Name	Previous Deadline	Amount	Description
Latino Scholarship Fund	May 22nd, 2023	$2,500	Latino entrepreneurs, community leaders, foundations and local businesses have come together to develop a scholarship fund to support talented Latino students who aspire to build their future through higher education. The LEDC Latino Scholarship Fund was created to help these students continue their post-secondary studies.
The Gates Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	Full cost of Attendance	A highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.
The Minnesota Association for Korean Americans	October 15th, 2025	$1500	A scholarship for Minnesota high school seniors of Korean origin/heritage who plan to pursue a higher education. Write a 2–3-page essay about what it means to be Korean American in Minnesota.
Equitable Excellence Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$2,500 - $20,000	Open to high school seniors planning on attending a 2-year or 4-year school after graduation. This scholarship recognizes students who show potential by demonstrating the qualities of leadership, determination and resilience as critical enablers of their future success.
WTS Advancing Women Advancing Transportation	January 8th	$2,000	WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging new professionals and students to pursue careers in transportation. One way it does this is by awarding a scholarship to high school girls interested in the field of transportation engineering, planning, or design.
Davidson Fellows Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$50,000	Create a project or piece of work in the categories of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy, or Outside the Box.
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	February	$500 - $5,000	Open to high school seniors with Hispanic heritage that are planning to enroll in a public university the following year. In addition to the scholarship, this award includes career services, mentorship, leadership development, knowledge building, and wellness training, as well as access to internships and career opportunities.

Richard and Louise Varco Scholarship Program	Currently closed, Check back	$5,000	The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist high school seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited college or vocational school in Minnesota.
AKADPO Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$500 - $2,000	Open to high school seniors who are African American or of African descent. Submit an essay and resume demonstrating leadership and community service.
Foundation 649 Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$1,000/year	Scholarship for young, talented Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are actively elevating and serving their communities across the country. Students will write a short essay or other form of media (film, photography, etc.) sharing their story.
The Links Inc. Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$1,000 - $3,000	Open to high school seniors of African American descent. Students should plan to enter a 2–4-year school in the fall. Apply and share a personal statement about yourself and your academic and career goals.
William C. & Corinne J. Dietrich Scholarship	Currently closed, Check back	$10,000	Scholarship available for any high school student in Minnesota. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances and an online recommendation.
The Donohue Family SkillPointe Scholarship	Check back in 2026	$2,000	Scholarships are available to individuals of all backgrounds pursuing vocational training in industries such as construction, communications, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, public service, technology, and transportation.
MGA Foundation Women's Scholarship	Unknown	$3,000/year	Available to high school senior girls who intend to enroll in college the year they submit this application. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and live in Minnesota. Scholarship funds may be applied toward tuition, books, room and board. A scholarship recipient must be enrolled and continue as a full-time student at an accredited college or university. Golf Interest.
AFSA and USIP National High School Essay Contest	Check back in October 2025	$2,500 + All expense paid voyage with Semester at Sea	Research international issues and write an essay about a topic of global significance and the key role that diplomacy can play in connecting people and ideas. Past themes have included "Partnerships for Peace in a Multipolar Era", "Diplomats & Peacebuilder", and "Why Diplomacy and Peacebuilding Matter".
Page Education Foundation Grant	Currently closed, Check back	$1,500 - $2,500	Page Grants are awarded to Minnesota students of color who attend Minnesota post-secondary schools and agree to complete annual service projects with young children. The selection process highlights an applicant's attitude toward education, willingness to provide service to children, and financial need.

Kao Kalia Yang Scholarship Program	Check back in December 2025	$5,000/year	Scholarship for high school seniors who are blood descendants of Hmong race or ethnically identify as Hmong American. Students should have a household income at or below the Federal Low-Income Level and take part in an online interview if chosen as a finalist.
Village Scholars	Check back in 2026	$5,000/year	The Village Scholars scholarship seeks to foster the creative endeavors of graduating Minneapolis high school students by offering a recurring $5,000 scholarship to students interested in pursuing an education and career in a creative field. Essay required describing how the arts have impacted the student's life and how the scholarship would help them achieve their goals of pursuing an education/career in the arts.
EMPOWER Scholarships	Check back in 2026	$1,500	The EMPOWER (Encourage Minority Participation in Occupations with Emphasis on Rehabilitation) Scholarship, administered by the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute encourages and supports ethnically diverse students who are pursuing a career in a medical or rehabilitation field. Applicants must identify how they will use their education and training and demonstrate their interest in rehabilitation. Selection is based on the applicant's stated intentions, past achievements, need, and graduation ranking.
Melvin and Sally Mooty Scholarship	Check back in 2026	$1,000	The program is intended to assist people who have a sensory impairment or physical disability who want to pursue educational goals or gain technical expertise beyond high school. Applicants will need to identify how a scholarship will support their educational aspirations and career goals. Selection emphasis is placed on the applicants' intentions and achievements rather than solely on their graduation ranking.
Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards	Closed for now, check back	$200	Poetry has a way of moving us past facts and immersing us into an experience. Submit your own original poetry that explores positive visions of peace and the human spirit.
CEW IV Foundation Scholarship Program	Closed for now, check back	$500	Open to BIPOC high school seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Demonstrate academic merit and financial need, and submit an essay regarding how the recent social justice movement has impacted you or those around you?
Unigo Make Me Laugh Scholarship	Closed for now, check back	$1,500	We don't want to know why you deserve $1,500 or how great your grades are, we simply want to LOL. Write and describe an incident in your life, funny or embarrassing (fact or fiction), and make us laugh! (250 words or less)

Unigo Shout It Out Scholarship	Closed for now, check back	$1,500	Have something on your mind? Let it out, or better yet SHOUT it out. Give your thoughts a voice. Whether it's a message for the world or just a quick, "hi mom," this is your opportunity to speak up and win money for college. (250 words or less)
Lindsey Vonn Foundation Scholarship	Closed for now, check back	$5,000	Showcase your ability to overcome obstacles, discover grit, and pursue a passion. This scholarship can be applied to any enrichment activity (camps, prep-classes, clubs) that help you engage in your passions.
The SchoolHouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program	June 1st – currently closed, check back in 2026	$2,500 + all expenses paid trip to DC	Open to students who are attending college for the first time in 2023 who have experienced homelessness in the last 6 years. Write 3 essays and submit a letter of recommendation.