



## SCHOLARSHIP MATRIX December 2024

NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>The Kosove Society Scholarship - USF</b>	Full Ride Scholarship	12	<p>The Kosove Society, one of the most prestigious awards given to USF students, consists of a group of undergraduate and graduate students with a passion for leadership, community service, and academics. Scholars come from diverse backgrounds and pursue medical, engineering, education, social science, fine arts, and business degrees—to name just a few of the disciplines in which Kosove scholars engage. Every year, we accept applications from <b>incoming freshmen</b> (high school seniors), rising USF juniors, and graduate students.</p> <p>Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now open and the <b>undergraduate deadline is December 6, 2024</b>. Undergraduate minimum requirements are 3.5 GPA, 1250 SAT or 28 ACT. Interviews will be held for selected applicants from February to March 2024.</p> <p><b>Applications and more information can be found by visiting our website <a href="http://www.usfkosovesociety.org">www.usfkosovesociety.org</a>.</b></p>	12/6/24
<b>Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART Scholarship</b>	Full Tuition	12	<p>To honor the lifetime work of Representative Dellums, Congress established the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART Scholarship, with the goal to increase participation of underrepresented students in the DoD STEM workforce. This opportunity expands the SMART scholarship opportunity to rising college freshmen who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of the 24 SMART STEM disciplines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a citizen of the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand or United Kingdom</li> <li>• Be 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2026</li> <li>• Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Be currently pursuing, or intend to pursue in Fall 2025, a degree in SMART STEM discipline. Be a rising freshman pursuing a bachelor's degree by the program start date</li> <li>• Ability to complete summer internships</li> <li>• Accept a one-for-one post-graduation service commitment as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b> <a href="https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=smart_index">https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=smart_index</a></p>	12/6/24
<b>Dell Scholars Program</b>	\$20,000	12	<p>The Dell Scholars program is a scholarship and college completion program that nurtures and empowers students on their path to a college degree. Since starting the program in 2004, the Michael &amp; Susan Dell Foundation has supported 5,000 scholars, including more than 2,000 college graduates.</p> <p><b>See eligibility requirements and apply here:</b> <a href="https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/">https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/</a></p>	12/1/24
<b>Burger King Scholars</b>	\$1,000 to \$60,000	12	<p>For employees, employee's spouses or domestic partners, employees' children and high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.</p> <p>For requirements, more information and how to apply, visit: <a href="http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org">www.bkmclamorefoundation.org</a></p> <p><b>For requirements, more information and how to apply, visit:</b> <a href="http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org">www.bkmclamorefoundation.org</a></p>	12/15/24

<b>Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star FL Eastern Star Grant Program</b>	Varied Amounts	12	Class of 2025 students must be accepted by a university, college, junior college, community college, or vocational institution. Link for info: <a href="http://floridaoes.org">Grand Chapter of Florida – Order of the Eastern Star (floridaoes.org)</a> (see scholarship information under “charities” tab)	<b>Varies</b>
<b>2025 Scholastic Art &amp; Writing Awards</b>	Varied Amounts	9-12	The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering creative teens and celebrating youth voices.  <b>For more information on opportunities, please visit:</b> <a href="#">Home   Scholastic Art and Writing Awards</a>	<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> and after</b>
<b>Artist Paj'on Scholarship</b>	\$500-\$4,000	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be attending college by Fall Semester 2025</li> <li>• Must be a minority</li> <li>• Must provide transcript (official transcript or unofficial) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0</li> <li>• Must complete the application</li> <li>• Must be attending high school in the hillsborough county FL area or surrounding counties</li> <li>• Must provide two letters of recommendation from non-relatives</li> <li>• Must provide at least a 500-word essay (topics provided on website)</li> </ul> <b>Application:</b> <a href="http://www.apsscholarships.org">www.apsscholarships.org</a>	<b>3/1/25</b>
<b>Spectrum Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship</b>	\$1,000	12	One qualified high school senior from each of our seven area counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk will be awarded \$1,000. Project Weather Scholarship is granted as part of Spectrum Bay News 9's commitment to educating children about science and weather. <a href="https://baynews9.com/projectweather">https://baynews9.com/projectweather</a>	<b>1/14/25</b>
<b>Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a graduating, minority high school senior</li> <li>• Be a United States citizen</li> <li>• Present evidence of financial need</li> <li>• Demonstrate a record of academic excellence</li> <li>• Demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service</li> <li>• Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college/university within the United States or affiliated with a United Statesbased college or university</li> <li>• Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college</li> </ul> <b>For more information and application:</b> <a href="https://jackierobinson.org/apply/">https://jackierobinson.org/apply/</a>	<b>1/9/25</b>
<b>Mas Family Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	The Mas Family Scholarships program is dedicated to celebrating Cuban heritage and empowering future generations of Cuban Americans. Our mission is to recognize and reward outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, and a strong commitment to community service. We are passionate about supporting talented individuals who embody the spirit of our Cuban community.  Mas Family Scholarships will accept applications <b>until January 31, 2025</b> . We encourage all eligible candidates to apply for this prestigious opportunity to gain mentorship and financial support to achieve their higher education goals.  <b>For more information and application:</b> <a href="#">Scholarship Information - Mas Family Scholarships</a>	<b>1/31/25</b>
<b>Fidelity Scholars Program</b>	Varies	12	The Fidelity Scholars program will fund bachelor's degree recipients for up to four years of study. As a need-based renewable scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined at the college or university in which you are enrolling. The Fidelity Scholars Program uses a last dollar approach. That means your	<b>1/30/25</b>

			scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other grant-based financial aid sources have been included.  <b>For more information:</b> <a href="https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program">https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program</a>	
<b>JFK Library Profile in Courage Essay Contest</b>	Varies	9-12	The essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Employees of John Hancock Financial Services and members of their families are not eligible to participate. See website for additional essay contest requirements and how to enter: <a href="https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/eligibility-and-requirements">https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/eligibility-and-requirements</a>	1/17/25
<b>Mensa Foundation Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	The Mensa Foundation works to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity and to encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence.  <b>Among the Mensa Foundation's major programs is its scholarship program, which annually gives over 100 awards based on the merit of a short essay submission. Essays are submitted online, at <a href="https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/">https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/</a> no later than January 15th.</b>	1/15/25
<b>The Elouise Rice Robinson Memorial Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	The Elouise Rice Robinson Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship in honor of Elouise Rice Robinson, a loving mother, devoted wife, committed daughter and talented educator who was born, raised, and lived in Plant City, Florida. Her children Hazel Robinson, Debra Robinson-Sanders, Derriel Robinson, and Regina Robinson-Smith honor and remember her through this scholarship. Purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and assist outstanding students of African-Descent to pursue a higher education degree in the college of their choice. The categories that students may qualify for are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scholarship</li> <li>● Leadership</li> <li>● Entrepreneurship</li> <li>● Community Service</li> <li>● Creative Arts</li> </ul> Students must be accepted into a 2- or 4-year college before receiving funds. Scholarship will be a minimum of \$250 each and up to \$1,000. Students are encouraged to apply online at <a href="http://www.err-foundation.org">www.err-foundation.org</a> but the application can also be found in Xello and be emailed to ERRobinsonFoundation@gmail.com	3/31/25
<b>The Coolidge Scholarship of America</b>	Varies	11	2024 Coolidge Scholarship applicants must intend to enroll full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university as an undergraduate for the first time in fall 2024. That is to say, students in their junior year of high school, or the equivalent if home schooled, are eligible to apply. (Students who are currently high school juniors but take some courses at a local college are indeed eligible to apply for the Coolidge Scholarship.)  <b>For more information go to <a href="https://coolidgescholars.org/">https://coolidgescholars.org/</a></b>	12/11/24
<b>JCI Senate Scholarship</b>	\$1,500	12	Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice. Application: <a href="http://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program">http://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program</a>	1/17/25
<b>Hillsborough Education Foundation Senior Scholarships</b>	Varies	12	Hillsborough Education Foundation awards twelfth grade students with aspirations of continuing their education after high school at a university, community or technical college with scholarships ranging from \$500 to	1/31/25

			<p>\$40,000. Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria such as GPA, field of study, financial need, challenges overcome, SAT/ACT scores, school, community service or extracurricular activity participation and vary from scholarship to scholarship</p> <p><b>Information and Application:</b>  <a href="https://educationfoundation.com/linksforstudents/senior-scholarships/">https://educationfoundation.com/linksforstudents/senior-scholarships/</a></p>	
<b>The LPGA Foundation</b>	Varies	12	<p>The LPGA Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships and grant funding for high school students and eligible LPGA-USGA Girls Golf programs to continue our mission of empowering and inspiring girls through the game of golf. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.lpga.com/lpga-foundation/scholarships">https://www.lpga.com/lpga-foundation/scholarships</a></p>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Foundation 649 Scholarship</b>	(5) 4,000	12	<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a degree-seeking, full-time student enrolling in a U.S. accredited university in Fall 2025 as a freshman or transferring from a community college.</li> <li>• Identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander</li> <li>• Have a track record of involvement and interest in AAPI communities, issues, or causes.</li> <li>• Have demonstrated financial need for the scholarship.</li> <li>• Be a US citizen, resident, or foreign national. Undocumented students are also welcome to apply.</li> <li>• The Foundation 649 Scholarship is a grant of \$4,000 over the course of 4 years that can be applied to college tuition and expenses. To maintain eligibility each year, there will be a brief check-in and renewal process at the end of each school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information and application:</b> <a href="https://foundation649.com/">https://foundation649.com/</a></p>	<b>3/1/25</b>
<b>Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships</b>	(10) \$6,250	12	<p><b>Requirements</b>  You must be a current high school senior.  You must live in the Tampa Bay area of Florida (Pinellas and Hillsborough counties only) or Marion or Florence, SC, or Avery County, NC.  You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.  You must have overcome significant obstacles in life.  You must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.  You must aspire to attend a PUBLIC university as an in-state resident in Florida, South Carolina or North Carolina, depending on your residency.  This scholarship does not help with the costs of attendance for an out-of-state school.  You must have financial need, indicated through the FAFSA application.</p> <p><b>More information and application:</b>  <a href="https://sunshineopportunitiescholarships.com/">https://sunshineopportunitiescholarships.com/</a></p>	<b>3/2/25</b>
<b>Anne Massey General Scholarship</b>	1,000	12	<p>The Florida Society Colonial Dames XVII Century sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship to a Florida high school senior who will be attending a Florida four-year college or university or an accredited Florida community college. The student must be enrolled in college full-time, show financial need and have a 3.0 GPA or above. The student must submit an acceptance letter from the college of choice, a transcript of grades, two letters of reference, and one page telling his/her aims, ambitions and financial need.</p> <p><b>More information and application in Xello. Application is to be emailed to: <a href="mailto:sminders@yahoo.com">sminders@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<b>4/1/25</b>
<b>Vic Hall Jazz Scholarship</b>	2,000	12	<p><b>APPLICANTS:</b>  Graduating seniors of Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas County Schools (2024-2025) interested in studying jazz music in college</p> <p><b>AMOUNT:</b> \$2000 award</p> <p><b>MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:</b></p>	<b>5/31/25</b>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum GPA of 2.0</li> <li>• Applicants must have demonstrated musical proficiency with a strong interest in furthering their studies in jazz at an accredited community college or university in the fall of 2025</li> <li>• Financial need considered</li> </ul> <p><b>More information and application:</b>  <a href="#">Tampa Jazz Club Scholarship Page</a></p>	
<b>The Charlie Houchell Arts Stars Scholarship</b>	2,500	11-12	<p>Scholarships of \$2,500 are annually awarded in each of six fine and performing arts disciplines: Dance, Theatre, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts. The one-time \$2,500 scholarship is applied directly towards tuition expenses at the college, university, conservatory or professional training program of the selected student's choice. Winners will be selected based on talent and merit by a panel of judges who are experts in their respective fields.</p> <p><b>Applicants Must:</b>          Be juniors or seniors in high school          Attend school in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee or Pasco county          Not be previous awardees</p> <p><b>More information and application:</b>  <a href="#">Kaleidoscope</a></p>	<b>2/16/25</b>
<b>Nativity Catholic Church St. Gerard Circle Scholarship</b>	\$1,000	12	<p>St. Gerard Circle is offering a scholarship to one eligible parishioner seeking higher education. The award is offered to an applicant who shows a devotion to their faith and demonstrates how he/she applies faith to everyday life. The applicant must also meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a high school senior.</li> <li>• Must be a registered parishioner of Nativity Catholic Church (family member or individual).</li> <li>• Must be a resident of the Greater Brandon area and currently attending a local high school (or homeschooled in the local Brandon area).</li> <li>• Must apply to an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e. Junior College, 4-year college, university or technical institute).</li> <li>• Have an academic standing of a 3.0 unweighted – grade point average.</li> </ul> <p><b>More information and application:</b>  <a href="#">Scholarship</a></p> <p><b>Applications may be submitted via the following link:</b>  <a href="#">St. Gerard Scholarship Application - Google Forms</a></p>	<b>3/24/25</b>
<b>Florida Bright Futures</b>	Varied Amounts	12	<p><b>For specific requirements and application visit:</b>  <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org</a></p>	<b>8/31/25</b>
<b>University of South Florida Foundation Scholarships</b>	Varied amounts	12	<p>Please visit <a href="https://giving.usf.edu/about/scholarships">https://giving.usf.edu/about/scholarships</a> to view scholarships in detail and download the application.</p>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Hillsborough Community College</b>	Varied Amounts	12	<p>See link below for specific scholarships  <a href="https://www.hccfl.edu/paying-college/financial-aid-and-scholarships/scholarships-grants-and-work-study">https://www.hccfl.edu/paying-college/financial-aid-and-scholarships/scholarships-grants-and-work-study</a></p>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>University of Tampa</b>	Varied Amounts	12	<p>See link below for specific scholarships  <a href="http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/">http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/</a></p>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>College Board Opportunity Scholarship</b>	\$500-\$40,000	9-12	<p>Build your college list for a chance to earn a \$500 scholarship, and you'll be eligible to win once you sign up for the program when it opens. Link for info: <a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships</a> Explore colleges and start adding the ones you're interested</p>	<b>On going</b>

			into your list. You'll need to add six or more colleges to be eligible for the scholarship.	
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Varied Amounts	12	Get help paying for college! Apply by clicking on the link below. See your counselor to assist you with this process. <a href="https://fafsa.gov/">https://fafsa.gov/</a>	On going

### Other scholarship opportunities and resources:

- **Scholly** – A mobile app that provides students with a fast and simple way to find scholarships for college. (Created by Christopher Gray, a Coca-Cola Scholar!)
- **Fastweb** – Create a profile and let Fastweb do the research on scholarships, internships colleges and more for you.
- **Appily** – A free website where you can learn which colleges want you, before you apply and learn about more than \$11 billion in merit aid scholarships.
- **Scholarship America** – Provides information and resources for your scholarship search.
- **HS Finder (Hispanic Scholarship Fund)** – Scholarship information for Latino students.
- **Thurgood Marshall College Fund** – Provides scholarships, programmatic and capacity building support to the 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- **Gates Millennium Scholars** – Provides outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose.
- **Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund** – The nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).
- **American Indian College Fund** – Provides Native American students with scholarships and financial support for the nation’s 33 accredited tribal colleges and universities.
- **UNCF** – Awards 10,000 students each year through 400 scholarship and internship programs so that students from low- and moderate-income families can afford college tuition, books and room and board.
- **Reagan Foundation Scholarships** - Scholarship opportunities for outstanding student leaders.
- **Goizueta Legacy Scholarship** - Provides scholarships for the children of Coca-Cola employees.
- **Native Forward Scholars Fund** - The largest scholarship providers to Native students in the United States, awarding \$15 million in scholarships annually and more than \$200 million since inception. For almost 50 years, AIGC has funded students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in any field of study at any accredited institution of choice, working with over 500 tribes in all 50 states.
- **Cirkled In** – A secure, FREE platform for students to create an electronic portfolio showcasing their holistic skills and achievements to get discovered by colleges and increase success rate for applications. Enter to Win a \$2500 Scholarship by creating a free account on [www.cirkledin.com](http://www.cirkledin.com) and clicking the apply now button.
- **Bold.org**- Create and win scholarships, earn exclusive student banking rewards, access educational resources, and more with the #1 Scholarship and Student Banking Platform.

\*If you have a scholarship opportunity that you would like to add to our matrix, please contact [Kathryn.Branham@hcps.net](mailto:Kathryn.Branham@hcps.net)