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**Division of Student Support  
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# **SCHOLARSHIP MATRIX**

## **January 2024**

NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
<b>Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star FL Eastern Star Grant Program</b>	Varied Amounts	12	Class of 2024 students, must be accepted by a university, college, junior college, community college, or vocational institution. Students are required to submit a 5-paragraph essay on the subject of "What does Freedom of Speech mean to you?" <b>See your school counselor for application.</b>	1/1/24
<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>	1/8/24
<b>Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	ELIGIBILITY 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 within the United States or affiliated with a United States-based 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>	1/10/24
<b>Fidelity Scholars Program</b>	Varies	12	Requirements: The program is open to underrepresented and historically underserved students ages 16-24 who are permanent residents of Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington DC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5 – 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED</li> <li>• Pell-eligible and/or demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• Attend as an incoming 2024-25 freshman as an in-state resident at a four-year accredited, non-profit college or university.</li> </ul> <b>For more information and application:</b> <a href="https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program">https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program</a>	1/11/24
<b>JFK Library Profile in Courage Essay Contest</b>	\$100 to \$10,000	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.  <b>See website for additional essay contest requirements and how to enter:</b> <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>	1/12/24

<b>Mensa Foundation Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	<p>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.</p> <p>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> between September 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<b>1/15/24</b>
<b>Kevin Knox II, Karter Knox, and the D.E.L.T.A., Inc. Foundation Scholarships</b>	Varies	12	<p>Apply to three scholarships with one application!  Applicant must be a graduating, college-bound, High School Senior who attends a public, private, parochial or charter school in Hillsborough County, Florida. The target population is African American male or female students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to begin their first year of college. GPA of 3.0 or above required to apply.</p> <p><b>For more information, go to:</b> <a href="https://deltainctampabay.org/scholarships">https://deltainctampabay.org/scholarships</a></p>	<b>1/15/24</b>
<b>The Coolidge Scholarship of America</b>	Varies	11	<p>2023 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.)</p> <p><b>For more information go to</b> <a href="https://coolidgescholars.org/">https://coolidgescholars.org/</a></p>	<b>1/18/24</b>
<b>JCI Senate Scholarship</b>	\$1,000	12	<p>Each year (April) \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities, or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually will be at the discretion of the Florida JCI Senate Foundation. The monies 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 their choice.</p> <p><b>Application:</b> <a href="http://uscisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program">http://uscisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program</a></p>	<b>1/19/24</b>
<b>Nu Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Thelma Louise Stokes Craig Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	<p>Applicant must:  Be a Black/African-American female high school senior  Be enrolled in an accredited public, parochial, charter, or private high school in Hillsborough County, FL  Plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year.</p> <p><b>Link for more information and/or Application:</b>  <a href="https://jotform.com">General Scholarship Application (jotform.com)</a></p>	<b>1/20/24</b>
<b>Hillsborough Education Foundation Senior Scholarships</b>	Varies	12	<p>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 \$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>1/31/24</b>

<b>BVA scholarship</b>	\$1000	12	The Beirut Veterans of America is pleased to provide an opportunity for any college or trade-school student. <b>For more information/application:</b> <a href="https://www.beirutveterans.org/scholarship">https://www.beirutveterans.org/scholarship</a>	<b>1/31/24</b>
<b>Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	For information/application: <a href="https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply">https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply</a>	<b>1/31/24</b>
<b>The LPGA Foundation</b>	(5) \$2,500	12	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>	<b>1/31/24</b>
<b>Military Family Support Trust Application</b>	\$2,000-\$12,000	12	<p>Students whose parent, guardian, grand or great-grandparent meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Retired, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Officer, or a Former Officer of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, i.e. Officers (O-1 thru O-10), Warrant Officers (WO-1 thru WO-5) and Non-commissioned Officers (E-5 thru E-9).</li> <li>2. An Officer who died while on active duty in the service of his/her country.</li> <li>3. All recipients of the PURPLE HEART no matter their pay grade or length of service.</li> <li>4. A WWII Combat Veteran of the Merchant Marine who is recognized by the Veterans Administration.</li> <li>5. An Honorably Discharged or Retired Foreign Military Officer of an Allied Nation meeting the service and disability retirement criteria of his/her respective country and living in the US.</li> <li>6. Cadets in FL MFST JROTC Honors Program participating in school's special program.</li> </ol> <p>Student must be a High School Senior, need recommendation of his/her principal, must have achieved a minimum score of 21 on the ACT or 1,000 on SAT, and have a GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 grading scale. (Other test scoring not acceptable.)</p> <p><b>Application is available online at <a href="http://mfst.us/our-programs/scholarships/">http://mfst.us/our-programs/scholarships/</a> or at the Military Family Support Trust (MFST) Corporate Office, 1010 American Eagle Blvd., #400, Sun City Center, FL 33573.</b></p>	<b>2/1/24</b>
<b>Beta Sigma Zeta Chapter Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.</b>		12	<p>Must be a female senior high school senior who qualifies for free or reduced fare lunch based upon U.S. Federal guidelines. NOTE: Applicants do not have to receive free or reduced fare lunch, they simply need to meet the qualifications for it. Must be graduating in May (spring) of the award year and enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the fall of the same year.</p> <p>Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate financial need.</p> <p>Affiliation with any members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated or any of its auxiliary organizations is not a requirement. Community service and involvement is a plus.</p> <p><b>For more information and application, visit:</b> <a href="https://z-nefscholarships.smapply.org/res/p/Scholarship-Programs/">https://z-nefscholarships.smapply.org/res/p/Scholarship-Programs/</a></p>	<b>2/1/24</b>

<b>Artist Paj'on Scholarship</b>	(4) \$1,000 - \$5,000	12	<p>Eligibility Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be attending college Fall Semester 2024 at an accredited institution</li> <li>2. Must be a minority</li> <li>3. Must provide transcript (official transcript or unofficial) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0</li> <li>4. Must complete the online application</li> <li>5. Must provide two letters of recommendation from non-relatives</li> <li>6. Must be a 2024 graduating high school senior in the Tampa, FL or surrounding county area only (within 50 miles of hillborough county)</li> <li>7. Must provide at least a 500-word essay on one of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will you use your college education to improve your community?</li> <li>• Discuss a specific time where you displayed strong leadership qualities that will prepare you for your future</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Must Return completed Application and all requirements via online submission by February 1st 2024.</li> </ol> <p>For more information and application:  <a href="http://apsscholarships.org">apsscholarships.org</a></p>	<b>2/1/24</b>
<b>Hispanic Scholarship Fund</b>	Varies	12	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be of Hispanic heritage</li> <li>• U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA</li> <li>• Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students</li> <li>• Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2023-2024 academic year</li> <li>• Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p>To get started, visit <a href="http://HSF.net">HSF.net</a> and <a href="#">log into</a> or <a href="#">create</a> your myHSF profile to access the HSF Scholar Program Application</p>	<b>2/15/24</b>
<b>The Helping Project – Black American Engineering Scholarship Award</b>	Up to \$10,000	12	<p>A nonprofit out of Clearwater dedicated to improving lives through focused action. The Black American Engineering Scholarship Award provides up to \$10,000 in flexible scholarship funds plus a robust professional mentorship program for any Black American with a financial need to pursue a four-year degree in engineering.</p> <p>For more information and to apply online, students can visit their website at <a href="https://thehelpingproject.org/scholarship/">https://thehelpingproject.org/scholarship/</a></p>	<b>2/18/24</b>
<b>Florida PTA Scholarships</b>	\$2,000	12	<p>Florida PTA offers a minimum of four (4) scholarships, one each in the following categories: University, Fine Arts, Community College, and Vo-Tech, to a student graduating from a PTSA high school each year. This is a one-time (non-renewable) award of \$2,000.00 and will be awarded to a worthy student who is interested in getting a start in life through higher education.</p> <p>Must be a member of PTA/PTSA for 30 days. See website for info and application: <a href="https://floridapta.org/graduating-hs-seniors/">https://floridapta.org/graduating-hs-seniors/</a></p>	<b>2/29/24</b>
<b>TheDream.US National Scholarship</b>	Varies	12	<p>You are eligible to apply if you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are undocumented and came to the United States before November 1, 2017, and have continuously lived in the United States since then or have DACA or TPS;</li> <li>2. Came to the United States before the age of 16 (if you were born in the U.S. – you are not</li> </ol>	<b>2/29/24</b>

			<p>eligible for our scholarship);</p> <p>3. Have significant unmet financial need;</p> <p>4. Have graduated or will graduate from a United States high school (or have earned or will earn a high school equivalency diploma) before Fall of 2023;</p> <p>5. Graduated or will graduate with a high school GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale or have a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better;</p> <p>6. Intend to enroll full-time in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a Partner College in your state in the Fall of 2023 or Spring of 2024; and</p> <p>7. Are eligible for in-state tuition* at the Partner College you want to attend (not applicable if it is a private Partner College in your state).</p> <p>More information and application:  <a href="https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/">https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/</a></p>	
<b>Bailey Family Foundation</b>	\$5,000 per year for 4 years, up to \$20,000 total	12	<p><b><i>Application Opens January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.</i></b></p> <p>For information: <a href="http://www.bailey-family.org">www.bailey-family.org</a>.</p>	<b>2/29/24</b>
<b>Foundation 649 Scholarship</b>	(5) \$1,000	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 2024 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> </ul> <p><b>Information and application:</b> <a href="https://foundation649.com/">https://foundation649.com/</a></p>	<b>3/1/24</b>
<b>Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships</b>	(10) \$25,000	12	<p>Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate that they have overcome significant obstacles in life and have financial need as indicated through the FAFSA report. The Sunshine Opportunity Scholarships place special emphasis on these criteria in evaluating applications: Academic achievement, standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT), having overcome significant obstacles in life and financial need. Put your best effort into the essay as it reflects your intelligence and your education thus far and helps us to evaluate your potential for success in college.</p> <p><b>More information and application:</b>  <a href="https://sunshineopportunitiescholarships.com/">https://sunshineopportunitiescholarships.com/</a></p>	<b>3/2/24</b>
<b>National Panhellenic Conference Scholarships</b>	(10) \$2,000	12	<p>All scholarships are open to any Panhellenic woman, with the exception of the Phoenix Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship which is available to Panhellenic women attending a college or university in Arizona.</p> <p>Along with the application, the following materials are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resume</li> <li>• Transcript</li> <li>• Two (2) letters of support/recommendation (at least one from a college/university official or NPC sorority national officer/local chapter advisor)</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information and application:</b>  <a href="https://npcscholarships.com/NPC-Centennial-Scholarships-Application-2024">NPC Centennial Scholarships Application 2024 (smarterselect.com)</a></p>	<b>3/10/24</b>

Nativity Catholic Church St. Gerard Circle Scholarship	(2) \$1,000	12	<p><u>Applicant Eligibility:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a resident of the Greater Brandon area (surrounding area to include Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Plant City, etc.) 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>For more information and application:  <a href="https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/scholarship">https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/scholarship</a></p>	3/28/24
Mark Wandall Foundation Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>The Mark Wandall Foundation is proud to offer scholarships to graduating seniors and/or young adults (age 25 or younger) who are residents of the State of Florida seeking post-secondary education and who have suffered the death of a parent, sibling, or guardian.</p> <p><b>For more information and application:</b>  <a href="http://themarkwandallfoundation.org/scholarship-program/">themarkwandallfoundation.org/scholarship-program/</a></p>	3/31/24
Lambda Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc Golden Scholars Award	\$1,000	12	<p>The Lambda Theta Sigma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is offering a \$1,000 Golden Scholars Award scholarship to a minority female senior that has been accepted to a 4-year college/university. To be eligible you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have a weighted grade point average of 3.5 or higher.</li> <li>2. Submit proof of college acceptance.</li> <li>3. Submit a Permanent Record Summary or Transcript.</li> <li>4. Submit a 500-word essay responding to the following topic: <i>How will you do your part in improving the plight of minorities in the United States and globally, especially on the African continent?</i></li> <li>5. Submit proof of Expected Family Contribution from the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).</li> </ol> <p>Submit the completed application and attach a self-photo at <a href="http://www.ltssgrhos.org/golden-scholar-award/">www.ltssgrhos.org/golden-scholar-award/</a> by 4/1/24</p>	4/1/24
Metrohm USA STEM Scholarships	(2) \$2,500	12	<p>The Metrohm USA STEM Scholarships were created to provide financial support and recognition to high school students pursuing education and careers in STEM fields. These scholarships aim to encourage, empower and enable students to excel in disciplines that are often critical to technological advancement, scientific discovery and innovation.</p> <p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a graduating senior from any high school in Hillsborough County Public Schools</li> <li>• Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher based on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Must be accepted for full-time study at an accredited college or university and provide proof of acceptance</li> <li>• Must have completed at least 75 hours of community service and provide proof of hours</li> <li>• Must write an essay on how they plan to use their STEM degree (500 words or less)</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information and application:</b>  <a href="https://web.metrohmusa.com/stem-scholarship">https://web.metrohmusa.com/stem-scholarship</a></p>	4/1/24
Florida Bright Futures	Varied Amounts	12	<p><b>For specific requirements and application visit:</b>  <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org</a></p>	8/31/24
University of South Florida Foundation Scholarships	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>	Application opens Dec. 2023



Hillsborough Community College	Varied Amounts	12	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>	Varies
University of Tampa	Varied Amounts	12	See link below for specific scholarships <a href="http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/">http://www.ut.edu/financialaid/scholarshipsandgrants/</a>	Varies
College Board Opportunity Scholarship	\$500-\$40,000	9-12	The class of 2022 students, attending high school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories, can complete the first step now. 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 into your list. You'll need to add six or more colleges to be eligible for the scholarship.	On going
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>	Application opens December 2024

### **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.
- **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.
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- **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.

**\*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)**