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Scholarship Listings

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What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is a financial merit-based award that a student must apply for. Awards may include housing allowances, course materials, tuition assistance, or learning aides such as laptops. Other awards may just cover part of the tuition cost. This is dependent on the terms and conditions of the scholarship itself and what it offers. Scholarships may be a one-time cash award, or a recurring award lasting for an academic year or for the duration of your degree course. However, it will always have conditions attached, and this will most likely relate to your grade point average.¹

Why apply for scholarships?

You may feel like it isn't worth it to apply for scholarship awards because of how competitive many of them are. But someone has to win, so why shouldn't it be you? Landing an award isn't easy but there are ways to improve your chances, especially if the scholarship you find is focused on criteria specific to your student profile. One of the most important steps once you find an award that interests you is to read the directions (pay attention especially to deadlines), qualifications (if you don't meet the criteria exactly, don't apply) and fine print carefully (an award you have to pay for to receive could be a scam). Attention to detail will also keep you from making minor mistakes that will send your application to the bottom of the judges' pile. Remember that there are scholarship opportunities out there for everyone, even if your strengths have nothing to do with academics.²

When should I apply?

According to the National Scholarship Database, nearly 60 percent of scholarship deadlines fall between the months of February and April, but we have many scholarship deadlines at the beginning of the school year. Students should always submit their scholarship information before the application deadline. Some applications may require you to put in some time but once you've completed an application or two, you might find it will get easier and take less time with each additional application. You may even find that you're able to use components of some applications for other scholarships, such as essays or personal statements.

How do I set my scholarship application apart?

Scholarship competitions receive applications from numerous deserving students each year. With so many students who deserve an award, how do they choose just one or a few winners? Perhaps the most basic scholarship application strategy is to apply for scholarships you have the best chance of winning. While this seems obvious enough on the surface, figuring out what these scholarships are does require some thought. After you've finished your scholarship search, you can begin narrowing down the list to awards you think you have the best chance of winning. Perhaps you're an excellent writer, you've had a truly unique experience, or you are fascinated with the subject of a scholarship competition. Whatever the reason, there are likely to be scholarships that stand out as awards for things you can do, and do well.

Beyond deciding which scholarships to apply for, you should play to your strengths in constructing your scholarship application. Everything you put in your application should be designed to highlight your strengths, including the materials written by someone else. For example, if you need a letter of recommendation, ask someone who knows you well and can speak to your strengths, rather than someone with an impressive title or a friendly attitude that may not be able to go into the level of detail that scholarship providers would like to see.

A large part of your time and energy when applying for scholarships will be devoted to writing scholarship essays. Many scholarship applications require at least one essay and a large number of scholarship reviewers will rely heavily on the essay in choosing a scholarship winner. There are things you can do to write effective scholarship essays that save you time and highlight your strengths as an applicant. By learning about your audience and what they want (one way to do this is by reading about the scholarship contest's mission and reading previous years' winning essays), you can better tailor your scholarship application to their needs. This will immediately set you apart from the students who didn't bother to figure out exactly where they were submitting their scholarship application. And before submitting your essay, have someone proofread it and offer suggestions for improvement.

The most useful, and often overlooked, scholarship application strategy is paying attention to details. From making note of scholarship application deadlines to getting organized to formatting essays, paying attention to details can make the difference between winning a scholarship and finding your essay at the top of the reject pile. Be sure to always follow the rules, no matter how tiny or arbitrary, and to observe appropriate scholarship application etiquette. Taking these steps will ensure that it's the substance of your scholarship application that stands out, not the errors in its presentation.³

¹ "An Introduction to Scholarships." <http://onlinelearningarticles.com/introduction-scholarships/>. 9 March 2011.

² "Scholarship Information." www.scholarships.com. 9 March 2011.

³ "Scholarship Application Strategies." www.scholarships.com. 9 March 2011.

Some Helpful Scholarship Tips

- Check the website of the colleges/universities you're interested in. Search within those websites for scholarships specific to those colleges.
- Watch for weekly updates regarding scholarships from the Counseling Office. Updates are emailed and are listed on our website – <http://santafe.edmondschools.net/counselors/scholarships-financial-assistance/>. If you would like to receive email updates, contact your child's counselor: Last names A-G deanna.fleck@edmondschools.net, last names H-O linda.hood@edmondschools.net, last names P-Z lindsey.williams@edmondschools.net .
- Ask your teachers about scholarship opportunities in their area of expertise such as music, art, or writing.
- Check the display cases outside the Counseling Office. As we learn about scholarships, information regarding the scholarship is posted in the cases. Applications are often online but some apps are available in the Counseling Office.
- Follow ESFHS on twitter @ESFHScounseling.
- Have your parents ask their employers if any company-sponsored scholarships are available for employees' children.
- Often, colleges combine their application for admission with their scholarship applications. You may be asked to answer essay questions for scholarship consideration. Take your time and do your best on these essay questions.
- **WATCH THE DEADLINES!**
- Avoid mistakes on scholarship essays and applications. Always spell-check, proofread, and allow another person to proofread your scholarship applications and essay for errors.
- Apply for scholarships that may be local or those for small amounts. Even small scholarships can add up.
- Use multiple resources for scholarship information. Many scholarships offered in the free scholarship searches online are nationally known and are harder to win due to greater competition. Local and regional scholarships are not found as easily through an online search, although they may be easier to win because the applicant pool is smaller. You have to use a combination of resources to find as many scholarships to apply for as possible.
- In most cases scholarship decisions are based on a variety of criteria. These are a few of the most often used:
 - Grade point average
 - Percentile rank
 - Class Rank
 - ACT or SAT test score
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Community Service
 - Leadership
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Interviews
 - Personal statement or essay
 - Financial need

FREE SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT and LOAN INFORMATION ONLINE

Type "scholarship" into a Google search engine and you will get over 401,000,000 results. These are free resources. **Never** pay for scholarship searches or auto-completers. Most sites will do the searches for you and all you need to do is fill in a few forms.

Start with FAFSA. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1 of your senior year and every year you need financial aid. Many students don't realize they may qualify for federal aid such as grants, scholarships, work-study or low-cost student loans. Learn more at www.startwithfafsa.org

www.okhighered.org – Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. This site provides the information on starting your college search and funding your education in Oklahoma with links to many other web pages as well as information on all Oklahoma state colleges and universities.

www.okcollegestart.org – Comprehensive site for information about post-high school options in Oklahoma including college options, financial aid, careers, applications, and test prep.

www.fastweb.com – One of the largest free scholarship searches on the web. Database includes information on more than 1.5 million scholarships, grants, fellowships and loans for college students living in the United States. Also includes general information about Federal Student Aid.

www.finaid.org - Student guide to financial aid.

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html – US Dept of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education

www.salliemae.com – Provider of funding for Higher Education Loans

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams - Warnings about scholarship scam

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college> - Easy-to-navigate site with lots of good resources.

www.collegexpress.com – A college and scholarship match site.

www.scholarships.com – A scholarship match site.

www.cappex.com – Create a profile and find college and scholarship matches.

www.christianconnector.com – Christian college information.

www.studentscholarships.org – Scholarship database.

www.scholarshipamerica.org – Scholarship database.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are usually offered each year. Remember that scholarship deadlines vary from year to year. Be sure to check for applications early since some might be due at the beginning of the month or may have changed their due date from the previous year.

SEPTEMBER

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship - www.us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html

(12th grade) - \$2,500-\$25,000

- US citizen or legal resident and a high school senior
- Accomplished an outstanding achievement in a non-academic activity or project
- Consideration given to other extracurricular activities in school and community, work experience, and academic record over the past four year

Dr. Pepper Scholarship - www.drpeppertuition.com

(Seniors) - \$2,500 to \$100,000

- Must be at least 18
- Submit a 350 word essay describing how you'll change the world
- Submit a video that explains your goal, why it's important to you and how you plan to achieve it.

Elks "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships - <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

(12th grade) – up to \$60,000

- Applicants judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship
- To be used at any accredited U.S. college or university
- Student must be US citizen
- Must advance through local, district, and state competition to reach national competition

Lighthouse Guild Vision+Health for Visually Impaired High School Students – www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/scholarships/

- Scholarships up to \$10,000
- For college-bound seniors who are legally blind

Illustrators of the Future - www.writersofthefuture.com

(9th – 12th grade) – up to \$1,000 each quarter & \$5,000 annually

- New entries judged 4 times throughout the year
- Open to amateur Sci-Fi and Fantasy artists
- See website for size requirements and rules

Miss Oklahoma Teen USA Scholarship Pageant

(Females 14-18 years old) - \$36,000 scholarship for participants - \$57,000 scholarships for winners

- Begin application process on-line @ www.missoklahomausa.com
- Females 14-18 years old, US citizen and Oklahoma resident

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Dr. Aura-Lee and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship - <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

(12th grade) - \$2,000 each year for up to four consecutive years

- Several scholarship categories
- Based on academic excellence, commitment to field of study and/or financial need
- No affiliation with DAR is necessary
- Must be a US citizen

Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship - www.oklahomahof.com/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$6,000

- By teacher, counselor, or administrator nomination
- Based on demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of Oklahoma history, and on leadership in the community
- Student must commit to attending an Oklahoma college or university

OK Higher Ed Scholarship - <http://www.okhighered.org/tseip/>

(12th grade) – various amounts

- For students considering teaching math or science in Oklahoma
- Oklahoma helps to pay for student loans or gives a cash benefit if student teaches for 5 years

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards - www.spirit.prudential.com

(9th -12th grade) \$1000 scholarship for State Honorees, eligible for \$5000 national award

- Honors young people solely on the basis of volunteer work in your community *during the past year*
- Santa Fe will select two top student volunteers to nominate for the state award, which will include \$1000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington D.C. in May

UNCF – www.uncf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - various amounts

- UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members
- UNCF manages many scholarships of various amounts with different deadlines

United States Senate Youth Program

(11th & 12th grade) – Two \$2,000 scholarships in Oklahoma and a trip to Washington D.C. in March

- Must have been elected to student government offices
- Must be willing to include courses in government or related subjects in college
- See Mrs. Heath in the Counseling office if you are interested in applying

OCTOBER

AES Engineers Scholarship - www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php

(12th grade) - \$500

- Submit essay online to scholarships@aesengineers.com
- Deadline for entry: October 6, 2019

Coca-Cola Scholars Program - www.coca-colascholars.org

(12th grade) – up to \$20,000

- 3.0+ GPA and involved in school activities & clubs
- Leadership qualities
- Employment & Community Service
- Deadline is November 21, 2019

Dell Scholars Program - www.dellscholars.org

(11th & 12th grade) – \$20,000

- 2.4+ GPA, demonstrated financial need, planning on attending college for a bachelor's degree
- Must participate in an approved "college readiness program" for 2 years
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation Scholarships

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Info, criteria, and applications online @ www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/

Heart of America "The Christopher Reeve Award" - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/the-christopher-reeve-award>

(9th – 12th grade) - \$1,000

- Must demonstrate character and service to others

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans – <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

(12th grade) – \$6,000+

- 2.0+ GPA and involved in co-curricular & community activities
- Financial need
- US Citizen

National Honor Society Scholarship - <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship/>

(12th grade) – \$2,850-\$25,000

- Must be an NHS senior in good standing
- character, scholarship, service, and leadership
- contact NHS sponsor for more information
- three recommendations required

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: New Opportunities Scholar - www.occf.org

(11th grade) - \$2000

- First in family to attend college
- Demonstrated commitment to community and education
- Unweighted GPA between 3.3-3.79

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: Community Foundation Scholar – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) – \$2000

- Unweighted GPA between 3.25-3.79

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – 200+ scholarships – <https://www.occf.org/scholarships>

- Scholarship applications open October 1

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards - www.spirit.prudential.com

(9th -12th grade) \$1000 scholarship for State Honorees, eligible for \$5000 national award

- Honors young people solely on the basis of volunteer work in your community *during the past year*
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Ron Brown Scholar Program - www.ronbrown.org

(African-American Seniors) – 10 awards of \$10,000 per year for 4 years

- May be used at any university
- Must have excelled academically
- Exemplified exceptional leadership potential
- Participate in community service activities
- Demonstrate a financial need
- Two letters of recommendation & Essay
- Twenty finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a weekend selection process in Washington D.C. at the expense of the CAP Foundation

UCO Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship, President's Leadership Council and Emerging Leaders Scholarship

(12th grade) – Various amounts

- Will attend UCO in the fall
- Get information and apply online through UCO

NOVEMBER

ACS Scholars Award - <https://scholars.acs.org/prequal/>

(12th grade) – up to \$5,000 per year

- Must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian
- 3.0+ GPA in science courses
- Be pursuing a degree in a chemistry-related field

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Contest - www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee

(12th grade) – **full tuition and fees for 4 years**

- Must have nomination from school principal or counselor
- Must submit the "Common Application" and additional essays
- Must have SAT with 2 subject area tests OR ACT plus writing before November

Dell Scholars Program - www.dellscholars.org

(11th & 12th grade) – \$20,000

- 2.4+ GPA, demonstrated financial need, planning on attending college for a bachelor's degree
- Must participate in an approved "college readiness program" for 2 years
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident

Elks "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships - <http://www.elks.org/scholars/>

(12th grade) – up to \$60,000

- Applicants judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship
- To be used at any accredited U.S. college or university
- Student must be US citizen
- Must advance through local, district, and state competition to reach national competition

Gates Millennium Scholarship - www.gmsp.org

(12th grade) – **full cost of college attendance through graduation**

- Must be one of the following ethnic backgrounds: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific, African American, or Hispanic/Latino American (If American Indian/Alaska Native, provide certificate of tribal enrollment or proof of descent)
- Must be U.S. citizen, 3.30+ GPA
- Must be admitted to an accredited two or four year college
- Must be Pell Grant eligible as determined by the FAFSA and demonstrate financial need
- Must have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: Community Foundation Scholars - www.occf.org

(12th grade) - \$2,000

- GPA between 3.25 and 3.79 (unweighted)
- Demonstrated commitment to community and education

Oklahoma JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate Foundation Scholarship Program – www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program

(12th grade) – two \$500 scholarships, with the potential for additional scholarship award

- Based on scholastic abilities, extra-curricular activities, and financial need
- References, Personal Statement, application, and supporting material must be mailed and postmarked no later than 1/24/2020

ORU's Quest Whole Person Scholarship Competition - <http://www.oru.edu/quest/>

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Multiple competition dates throughout the year
- 2.6+ GPA, 20+ ACT, & nominated by a school official
- Must have a completed ORU application on file

Wal-Mart Dependent Scholarship - www.walmartfoundation.org

(12th grade) - \$3,000

- 2.5+ GPA - must have high academic and scholastic achievements & Active extracurricular or community involvement
- Financial need
- Essay Section
- Must be the dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's employee

Walton Family Foundation Scholarship - www.walmartfoundation.org

(12th grade) - \$13,000

- 22+ ACT or 1030+ SAT
- Financial need
- Must be the dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's employee

DECEMBER

Air Force ROTC Scholarship Programs - www.afrotc.com/scholarships

(11th grade) – up to full college or university cost

- Deadline is January 17, 2020
- 3.0+ GPA, 26+ ACT or 1240+ SAT
- Complete Application Fitness Test and Letter of Certification
- Be 17 years old prior to scholarship activation
- Be a US citizen or obtain US citizenship by the last day of the first term of freshman year of college

Army ROTC Scholarship – www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships

(12th grade) – up to \$60,000

- Good high school grades & extracurricular participation
- Pursue an Army-approved academic major (listed on application)
- Agree to accept a commission as either a Regular Army, Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve
- Meet physical standards
- 2.5+ GPA, three references & essay
- Handwriting preferred over computer

Burger King Scholars - www.burgerking.scholarsapply.org/information.php

(12th grade) - \$1,000

- 2.5+ GPA
- Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or Career Tech school in the fall

Oklahoma Junior Chamber International Senate Club Scholarship - www.jayceefoundationofok.org

(12th grade) – \$500

- Application available online

NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest - <http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

(9th -12th grade) – \$100-\$1,000

- Essay contest based on importance of the Second Amendment

JANUARY

Alliance/Merck Ciencia Hispanic Scholars Program - www.alliancescholars.org/scholarships.html

(12th grade) – \$42,500

- Must be planning to pursue a career in **science, technology, engineering, or math**
- Must apply online

Women Techmakers Scholars Program – www.womentechmakers.com/scholars

(12th grade, female) - \$10,000

- Enrolled at a U.S. university or college studying Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering or related
- Essays, questionnaire, two letters of reference, transcript, & online application

APIASF Scholarship Foundation - www.apiascholars.org/scholarship/

(12th grade, Asian or Pacific Islander) - \$2,500-\$8,000

- 2.7+ GPA & letter of recommendation
- Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the fall
- Must file FAFSA by October 1st

Clara Luper Scholarship, Oklahoma City University (OCU)

(12th grade) – full tuition, room and board, and membership in the President's Leadership Class

- Applicant must complete the Oklahoma City University Application for Admission and FAFSA
- Essay & Interview may be required
- Textbook allowance included
- One letter of recommendation
- Students are eligible for up to eight consecutive semesters of the scholarship, if a 3.0 GPA is maintained in college

Edmond Women's Club Scholarship – www.ewc.org/grants-scholarships

(12th grade – Males and Females) – up to \$1000

- One personal recommendation & one teacher recommendation
- A one-page essay describing why EWC should choose you as a scholarship recipient
- Official 7-semester transcript
- Interview

Edmond Women's Club – Learning Disabled High School Scholarship – www.ewc.org/grants-scholarships

(12th grade) - \$500

- Must be used only for payment of tuition, books, fees & educational supplies
- Must reside full-time in Edmond city limits
- Letter from counselor or teacher of record verifying Independent Education Plan
- One-page essay describing why EWC should choose you as a scholarship recipient
- Interview

Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling (GPACAC) - www.gpacac.net/scholarships

(12th grade) – Three different scholarships available from \$500-\$1000 each, see website for more details

- Complete application
- ACT composite score of 21 or higher
- 3.0+ GPA and a personal essay

Greater Oklahoma City Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship - <http://www.okcpanhellenic.org/scholarships>

(12th grade, females only)

- Must enter a university in Oklahoma with National Panhellenic Conference sororities in the fall after graduation. These universities are: Cameron, East Central, Northeastern State, Northwestern State, Rogers State, Southeastern, OU, OSU, UCO, OCU, and University of Tulsa.
- 3.25+ GPA and 22+ ACT
- Two sealed letters of recommendation
- Based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, citizenship.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund - www.hsf.net/scholarship

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must be of Hispanic heritage

National MS Society Scholarship Program - <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Living-Well-With-MS/Work-and-Home/Insurance-and-Financial-Information/Financial-Resources/Scholarship-Program/Scholarship-Resources>

(12th grade) – various amounts, various scholarships for students with chronic illness or disability

- Must have MS or have a parent with MS

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(12th grade) - \$2,000 each year for up to four consecutive years

- Several scholarship categories
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- No affiliation with DAR is necessary
- Must be a US citizen

National Honor Society Scholarship - <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship>

(12th grade) – \$2,850-\$25,000

- character, scholarship, service, and leadership
- contact NHS sponsor for more information

Oklahoma Association of Higher Education and Disability - <https://www.ahead-ok.org/>

(12th grade) – Three \$500 scholarships

- Pursuing an education at an Oklahoma CareerTech center, two-year college, or four-year college
- 2.0+ GPA, official transcript, three letters of recommendation, and listing of extra-curricular / work activities
- Documented disability

Poster Contest for High School Students - www.christophers.org/poster-contest

(9th - 12th grade) – up to \$1,000

- Original poster (16 x 20 inches) and submission form
- Must include “You can make a difference” on paper, or a .jpg file

Rotary Club of Edmond Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$2,000 - \$5,000 per Fall/Spring semesters for freshman and sophomore years

- 3.0+ GPA or 20+ ACT
- Typed personal letter including significant achievements, personal background information, financial/scholastic need, and educational/career goals
- One letter of recommendation (no relation to student)
- Must be enrolled as a full time student with a 2.5+ GPA to maintain eligibility
- Applications available in the Counseling Office

SAE Engineering Scholarship - www.sae.org/participate/scholarships

(12th grade) - Undesignated scholarships (\$1,000 - \$10,000) and University-sponsored scholarships (\$400 – full tuition)

- Must intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science

Sir Alexander Fleming Scholarships for Gifted Science Students - <https://omrf.org/education-outreach/fleming-scholar-program/>

(Summer Scholarship Program for students who have completed their junior year in high school)

- Twenty five scholarships offered
- Must have excellent academic standing and aptitude in science and mathematics
- Submit transcript and SAT or ACT scores
- 3 letters of recommendation by teacher, counselor, or principal
- Will work 8 weeks in the labs of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation during June and July and receive \$2,500 stipend
- Housing furnished by OMRF

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship - www.gwcf.org

(12th grade) - \$500- \$5,000

- Must be planning a career in local, state, or federal government
- Three copies of essays, letter of recommendation, transcript, ACT scores, and resume
- Application available online

Youth Foundation Grants - www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/youthfdn

(12th grade) – up to \$4,000 renewable for 4 years

- US citizen
- 3.5+ GPA, and additional criteria upon request
- Financial need
- Must be seeking higher education at an accredited U.S. university or college

FEBRUARY

Daughters of the American Revolution National Society Scholarships - www.DAR.org/national-society/scholarships

(12th grade) - various renewable amounts

- Multiple scholarships based on area of study
- Must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a local DAR chapter

Rotary Club of Edmond Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$2,000 to be disbursed Fall/Spring semesters of freshman and sophomore years

- 3.0 or higher GPA
- Online application detailing community service, financial need, strong academics and leadership/involvement
- One letter of recommendation

“Stuck at Prom” Scholarship - www.duckbrand.com/stuck-at-prom

(12th grade) – \$10,000 for each partner

- Students create their own prom outfits made entirely from Duck Tape, then wear those outfits to prom.
- Complete online application and submit 1 high-resolution photo to www.stuckatprom.com

Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling (GPACAC) - www.gpacac.net/scholarships

(12th grade) – Three \$1,000 scholarships to students in Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas

- For use at any college or university
- Personal Essay (500 word max), transcript, & counselor documentation
- ACT score 21-28, or SAT 1450-1900, Minimum 3.0+ GPA

Latino Agency High School Scholarship - www.lcdaok.com/lcda-high-school-scholarship/

(12th grade) – various amounts

- Must be Hispanic heritage
- 3.0+ GPA
- Additional essays, recommendations, and documents required
- Need-based scholarship

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Commander Family Scholarship – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$2,500

- Must be eligible for Community Foundations Scholars
- Provide documentation of work history

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Dan Zanowiak Memorial Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$5,000

- 3.0+ GPA, and ACT math sub-score of 24+
- Santa Fe graduates only with 6 semesters in Edmond schools
- Must major in engineering, finance, computer science, chemistry, mathematics, bio-medicine, etc.

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – New Opportunities Scholars scholarship

(11th grade) - \$2,000

- Must have 3.25-3.79 GPA
- Apply through counseling office (see Mrs. Fleck for more info)
- Must be first generation in family to attend college (parents, grandparents cannot have attended college)

Oklahoma City Community Foundation - Friends of Kim Jones Shelton Scholarship – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$500

- 3.25 GPA or higher
- Demonstrated commitment to education, school, and community.
- Demonstrated financial need

Oklahoma City Community Foundation: H.W. Almen – West OKC Rotary Scholarship - www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) \$2,000-\$4,000

- 2.75+ GPA and a family income not exceeding \$100,000
- Essay required

Oklahoma City Community Foundation – Michael Neal Minter Sr. Scholarship Fund – www.occf.org/scholarships

(12th grade) - \$1,200

- 3.0-3.79 GPA
- Must attend college in Oklahoma

OU Henderson Scholars Program Scholarship

(12th grade) – various amounts

- **Only students admitted to OU are eligible**
- Award based on academic promise, leadership ability and having exhibited local and community human relations activities and community development involvement.
- 3.25+ GPA, Class rank in upper 25%, and 26+ ACT or 1170+ SAT
- This scholarship is part of the OU General Scholarship application.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship OSU

(12th grade, male) – \$250-\$1,500

- Must attend OSU
- Judged on academic excellence, selfless leadership, service to the community, and a healthy lifestyle
- Submit one-page summary of academic honors, leadership experience and extracurricular activities
- Finalists will be interviewed
- NO requirement for affiliation with Sigma Phi Epsilon or any other fraternity

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program – www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890/

(12th grade) – **full tuition, room & board and is renewable each year while in college**

- US citizen
- 3.0 or higher GPA
- Attend one of the 19 historically black land-grant university, such as Langston University (list available on website)
- Leadership and community service

Vegetarian Resource Group - www.vrg.org/student/scholar

(12th grade) - \$5,000 - \$10,000

- Student who promote vegetarianism in their school or community
- Essay required
- Three recommendations required

WEOKIE Foundation Scholarship – <https://www.weokie.org/foundation>

(12th grade) \$1,000 - \$3,000

- Essay – limited to two pages.
- Winners asked to attend WEOKIE's Annual Meeting in the spring

Will Rogers Elementary School PTO Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$1000

- Must have attended Will Rogers Elementary School for one year or more, including the 5th grade year
- Typed one or two page essay about a memorable event, teacher, or staff member from your year(s) at Will Rogers
- The award will be given based primarily on the essay; however, academic record and financial need will also be considered
- Must attend an event near end of school year

MARCH

AFSA Scholarship Contest - www.afsascholarship.org

(12th grade) – \$2,000

- Complete the entry form
- Must attend two- or four-year college, university or technical school
- US citizen or legal US resident

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program - usascholarships.com/buick-achievers-scholarship-program/

(12th grade) – 1,000 awards of \$2,000, 100 awards of up to \$25,000

- Must be enrolled as a full-time college student in the fall studying a STEM major (see complete list online)
- Selection based on financial need, academics, community service, and several special considerations

Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship – Sigma Conclave

(12th grade, female) - \$200 scholarship a semester for freshman year

- For Senior women planning to enter the field of education
- For use at any college or university
- Essay. . . “Why do you wish to enter the field of education?”
- Two letters of recommendation, transcript and recent photo
- Application available in Counseling Office

MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, Oklahoma City Scholarship – www.macdowellclubokc.org

(12th grade) - \$1000

- Must major in a field of the Arts
- Demonstrated commitment to education, school, and community.
- Demonstrated financial need

Shelter Insurance Foundation Scholarship

(12th grade) - \$1,500 scholarship awarded

- May be used at any college or university for any major
- Selection Committee will consider applicant's Scholastic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community activities, citizenship and moral character and educational goals
- Application available in Counseling Office

APRIL

The Bill Nicklas Memorial Scholarship – www.edmondjuniorgolf.org/scholarships/
(12th grade)

- Must live in Edmond or attend school in Edmond Public Schools
- Must have shown excellence in leadership, scholarship & sportsmanship
- 500-word essay on why you think a college education is important
- Relatives of Board members or selection committee are not eligible
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty, staff, or administration
- Completed application

MAY

Miss Edmond LibertyFest Scholarship Pageant
\$3,000

- May not be older than 23 years of age
- Applications and information available by contacting misslibertyfest@aol.com
- More info available at libertyfest.org/scholarship-pageant/

The Association of LGBTQ Journalists – <http://members.nlgja.org/scholarships>

- Application online
- One-page resume
- Five work samples
- A letter of acceptance from a US community college or four-year university
- Write and publish a news story to tumblr of words and multimedia. See website for topics.
- Official transcript

JUNE-JULY

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship – www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm
(Juniors & Seniors) - \$1,000

- Essay submitted online

BigSun Scholarship - www.bigsunathletics.com
(Senior) - \$500

- Must have participated in a school sport
- Short essay with application

International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows - www.iamwmw.org

(12th grade) – up to \$25,000

- Must be enrolled as a full-time college student in the fall
- Copy of transcript, ACT scores, current picture, & completed application
- Letter of recommendation from the wife/widow recommending you
- Letter of recommendation from your pastor/youth minister verifying involvement in your church

ESSAY/SPEECH CONTESTS

These essay/speech contests were available to students in recent years. Check each site for the most current information regarding these opportunities and deadlines.

The American Legion: National High School Oratorical Contest - www.legion.org/oratorical

1st place - \$18,000; 2nd place - \$16,000; 3rd place - \$14,000

Each State winner who advances to the second round but does not advance to the final round receives a \$1500 scholarship

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- The Prepared Oration must be between 8-10 minutes in length. The subject must be on some phase of the Constitution of the U.S. which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government
- The assigned topic must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length

Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contests - www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests

(11th & 12th grade) - \$50 - \$10,000

- Deadlines throughout the year based on the novel and the contest
- All are **CASH** prizes
- Must submit essays online

Bennington Young Writers Awards - at www.bennington.edu/events/young-writers-awards

(10th-12th grade) - \$250 - \$500

- Submit poetry, fiction or nonfiction
- Specific requirements for formatting
- Must be original work and sponsored by a high school teacher
- Winning entries published on the Bennington College website

Lincoln Essay Contest (sponsored by BancFirst)

(9th -12th grade)

- \$50, \$75, and \$100
- Essay Topic: How are the characteristics of Abraham Lincoln important to the leaders of today?
- More info in the counseling office

SBO Music Student Scholarship - www.sbomagazine.com/essay-contest.html

(9th -12th grade) – \$1,000 per year and up to \$20,000 in products for your school

- Essay contest
- Answer in 250 words (or less) "How does your musical instrument match your personality?"
- Submit entry online

National High School Essay Contest - www.usip.org/npec

(9th -12th grade) – \$2,500

- March 15 deadline
- No more than 1,250 words on the current year's topic

Congressional Essay Contest

- Winner of state contest receives free trip to attend a week long workshop in Washington, DC.
- 750 word essay
- Deadline is December 1, 2019.
- More info available: www.NSCDA.org/student-resources/congressional-essay-contest

Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum Essay Contest - www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org

(9th -12th grade) - \$50 - \$100

- First place travels with parent or guardian to Washington D.C..
- Entries must be typed. 500 word essay
- Teachers may submit up to five entries per grade per school

Profiles in Courage Essay Contest - www.jfklibrary.org

1st place - \$10,000, 2nd place - \$3000

- No more than 1000 words
- Must describe how an elected official demonstrated political courage at the local, state, or national level
- Contest deadline is January 17, 2020

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest

(9th -12th grade) – 1st place \$30,000

- 3-5 minute essay typed, then recorded on audio CD or flash drive
- Submit directly to local VFW
- Full contest details available at www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships
- Deadline October 31

Writers of the Future Contest - www.writersofthefuture.com

(9th -12th grade) - Up to \$5,000

- Sci-Fi or fantasy works of fiction up to 17,000 words in length
- Submit original works online
- – new entries judged 4 times per year