

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS BULLETIN

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Please visit the listed website for complete information, eligibility requirements, and application instructions.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. Coca-Cola Scholars Program

CRITERIA: Seniors are evaluated on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

DEADLINE: September 30, 2026 (5:00 PM EST)

WEBSITE: www.coca-colascholars.org

2. Elks MVS Scholarship

CRITERIA: Seniors must be US citizens and plan to attend a four year college. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

DEADLINE: November 12, 2026 (11:59 PM PST)

WEBSITE: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

3. 2026-2027 Japan Center Essay Competition

CRITERIA: All high school students are eligible to write an essay discussing one or more aspects of Japan (art, culture, tradition, values, philosophy, history, society, politics, business, and technology.) Applicants do not need to have any experience in visiting Japan or studying Japanese.

DEADLINE: January 8, 2027

WEBSITE: www.stonybrook.edu/japancenter

4. VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Writing Competition

CRITERIA: A national speech writing competition open to 9th -12th grade students.

DEADLINE: October 31, 2026 — Must be submitted to a local VFW Post

WEBSITE: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

5. Varsity Tutors Monthly Scholarship Contest

CRITERIA: Students who are 16 or older can write essays for a chance to win a scholarship.

DEADLINE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship

6. Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF) Youth Awards

CRITERIA: Seniors will be selected based on accomplishments in the classroom and in the community. Applicants must have at least an unweighted 3.0 GPA. There are a variety of categories to apply for.

DEADLINE: November 1, 2026

WEBSITE: <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>

7. 2027 Profiles in Courage Essay Contest

CRITERIA: Students in grades 9-12 can write an original essay that describes an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born.

DEADLINE: January 11, 2027

WEBSITE: <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest>

8. The Cooke College Scholarship Program

CRITERIA: Seniors who plan to attend a four year college or university. Applicants will be evaluated on academic achievement (unweighted GPA of 3.75 or higher), test scores (ACT, SAT or AP), and financial need (gross annual family income not to exceed \$95,000.)

DEADLINE: November 11, 2026

WEBSITE: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program>

IMPORTANT COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID EVENTS

DAHS 12th Grade College Planning Night

DAHS Auditorium • Thursday, September 17, 2026 • 6:30 PM

District Financial Aid Night

MacArthur HS Auditorium • Thursday, October 15, 2026 • 6:30 PM

SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

www.fastweb.com

www.appily.com

www.finaid.org

www.scholarships.com

www.edvisors.com

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://studentscholarships.org/>

<https://accessscholarships.com/>

★ REMEMBER!

Check the websites of the colleges to which you are applying for specific scholarship information and financial aid directions and deadlines.