

MacArthur Scholarship and Awards Bulletin

2026-2027

Bulletin #1

(For more information stop by Guidance or visit the website listed)

September 10, 2026

*****You must adhere to the deadline on the Bulletin. Scholarships due to Guidance may have earlier deadlines than indicated on application.***

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SCHOLARSHIP - Coca-Cola Scholars Program

CRITERIA - Seniors are evaluated on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

DEADLINE - September 30, 2026 (5:00 pm EST) <http://www.coca-colascholars.org>

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SCHOLARSHIP - Hispanic Heritage Foundation's (HHF) 28th Annual Youth Awards

CRITERIA - Recipients will be selected for their accomplishments in the classroom, community, and for their excellence in various educational categories. Must currently be a high school senior with a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA. Be of Hispanic Heritage. Must be a US permanent resident, US citizen or qualify under DACA. If selected, attendance to regional awards ceremony is mandatory and travel is at the recipient's expense.

DEADLINE - November 1, 2026 (11:59 pm PST)
<https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2026/forms/welcome.php>

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SCHOLARSHIP - The Cooke College Scholarship Program

CRITERIA - Seniors who plan to attend a four year college or university. Applicants must demonstrate unmet financial need and have an unweighted GPA of 3.75 or higher.

DEADLINE - November 11, 2026
<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarships-program/>

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SCHOLARSHIP - 2026 Profiles In Courage Essay Contest

CRITERIA - Students in grades 9-12 can write an original essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in *Profiles in Courage*.

DEADLINE - January 11, 2027
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/for-student-participants>

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SCHOLARSHIP - VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Writing Competition

CRITERIA - A national speech writing competition open to 9th – 12th grade students. Opportunity to earn scholarship money.

DEADLINE - Deadline (Midnight) October 31, 2026 to VFW Post 9592, 55 Hickory Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIP - 2026 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship
CRITERIA - Seniors must be US citizens and will be evaluated on the basis of leadership, academic achievement, community involvement and financial need. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
DEADLINE - Submit electronically by November 12, 2026 (11:59 p.m. PT)
www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm

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SCHOLARSHIP - The Gates Scholarship
CRITERIA - The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding 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. Must be Pell-eligible, have outstanding academic record, demonstrated leadership ability and exceptional personal success skills.
DEADLINE - Phase 1 deadline: September 15, 2026
www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship

DISTRICT FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
AT 6:30 pm IN THE MacARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

More information on scholarships and financial aid can be found on the websites below:

www.studentaid.ed/gov

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.finaid.org

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