

Scholarships listed by deadline

Scholarships are listed in deadline order to help you get organized. However, you should not wait until the last minute. Look ahead to check each scholarship for the opening date and apply as early as you can.

March

American Association of University Women Scholarship

The Lake Wales chapter of the American Association of University Women is offering a \$500 award. Any woman interested should submit a letter describing her educational background, achievements, and plans and goals for the future. Mail to: American Association of University Women, Educational Achievement Committee, P.O. Box 1264, Lake Wales, Fl. 33859- 1264. The **deadline** is March 1.

Johnson Scholarship Foundation for students with disabilities who attend/will attend one of the twelve (12) State universities.

The Johnson Scholarship Foundation is offering a scholarship for students with disabilities who attend or will attend one of the twelve (12) State Universities in Florida. Visit the foundation website at www.johnsonscholarships.org for more information. **Deadline** for application is March 1st.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Our mission is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. **Applications are due** no later than March 1, 2018.

For more information, eligibility requirements and to apply go to:

<https://www.mcsf.org/>

Scott Harris Memorial Scholarship

The Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2017 annual essay competition for the Scott Harris Memorial Scholarship. One student will receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards their college education. High school seniors from Central Florida are invited to apply by submitting an essay (minimum of 500 words) titled "How does community history shape people's lives?" **Applications MUST BE RECEIVED** by 5 p.m. on March 3, 2017. **Check with Ms. Mendoza** for application instructions.

Ridge League of Cities, Inc.

The Ridge League of Cities, Inc. has voted to award five \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors who intend to further their education. Get the application from Ms. Mendoza. The Ridge League will only accept one application submitted from each school. Scholarship applicants will be judged on the required Statements, Community Service, Financial Need, GPA and Leadership. **Turn in your application** to Ms.

Mendoza by Friday, March 2, 2018 to be eligible. According to the rules, a COL selection committee will review all applications and select one from our school to be submitted to Ridge League of Cities, Inc. by their March 9, 2018 deadline.

The Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship

The primary mission of the Bailey Foundation is to expand the availability and enhance the quality of post-secondary education. The foundation provides financial assistance to students based on their academic record, financial need and level of community involvement.

The Bailey Family Foundation desires to reward high school seniors, who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, balanced with community service or other extra-curricular activities, with an educational scholarship to continue their post-secondary education.

Scholarship **applications are accepted** during the January 1 – March 15 scholarship period only. Check their website for details and eligibility criteria www.bailey-family.org

COL NHS Amber Shaw Scholarship

This Scholarship is sponsored by the Chain of Lakes High School National Honor Society. All Chain of Lakes High School Seniors are encouraged to apply. You may apply for this and many other scholarships through the Polk State College Foundation <http://foundation.polk.edu/scholarships/>. The Polk State College Foundation accepts **applications** for Foundation scholarships February 1st **through** March 15th of each year!

The Polk State College Foundation Scholarship

Many scholarship opportunities are available for students through the Polk State College Foundation. Check the foundation website: <http://foundation.polk.edu/scholarships/> for additional details and important dates. The Polk State College Foundation accepts **applications** for Foundation scholarships February 1st **through** March 15th of each year!

DeBartolo Family Foundation

This program established in 2001, recognizes those students who have achieved academic excellence despite financial obstacles. Last year the Foundation awarded \$105,000 in scholarship money with each recipient receiving \$2,500 toward his or her college expenses. A one-time scholarship award will be made in 2017 to qualified, graduating high school seniors in Florida's Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas or Polk counties.

The scholarship **application** must be completed by the students and their guidance counselor, principal, or vice principal and returned to the Foundation Office **postmarked on or before** March 18, 2018. Scholarship applications are **available** starting August, 2017. For more information and to download fillable PDF application form go to the foundation website at: www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com

2018 Winter Haven Chamber Foundation Scholarship

The Winter Haven Chamber Foundation has partnered with State Farm Insurance to offer a \$1,000 college scholarship to up to five public high school seniors in the Winter

Haven area. Students who attend Lake Region High School, Winter Haven High School, Polk State's Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School and New Beginnings High School Winter Haven are eligible to apply. This scholarship is intended for students looking to pursue a college degree in business, marketing or any field where they hope to be an entrepreneur or business owner in the future. This scholarship is intended to assist students who demonstrate financial need. Students must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA to qualify. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 23, 2018. See or email Ms. Mendoza for an application.**

LAKELAND MUSIC CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Lakeland Music Club is offering a scholarship for music students. All applications and required attachments **must be received by Ms. Mendoza NO LATER** than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018. **See or email Ms. Mendoza** for a copy of the scholarship application.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

"Since 1975, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund has provided college scholarships to 60,000 exceptional Hispanic students, as well as vital resources and tools that help them graduate and launch their professions in fields critical to the future of this country," said Fidel A. Vargas, President & CEO, Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

As the nation's largest provider of college financial aid to Latino students, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers a diverse range of scholarship programs. Our aim is to provide you with the information and resources you need to achieve success. Scholarship **Application opens** January 6, 2018. To prepare, go to: <https://hsf.net/en/> and start your MyHSF profile today **Application deadline** is March 30 2018.

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) will award a scholarship to an individual who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need. This scholarship award is presented annually at NABCJ's Annual Conference and Training Institute (the scholarship recipient is encouraged to attend the National Conference which is held in July). The purpose of the Scholarship is to offer deserving students financial assistance in continuing their education in the criminal justice field. **See Ms. Mendoza** for an application. **Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2018.**

April

Johnson Scholarship Foundation CHILDREN of United Parcel Service employees

The **CHILDREN** of United Parcel Service employees or retirees **who live in Florida** are eligible for scholarship funds to attend **college or vocational school in Florida**. Theodore Johnson was a senior executive of UPS and invested in company stock throughout his career. His shares in UPS appreciated to the point where he and Mrs. Johnson were able to endow a philanthropic foundation. Mr. Johnson felt he had been fortunate in his choice of career at UPS. He established a scholarship program to assist children of UPS employees in Florida to attend university. Visit the foundation website at www.johnsonscholarships.org **deadline** for application is April 1st.

AKA Sorority, Inc., Omicron Kappa Omega Chapter Scholarship

The Lakeland chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Omicron Kappa Omega Chapter is offering a scholarship to seniors interested in furthering their education. **The application must be Postmarked** by Monday, April 2, 2018. **See or e-mail** Ms. Mendoza for a copy of the application.

THE JEWETT EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Is offering Five (5) \$1500.00 Merit Based Scholarships, Four (4) 1,500.00 Income Based Scholarships and One (1) \$1,500.00 Vocational/Technical School Scholarship to African American High School Senior Students attending Auburndale, Winter Haven, and Lake Region High Schools. ALSO Students attending Specialty Schools such as Harrison School of the Arts, Bartow and Haines City IB Schools, Polk State Collegiate High Schools, Summerlin Academy, Ridge and Travis Career Center, etc.) WHOSE HOME SCHOOL WOULD HAVE BEEN Auburndale, Winter Haven, or Lake Region High School. **See Ms. Mendoza** for an application. **Deadline to apply** is Saturday April 7, 2018.

Club Hispano de Lakeland Scholarship

Club Hispano de Lakeland is offering \$1,500.00 scholarships to Polk State College. **The application must be postmarked** by April 13, 2018. **See** Ms. Mendoza for a copy of the application requirements.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

Child/Children, or legally adopted child/children, of active duty United States military and Guard, and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at a U.S. school of higher education. Application must be post marked no later than April 15.

For more information and to apply visit their website at:

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Florida Facility Managers Association Scholarships

The FFMA Executive Committee has developed the scholarship program to provide students who are interested in the public assembly facility management profession an opportunity to learn more about the career in the industry, as well as a chance to network with practitioners in the field to learn of internships and entry-level positions, and also to nurture and grow future leaders in the industry.

For more information and to apply visit their website:

<http://www.floridafacilities.com/scholarships.php>. The application deadline is April 18, 2018

Winter Haven Young Professionals Scholarship

The Polk State College Foundation is proud to announce its newest scholarship, the Winter Haven Young Professionals Scholarship made possible by the Community Foundation of Greater Winter Haven through the Marlene Duffy Young Fund, in honor of a former community leader who epitomized service above self. One award in the amount of \$2,500 will be given to a deserving student who desires to positively impact our community's future. This is a non-renewable scholarship for tuition and fees at Polk State College and will be available for use beginning August, 2015. For more detailed information and to apply visit the Polk State College Foundation Scholarship at <http://foundation.polk.edu/scholarships/third-party-scholarships/> **The deadline** for submitting applications is April 30, 2015.

May

Citizens Bank and Trust Scholarship

Citizens Bank and Trust is sponsoring several \$1,500.00 Scholarships for High School Seniors. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, 75 community service hours and an 1170 Sat or 26 ACT. Preference will be given to students with middle to high financial need. **Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2017.** See or email Ms. Mendoza for an application.

Johnson Scholarship Foundation State University System of Florida

The Johnson Scholarship Foundation is a private Foundation with a mission to assist disadvantaged people to obtain education. It **does not make individual grants**. All scholarships and grants are made through selected institutions. Listed below are some of the foundation sponsored scholarships.

This is a competitively awarded program which is available to **undergraduate students with disabilities** who enroll in a State University System of Florida institution. Applicants must adhere to the application guidelines detailed on the website in order to qualify for full consideration. Visit the foundation website at www.johnsonscholarships.org **deadline** for application is May 1st.

CollegeBoard Collegiance Contest

College Board feels that getting accepted into college is a big deal. We think it deserves a big celebration. That's why we created Collegiance—a contest for college-bound students

everywhere. Encourage your students to enter by simply announcing their college decision on Instagram and tagging it with #collegiance. They could win up to \$5,000 for school. And check out our School Pledge Kit for more ways to celebrate Collegiance at your school. Follow this link **before May 15** to find out more: [Click here to pledge](#).

Benenati Law Firm Future Leaders Scholarship

Our scholarship is available to high school seniors and current college students nationwide who plan on attending, or are currently attending, an accredited 4-year college/university or 2-year accredited community college in the Fall of 2018. Applicants must be pursuing a legal, medical, or business-related degree.

Applications are due no later than 11:59pm EDT on May 31st, 2018. For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.777injury.com/orlando-personal-injury-attorney/car-accidents/#future-leaders-scholarship>

Foundation for Information Technology Education Scholarships

The Foundation for Information Technology Education exists to promote research and educational programs that support individuals in the information technology profession.

Please see the website at <https://www.edfoundation.org/scholarships.htm> for more information about these prestigious national scholarships for information technology students! The application **deadline** is May 31 2018.

June

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship

Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing their efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. For more information and to apply visit their website at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> **deadline to submit an application** is June 12, 2017.

GTE Financial Scholarship Program

GTE Financial is a not-for-profit credit union, and one of the largest financial institutions in Tampa Bay. They will be awarding scholarships of \$2,500 to high school seniors who are a member of GTE Financial and plan on attending college.

They will be accepting applications until May. For the application and more information about this scholarship opportunity visit: www.gtefinancial.org/scholarships **The deadline** for this scholarship is June 17, 2016.

BigSun Scholarship

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which

sport they are participating in. Their participation may be in any capacity, whether as a player, coach or official. **Deadline** to apply is June 19, 2017
Please visit the website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.

July

Arabell Wiggins Scholarship program

The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI) believes that it is a critical time for the organization to expand efforts to make higher education a reality for qualified high school graduates. The ***Arabell Wiggins Scholarship*** will provide an opportunity for an eligible Central Region graduate to continue their education to improve their chances of getting a good job and ultimately secure and maintain self-sufficiency. The 2017 **deadline date to submit the application** is July 3, 2017. Contact Ms. Mendoza for an application.

August

The Public Education Partnership of Winter Haven, Inc. (PEP) Healthy Eating Program Volunteer Intern/\$10,000 Scholarship

Polk State College Foundation, in tandem with The Public Education Partnership of Winter Haven, Inc. (PEP), is seeking an energetic, motivated and community-service oriented high school junior/senior or college student to volunteer in the after-school Healthy Eating Program in Florence Villa or another PEP designated site in the greater Winter Haven area. In addition to service hours and the autonomy to build, shape, and expand PEP's phenomenal Healthy Eating Program, the chosen student will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship after successfully completing a school year of service. Hours are Mondays – Thursdays from 2:30 – 5:30PM when school and the PEP Education Center/designated site are in session and are flexible for training, shopping, planning, fundraising, gardening, etc. For more information visit: <http://www.whpep.org/students/scholarship/> Submit your application as soon as possible. **Interviews** will be the week of August 21st.

Available upon admission to the University

Many universities offer scholarship packages to students once they are admitted to the university. Some require a separate scholarship application and some do not. Make sure to check the website of each university to which you apply. Find out if they require a separate application for merit scholarships and check the deadlines. The earlier you apply for admission the better your chances at scholarships.

Transfer Scholarships

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship honors excellence by supporting outstanding community college students with financial need to transfer to and complete their bachelor's degrees at the nation's top four-year colleges and universities.

For more information go to the website at: www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/

Please Note: Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this scholarship. All applicants for the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program must be nominated by the Foundation's Faculty Representative at their two-year institutions.

September

QuestBridge National College Match

The QuestBridge National College Match is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. For more information and for the National College Match application visit their website at www.questbridge.org
Application deadline: September 27, 2017.

SIEMENS Foundation

The Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake **individual or team research projects**. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines.

Scholarships for winning projects **range from \$1,000 to \$100,000**

Registration and updated instructions for the 2017 Siemens Competition are available now. Registration opens May 8, 2017. Don't wait to begin your research. Start early!

Project deadline is September 19, 2017 at 5pm Eastern Time.

Information is available online at the Siemens Foundation website, www.siemens-foundation.org or the College Board website, www.collegeboard.com/siemens.

AXA Foundation

AXA Achievement Scholarship is a multi-faceted scholarship program, awarding more than \$1.3 million a year in scholarships on the national and local levels. It includes: AXA Achievementsm Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report provides \$670,000 in annual scholarships to youth throughout the nation. Fifty-two scholarship recipients, known as AXA Achievers, are selected — one from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. For more information go to their website

The 2018 program will **kick off** in September 2017. Register to receive information about the 2018 program when it becomes available.

The 2018 program will be accepting applications until **10,000 applications are submitted or 11:59 pm on December 15, 2017**, whichever comes first.

October

The Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Entering its 19th year, the Youth Awards is a leadership program that searches for Latino high school students who excel both inside and outside of the classroom.

Awardees receive a one-time grant to use for their college education or to fund a community service effort which tackles a social issue. The application deadline is Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at www.hispanicheritage.org or www.hhfyouthawards.com.

Wendy's High School Heisman

To apply for the Wendy's High School Heisman go to www.wendysheisman.com Register and fill out your **application** by October 2, 2017 at 5pm and select a school administrator to review your application.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International High School Essay Contest

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. announces their annual International High School Essay Contest as a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance November 15 - 21, 2017. Awards: Four College Scholarships: 1st Scholarship: \$5,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$3,000; 3rd Scholarship: \$2,000; 4th Scholarship: \$1,000.

Eligibility: The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity.

Contest Closes: October 27, 2017. See Ms. Mendoza for information and an application.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships

Receive up to \$25,000 for College with The Horatio Alger Scholarship. Their scholarships reward students who possess the character to succeed in life. They help students overcome the financial barriers of pursuing higher education. To qualify, you must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. To learn more and to apply, visit: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/> **Application deadline** is October 25.

Coca Cola Scholars Program

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million through two nationally recognized programs on behalf of the Coca-Cola System.

Seniors in high schools throughout the United States who meet the eligibility requirements may apply each year for one of 250 four-year, achievement-based scholarships. Students will find the application link on the website between August 1 and October 31. **The deadline is** October 31st and the student *must be a senior at the time of application*.

For eligibility information and to apply go to: www.coca-colascholars.org

November

Brooks Law Group Scholarship

The Brooks Law Group has recently created a scholarship for high school seniors and undergraduate students. They are giving away 2 scholarships this fall. **The application deadline** is November 1, 2017. For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.brookslawgroup.com/community-involvement/community-outreach/>

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Seniors who have taken part in significant community service activities are encouraged to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by filling out the online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit **The application deadline** is November 8, 2017. One school nominee will be chosen from all applications submitted.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream the Dream Scholarship

Polk State College is committed to celebrating the diverse cultures that make our community and our country so great. Each year in January, the College commemorates the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A luncheon with a guest speaker is held, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Dream the Dream Scholarship is awarded for use at Polk State College. [Click here](#) for the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Application. **The deadline** is Tuesday, November 28, 2017, by 11:59 p.m. (EST).

Elks National Foundation, Inc. Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest.

Since 1931, the Elks National Foundation has helped thousands of students who need financial assistance fulfill their dreams of attending college. Most Valuable Student Scholars are outstanding students who are at or near the top of their classes, active in their schools and communities, and recognized as leaders by their peers. Applications are available to download after September 1, 2017. To obtain an application visit: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm> follow the directions and download an application. **Applications are due** by November 30, 2017. Applications must be delivered in person to the Elks Lodge closest to your home.

Elks Organization Legacy Award Scholarship

This scholarship program awards 250 college scholarships worth \$4,000.00 each to the children or grandchildren of Elk members. Applicants compete against other children and grandchildren from the state of their sponsoring Elks Lodge. They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. Applications for the 2018 contest will be available online starting September 1, 2017. The 2017 **MVS application deadline** is November 30, 2017. at: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's College Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's College Scholarship rewards excellence by supporting high-achieving high school students with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. **Application deadline** is November 31. For more information go to the website at:

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/>

Cooperative Living Organization

Cooperative Living Organization is an independent student-governed cooperative, providing low-cost housing for University of Florida students since 1931. (Now accepting Santa Fe College students!) They provide dorm-style housing at \$400 rent/month, including: meals, utilities, and parking. In order to be a resident, you must be an active student at the University of Florida or Santa Fe College. You must be able to pay rent and willing to give back to the community of CLO in the required duties as well as pitching in when extra efforts are needed. Apply to live at **CLO** here:

<http://www.cloliving.org/>

Disney Dreamers and Doers Program

Students self-nominate for this contest and the Principal selects one student as the school's official *Dreamer and Doer*. Instructions: **1.** Student writes a paragraph (300 words or less) **about a positive action they have taken to improve their communities, homes, or schools, and what inspired them to make a difference.** **2.** Principal selects ONE compelling entry to be the school's Disney Dreamer and Doer **3.** Selected student asks ONE teacher to write a short paragraph (75 words or less) in support of their application. **4.** Principal enters the information online to be considered for the county's *Shining Star* award. Paragraphs are to be submitted to Ms. Mendoza **by ?**.

December

George W Jenkins Scholarship

The George W. Jenkins Scholarship, funded by Publix Super Markets Charities, is one of the premier scholarships available to students at the University of Miami. This four-year scholarship is awarded based on academic merit, financial need, and an essay that demonstrates a history of overcoming significant adversity.

To be considered for the Jenkins Scholarship, candidates must be nominated by their high school counselor. **Deadline to apply** is December 1 and applicants must have completed their application for undergraduate admission to the University of Miami by December 1. For more information and to apply go to:

http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/george_w_jenkins_scholarship/

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The Kosove Society Scholarship at USF

The Kosove Society was established at the University of South Florida in 1983 by A. Harrison and Ruth Kosove to support and encourage young people to develop strong academic credentials, leadership abilities, and a commitment to the betterment of society. The hallmark of the Kosove Society is community engagement: locally, nationally and around the globe.

The Kosove Scholarship is an **all-inclusive scholarship** available to undergraduate and graduate students at USF. For more information and to apply go to:

<http://www.usfkosovesociety.org/>. Complete undergraduate **applications are due** December 1, 2017.

Burger King Scholars Program

The BURGER KING® Scholars Program focuses on providing scholarship awards to assist students who excel academically while also working part-time and being actively involved in their community. To date, more than \$12.7 million in scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

For more information and to apply go to:

<http://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/burger-king-scholars-program/>

BURGER KING® Scholars **application period** opens Oct. 15, 2017 and closes Dec. 15, 2017.

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<http://www.cloliving.org/>

January

Southern Scholarship Foundation

Southern Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization which awards qualifying students with **housing scholarships** on the campuses of the FSU, UF, FAMU and FGCU.

Interested applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a demonstrated financial need. Scholarship recipients live cooperatively in a house with students representing a variety of backgrounds and cultures. They do not pay rent, but are responsible for their fair share of basic household expenses such as food and utilities. The entire cost to the student averages \$950.00 per semester.

Applications are available on their website: www.southernscholarship.org

If applying for the fall applications should be submitted early spring. Applications will continue to be considered through the summer but the earlier applications will have priority.

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<http://www.cloliving.org/>

Profile in Courage Essay Contest

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites U.S. high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956. For contest information, registration, and to submit your essay, visit the Profile in Courage Essay Contest at: www.jfklibrary.org **Deadline** for submission is January 4, 2018.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

Honoring the legacy and character of our nation's 40th President, the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education.

Like President Reagan, candidates use the formative experiences of their youth to lead, serve, and pursue a life of purpose and significance, both individually and for their communities. Each year, roughly 20 Scholars will receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient.

Applications for the 2016 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program will be accepted online starting October 12, 2017 **until** January 4, 2018 or until 25,000 applications have been received. Learn more about becoming a GE-Reagan Foundation Scholar at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx>

Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship

Established in August of 2008, the Project Weather Scholarship will be awarded once each year to seven high school seniors who excel in science.

One winner will be selected from each of the following counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk. The check will be presented at the Bay News 9 Studios by a Bay News 9 meteorologist.

The scholarship is granted as a part of Bay News 9's commitment to educating children about science and weather. For eligibility requirements and to apply go to www.baynews9.com/community/project-weather. **Deadline** to apply is January 8, 2018.

Florida State Elks Association – Hope Scholarship

The mission of the Florida State Elks Association HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals. The scholarship targets students who are not in the top 10% of their graduating class but have managed to maintain a minimum 2.3 to a maximum 3.3 un-weighted GPA. These students have demonstrated leadership through participation in school activities, community service, and citizenship. Consideration is given to those students who have shouldered extra responsibility such as working throughout their high school careers to help provide support of siblings or family. For more information and to download application go to: <http://floridaelks.org/hope-scholarships> Application must be completed, mailed and received by the **Deadline** of January 12, 2018.

SAE International Scholarships Program

SAE International is proud to award scholarship money to both undergraduate and graduate students. SAE scholarships assist in developing the future engineering workforce by helping students achieve their dreams of becoming an engineer.

Funded through the SAE Foundation, these scholarships encourage academic excellence and help students around the world to pursue their passion for engineering. Application and information on-line at: <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm>. **Deadline is January 15.**

Polk Education Foundation Scholarship

Scholarships for Seniors Graduating from Polk County Public High Schools and Charter Schools. The student information along with their GPA will be automatically pulled from Genesis when a student enters their student ID number, and students will be allowed to continue with the application if they meet the minimum requirement. So make sure you have submitted all your community service hours before you begin the application. Also, be sure to complete a FAFSA application before you apply for the scholarship since information from the SAR will be required for the application. Many of the scholarships offered in this process then have higher or additional criteria students must meet, so it will be important for students to read the descriptions of each award to see what they qualify for and then check only those scholarships when completing the application. **Application Process** for the 2018 online scholarship application is **now open and will close on February 6**. Printed applications are due to Ms. Mendoza by Wednesday February 7. Check the website for the list of scholarships available and to apply.

<http://www.polk-fl.net/students/collegeandcareer/financialaid/pefscholarships.htm>

United States JAYCEE International Senate Foundation Scholarship Program

Each year, the United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program, will award \$1,000.00 grants 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 United States JCI Foundation. They must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. For more information check the foundation website at:

<http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/programs/scholarship> **Application deadline** is January 5, 2018 (postmarked)

The Ronald McDonald House Charities RMHC U.S. Scholarships

You may be interested to know that local Chapters of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), with support from RMHC Global, McDonald's Corporation and McDonald's restaurants, offer scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. These scholarships are part of the RMHC and McDonald's ongoing commitment to education.

RMHC is now broadening the scope of its national scholarship program. Beginning in Fall 2005, students of all backgrounds are eligible to apply for the RMHC National Scholarship Program. Application period opens November 1 2017. **Application deadline** is January 19, 2018. For more information and eligibility requirements check the Ronald McDonald House Charities website:

<https://www.rmhcattanooga.com/what-we-do/rmhc-us-scholarship-program/>

Retired Educators of East Polk County Scholarship

The Association of Retired Educators of East Polk County is offering a scholarship for a graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in education. **Deadline to apply** is January 31, 2017. See Ms. Mendoza for Application and eligibility requirements.

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The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Through its Mentoring and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$30,000 over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. **The deadline for applications** is February 1, 2018. <https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/applicants/>

The Polk State College Foundation Scholarship

Many scholarship opportunities are available for students through the Polk State College Foundation. Check the foundation website: <http://foundation.polk.edu/scholarships/> for additional details and important dates. The Polk State College Foundation accepts **applications** for Foundation scholarships February 1st **through** March 15th of each year!

Military Family Support Trust Scholarships

We are a tax exempt, 501(c)(3), charitable organization of military families past and present working together to help high school seniors obtain college scholarships and to meet the **critical unexpected financial needs of our eligibility group**. **The organization's resources are** limited, but our motto of "...caring, sharing, and serving..." says everything about our charitable philosophy. We hope you will appreciate our efforts and apply for our scholarships, or inquire about the available financial assistance possibilities. **Applications are due** no later than **February 1, 2018**. To download and application and for more information, eligibility requirements and to apply go to: <http://www.mfst.us>

Polk Education Foundation Scholarship

Scholarships for Seniors Graduating from Polk County Public High Schools and Charter Schools. The student information along with their GPA will be automatically pulled from Genesis when a student enters their student ID number, and students will be allowed to continue with the application if they meet the minimum requirement. So make sure you have submitted all your community service hours before you begin the application. Also, be sure to complete a FAFSA application before you apply for the scholarship since information from the SAR will be required for the application. Many of the scholarships offered in this process then have higher or additional criteria students must meet, so it will be important for students to read the descriptions of each award to see what they qualify for and then check only those scholarships when completing the application. **Application Process** for the 2018 online scholarship application is **now open and will close on February 6**. Printed applications are due to Ms. Mendoza by Wednesday February 7. Check the website for the list of scholarships available and to apply.

<http://www.polk-fl.net/students/collegeandcareer/financialaid/pefscholarships.htm>

The Randy Roberts Foundation

The Randy Roberts Foundation wants to support extraordinary young men and women through gifts of financial support and mentoring. Interested students should **submit an application prior to** February 15, 2018 to be eligible for support in the 2018-2019 academic year. Applications are available on their website: www.randyrobertsfoundation.org

National Commission of Cooperative Education

Clarkson University, Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology.

ANNUAL NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM The National Commission for Cooperative Education, on behalf of the eight NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities, is pleased to announce and sponsor its Eighth Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program. As the largest independently sponsored merit co-op scholarship program in the United States, the National Commission will award 170 merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, for a total renewable value of **\$4,200,000**. These merit co-op scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and transfer students who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of our Partner Colleges and Universities listed above.

Application deadline is February 15, 2018 (postmarked). Go to the website www.co-op.edu for more information and to download an application

George W. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship

2 scholarships of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded for vocational or college Courses. Applicant must be the child of a Publix Super Markets employee employed for at least six months prior to submitting this application. See or email Ms. Mendoza for an application. **The deadline** is February 23, 2018.

Peace River Electric Cooperative (PRECO) Scholarship

PRECO's charitable foundation, Operation Round Up, just released their annual College Scholarship Application. The applicant must reside in a home that receives electric service from Peace River Electric. **The deadline** is February 28, 2018. For an application and information go to: <http://www.preco.coop>