

# **SCHOLARSHIPS for Maple Hill Students, Capital Region Students, NYS Students, and National Students**

Listed below are scholarships available throughout the school year. The first section consists of scholarships awarded to Maple Hill High School Seniors only. The second section is for Rensselaer County and Capital Region students and the remaining sections are for NYS students and students nationally. We urge students to check their email consistently and to read the school bulletin - all scholarships received in the Guidance Office are communicated through both avenues. Please note deadlines may change from what is indicated below.

## **Maple Hill High School Seniors' Scholarships**

**The Schodack Central Faculty Association** is offering a \$3,000 scholarship for a Maple Hill High School senior planning on attending college. The scholarship will be judged and awarded on the following criteria: contributions to school and community; student's scholastic record; need. Available in Spring

**The Gerald Stalker "Caring for Others" Scholarship** is now available to MHHS Seniors. Mr. Stalker spent most of his life giving to others and helping those who had very little means. This \$1,000 scholarship award shall be given directly to the graduating student who is not only economically challenged but will be going on to a college or technical program for a career in caring for others. Available in Spring

**The Rensselaer Elks Lodge B.O.P.E. Jack Stewart/Ann Collins Memorial Scholarship** - \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male MH senior and \$500 to one female MH senior. Must complete the application. Available in Spring

**The Castleton Fish & Game Protective Association** is offering two (2) \$500 cash scholarship awards to two (2) graduating seniors from Maple Hill High School Class of 2023. To apply you must submit an essay describing a wildlife conservation/management, environmental conservation, and/or shooting sport activity you participated in during high school. Available in Spring

**The Schultheis Family Scholarship** of \$1,000 will be awarded to a Maple Hill High School student pursuing a career in the medical field. Please provide an essay, approximately 300 words, expressing your motive to pursue a career in the medical field. Also, provide some insight into your plan to succeed in your future endeavors. Along with the essay, please provide documentation indicating acceptance into a program that supports this career path. Please return the essay and documentation to the Guidance Office. Available in Spring

**The Jo Ann Relyea Bennison (Class of '71) Scholarship** is offered to a Maple Hill graduating senior pursuing a career in nursing. The scholarship amount is \$1,000. Write an essay (max 3 paragraphs) answering the question: **What is your passion for nursing?** Available in Spring

**Schodack Police Benevolent Association** - Public service is defined as services provided by the government to the people within a certain jurisdiction, funded primarily by taxpayers. Examples include education, emergency services, military, public offices and social services. In a brief essay, (300-500 words) explain your career aspirations and how you will have a positive impact on those receiving services in your field. Essays should be submitted to the Guidance Office. Available in Spring

**The Steve Morgan Community Service Award Scholarship** is given by the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance to a graduating senior from Maple Hill High School or a graduating home-schooled student who most exemplifies what Steve Morgan represented for the Castleton Ambulance and Schodack Community. The award is in the amount of **\$1,000** and may be divided among multiple winners. To be considered, the applicant should have maintained good grades, be respectful and considerate of others, and do community service (with a favor toward the EMS and Fire services). You must also be continuing your education working towards going into the health care services (Nurse, Physician, OT, PT, Paramedic, etc.). Available in Spring

**The Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club Senior Athlete Award** is awarded to a senior boy and a senior girl who, through their participation in athletics, have demonstrated not only outstanding athletic performance, but have also displayed the qualities of dedication, leadership, character, and good sportsmanship as encouraged by the Booster Club. Information will be available in the main office. Available in Spring

**Eden Renewables** has announced their "**Green**" **STEAM \$3,000 Scholarship** for a **Maple Hill High School Senior** who plans to pursue a career in a field that benefits the environment. Eligibility criteria include having a minimum cumulative GPA of 85 (3.00), acceptance to a 2 or 4 year college enrolled in Green STEAM or related discipline, a letter of recommendation, and a 500 word statement of purpose regarding educational plans and professional aspirations in Green STEAM. Available in Spring

The **Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation**, Inc. offers a scholarship to a graduating Maple Hill High School senior who plans to pursue a career in Registered Professional Nursing. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. If interested, please submit an essay to the Guidance Office indicating your interest in the field of nursing and on your college/career plans (no more than one page). Along with the essay, please provide documentation indicating provisional acceptance into either a two or four-year accredited Registered Professional Nursing program (students in prerequisite programs do not meet the criteria). Available in Spring

## **Scholarships for Rensselaer County / Capital Region Students**

**The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region** is announcing all of their scholarships for local students. Eligibility requirements and application procedures are posted online at [www.cfgcr.org](http://www.cfgcr.org). Deadlines are in March.

**The Capital District Youth Soccer League** is pleased to announce the offering of FOUR (4) \$750 college scholarship awards to four high school seniors who've participated in youth soccer through one of their member clubs. Applications are available in the guidance office or visit <https://www.cdysl.org/page/scholarship-information>. Deadline is the end of business February 28, 2023.

**Rensselaer County Cornell Cooperative Extension** - <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>  
Many Rensselaer County and State Scholarships including the following:

### **Nina Pattison Memorial Scholarship - Van Rensselaer Garden Club (VRGC)**

Two (2) scholarships - Maximum \$500 One (1) scholarship for educational expenses will be awarded to a graduating Rensselaer County high school student who intends to study horticulture or a related field at an institute of higher learning, and One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a Rensselaer County resident who demonstrates financial assistance need for continuing education, master gardener certification, landscape design, horticulture, or any related field. <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

### **Rensselaer County 4-H Teen Scholarship**

Presented annually to three high school seniors who exemplify the Essential Elements of 4-H. Applications due April 1<sup>st</sup> <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

### **Hilldale Farm Foundation - Agriculture & Trades Scholarship For Rensselaer County Students**

Rensselaer County students seeking higher education in Agriculture and related trades. Applicants should be

graduating high school seniors who have resided in Rensselaer County for the last two years, and have been accepted to a college, university, vocational or trade school in New York State. Suitable majors and trade programs include, but are not limited to, agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry / pre-veterinary studies, food science, welding, diesel mechanic, etc. Deadline May. <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

**The Beryl H. Moul Memorial Grange Scholarship**

Established in 1958 by West Sand Lake Grange #949 in memory of prominent Grange member, Beryl H. Moul. Applicants must be pursuing a career in • Agriculture • Home Economics (Human Ecology) • Forestry • Veterinary Medicine • Education. Applications due May 1<sup>st</sup> <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

**Rensselaer County Dairy Princess Scholarship**

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a Rensselaer County Resident who will be entering their freshman year in college in the Fall of 2023. The purpose of this scholarship is to award funding for an educational endeavor to a deserving student who exemplifies the qualities of the dairy industry. See the application for more information: [Rensselaer County Dairy Princess Scholarship](#) DUE APRIL 1st <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

**The American Legion - High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, "A Constitutional Speech Contest"** - Any high school student may present a speech to win from \$500 up to \$18,000. The Rensselaer Cty contest will be held Dec 1.

**The Zonta Club of Albany Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award** - Jrs. and Srs. Residing in Albany, Rensselaer or Saratoga County are eligible for this \$1,000 award based on outstanding community service and for humanitarianism in word and deed. Academic achievement is not a factor. Deadline is in Feb.

**Zonta Club of Albany - The Young Women in Public Affairs Award** for Albany, Rensselaer or Saratoga County students. This \$2,000 award recognizes young women, aged 16-19 for leadership and community service. The YWPA Award encourages young women in high school to pursue careers and seek leadership positions in public policy and volunteer organizations. You will also have the opportunity to win district awards and international awards. [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) . Albany Chapter deadline is March 1.

**The New York Water Environment Association – Capital Chapter** is offering (2) \$1,500 scholarships for qualified applicants living or going to school in the NYWEA Capital Chapter Region. Visit [www.nywea.org/SitePages/Scholarships/Application.aspx](http://www.nywea.org/SitePages/Scholarships/Application.aspx) for full descriptions of all state level NYWEA scholarships. Submit the application on the state level and if you are from the capital region you will be considered for state first then local only scholarships. Deadline

**Rensselaer County Retired Teachers Association** is pleased to announce they are offering a \$1,000 Education Scholarship to a deserving Rensselaer County senior who plans to pursue a college degree in the field of education at the Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary level. Applications will be available in the guidance office. Deadline in March.

**NYSUT Retiree Council 10** is pleased to announce a \$1,000 Scholarship Award for public high school graduating seniors pursuing a degree in education at either a two-year college transfer program or a four-year college. This award will be given to one qualified student from each of the following counties: Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Washington. Each student will indicate his/her intention to become an educator by completing their application. Details and applications are available in the Guidance Office or online at <http://rc10.ny.aft.org>. Deadline is March.

**The Junior League of Albany** - Rockwell Scholarship Award worth \$1,000. This scholarship is awarded to a female resident of the Capital District planning on furthering their education. The applicant must be currently involved in volunteer organizations or activities. <https://www.juniorleaguealbany.org/community/rockwell-scholarship/>.

**The New York State Society of Professional Engineers - Capital District Chapter** is offering awards of \$1,000 to \$3,000 to high school seniors in the Capital District who intend to study engineering. Deadline is in March.

**The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club** Bill Shrader, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is offering six high school senior athletes scholarships of \$3,000 each to those who participate in cross country or track and plan on attending college, university, or community college. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or go to <https://www.hmrrc.com/outreach/scholarships>. Applications must be received by April 1

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**The Uel Wade Music Scholarship** gives young local area instrumentalists and singers an opportunity to further their music studies including Private Lessons, Music Camp, or College or Conservatory Music Study by awarding up to \$5,000. The scholarship is open to **any teenage high-school musician** who resides in Columbia, Greene or Rensselaer County, the Capital District in NY, or Berkshire County in MA. To apply, visit [www.uelwade.org](http://www.uelwade.org). **The deadline is April**

**Capital District Counseling Association Scholarship** is pleased to offer three \$1,000 scholarships for Capital Region seniors who are enrolling at a Capital Region two or four-year college. They also have a **First Generation Scholarship** worth \$2,500. Applicants must be from the Capital Region and plan to attend a Capital Region college. The Capital Region includes the counties of Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Montgomery, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and the southern part of Saratoga. The deadline is May. - <http://www.cdcanyc.org/scholarships/>.

**The Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association** is seeking Rensselaer County seniors for **The Deputy Frank J. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship**. This year \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who plan on attending a 2 or 4 year college or university. While all are encouraged to apply, preference will be given to students pursuing a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. - Deadline May 1.

**The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance (RCCA)** has established a \$500 RCCA Award to be awarded to a deserving Rensselaer County high school graduate who has demonstrated a desire to study a conservation, recreation, forestry, environmental, commercial fishing, or earth studies field. The deadline is April

**The Capital Area Council of Churches** has made available their application for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to graduating seniors who, in part, show a commitment to the ideals and teachings of Dr. King. Applicants are also rated on financial need, academic record, and evidence of service to school, faith community, and society. Last year four students that were accepted at an accredited college or university received a \$4,000 scholarship. Applications are online at [www.capareacc.org](http://www.capareacc.org). The deadline is March

**The Capital District Masonic Charities, Inc.** is offering a \$500 scholarship opportunity for a graduating senior. CDMC Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and scholastic achievement. Masonic affiliation is not required. Applications are in the guidance office. The deadline is June

**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of TAUM** announces **The Ronald J. Dukes Memorial MLK Scholarship** for Rensselaer County seniors. It is their hope that all recipients will explore how problems such as racism, sexism, classism, militarism, homophobia, ageism, and prejudice in our nation and throughout the world can be confronted effectively. Guidelines and applications are available in the Guidance Office or at <https://taum.org/mlk-scholarship/>. Application deadline is April

**The Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center**, known as Hudson Mohawk AHEC, will be awarding scholarships of \$500 each to high school seniors and individuals entering approved healthcare-related certificate or degree program at a local community college, university, or training entity within New York State. Applicants must reside within or be a graduating senior from a high school within the Hudson Mohawk AHEC service region, which includes: Albany, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington counties. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or online at <https://www.hmahec.org/high-school-students>. Deadline in March.

## **Scholarships for New York State Students**

## **Rensselaer County Cornell Cooperative Extension** - <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/scholarships>

Many Rensselaer County and State Scholarships:

### **New York Farm Bureau Scholarship**

This scholarship is open to any Senior graduating High School who lives or works on a farm, or is involved in agriculture in any way. Applicants must also have a family or student Farm Bureau membership (student memberships are free for 4-H members). The application materials are due March 1st, application & instructions can be found at <https://www.nyfb.org/programs/youth-programs>

### **NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs Scholarship**

To be Eligible: you must be a NYS Resident., a HS Senior or Currently Attending an Accredited Institution pursuing a Degree. To Apply: You Must Download the application from the NYSAAF Website, <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm>

### **Farm Kids for College Scholarship**

Some of the most exciting careers available today are in agriculture, on farms and throughout the industry. Farm enterprises, science careers, the vast dairy, grain and livestock industries. Ag has just about everything. At National Farmers, we are honored to encourage the next generation to chase their ag dreams – and catch them. Part of how we at National Farmers do that, is through the national Farm Kids for College Scholarship. Follow this link for more information: [Farm Kids for College Scholarship](#)

**Broadview Scholarships are for CAP COM, SEFCU and Broadview members** who are high school seniors pursuing a degree at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or trade school. They have four scholarships available: Broadview Initiative Scholarships (10 awarded, \$2,500 each), Broadview on Campus Scholarships (8 Awarded, \$2,000 each), Broadview Inclusion Scholarships (8 Awarded, \$2,000 each), and the Broadview General Scholarship (62 awarded, \$1,500 each). Eligibility and requirements are available in the guidance office and online at <https://www.capcomfcu.org/community/scholarships/> , <https://www.broadviewfcu.com/community/scholarships/> Deadline is April 30.

**CSEA** has announced the application period for their 2022 College Scholarships is open now through April 15! These scholarships are for graduating high school seniors who are CSEA members' children. Every year, CSEA awards 18 \$1,000 scholarships under the **Irving Flaumenbaum Memorial Scholarship** and **Thomas H.**

**McDonough** programs. **Pearl Insurance** and **MetLife** each sponsor a one-time \$2,500 award. Applications are available in the guidance office or at [www.cseany.org/education](http://www.cseany.org/education) . The application deadline is April

The **Horatio Alger Association** seeks to assist high school JUNIORS who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential, and who aspire to make a unique contribution to society. Details of the Horatio Alger Scholarship are available <https://scholars.horatiaoalger.org/scholarships/>. Deadline is March

**The New York Water Environment Association** will be offering over \$50,000 in scholarships. NYWEA state level scholarships include the following – complete guidelines can be found on their website.

<https://www.nywea.org/SitePages/About/Chapters/capital/Scholarships.aspx>

- \$12,000 Environmental Career Scholarship
- \$6,000 Nicholas J. Bartilucci Environmental Scholarship
- \$4,000 Scholarships
- N.G. Kaul Memorial Scholarship

**The William Morehouse Scholarship, sponsored by the NYS Builders Association**, awards money to qualified students who are pursuing a one, two or four-year college, or certificate program studying construction or related fields in NYS. Complete information is available at [www.nysba.com](http://www.nysba.com) Deadline is April

**The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York** is pleased to announce their **Ned Carter Scholarship** of four \$1,500.00 scholarships for New York State graduating High School Seniors. To be considered, you must be related to a

firefighter, be a firefighter, or be an explorer in a fire department, that is a member of The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. Complete details and applications are available online at <https://www.afdsny.org/>. Deadline March.

**The Firemen's Association of the State of New York Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Volunteer Scholarship Program** will be awarding twenty-five \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors entering college. To be eligible you must be a member in good standing with FASNY or have a parent/legal guardian who is a member; Serve as a current Junior firefighter, Explorer Scout or RAM in a group affiliated with a volunteer department; a volunteer firefighter; or a volunteer with an EMS unit; Demonstrate a commitment to both volunteer emergency service and the community. Visit [www.fasny.com/scholarship](http://www.fasny.com/scholarship) . Application deadline is March

**The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, Inc.** is offering four college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are being treated for epilepsy and have plans to further their education. These four scholarships include: ***The Nick Birchak Strength of Character College Scholarship - \$1,000, The Barbara Quackenbush College Scholarship - \$1,000, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York Scholarship - \$1,000, and The Stephen Piorkowski College Scholarship - \$500.*** Applications and information are available in the guidance office. Deadline is May

This year **H2M Architects & Engineers STEM Scholarship Awards Program** will be awarding multiple \$1,000 scholarships to students from various school districts in the Tri-State area. H2M encourages all graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a STEM related undergraduate degree and who plan to enter a career in architecture, engineering, planning, land surveying, landscape architect or environmental science to apply. To complete an application, please visit <https://www.h2m.com/about/#tab-Scholarships> . **The deadline is May**

**The Mohawk-Hudson Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers is offering** two 4-year \$1,000 per year scholarships to graduating high school seniors who intend to further their education majoring in an ABET accredited curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in the field of Civil Engineering. Students enrolled in a certified two-year Civil Engineering Technology program with the intent of transferring to an ABET accredited school to obtain a bachelor's degree also qualify. Deadline in April

**The New York District Kiwanis Foundation** will present 4 scholarships, not to exceed \$1,000 each, to graduating seniors. Students will be evaluated based on scholastic achievement, merit, need, and career goals. The application is attached and also available in the Guidance Office. The deadline is April 15, 2023. The application is also located at <https://www.kiwanis-ny.org/found/scholar.htm> . If you use the application from the website, please indicate on the first page under Conditions of Eligibility: Applicant must be nominated by a Kiwanis Club-Nominated by the Kiwanis Club of CASTLETON-SCHODACK. Please let the guidance office know if you applied. We need to inform Castleton Kiwanis since they are the nominating club.

**The College Jumpstart Scholarship** is a merit based competition that is open to 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The main requirement is that you are committed to going to school and can express your goals for getting a higher education. The first place prize is a \$1,000 scholarship to help cover educational expenses. Applications are available at [www.jumpstart-scholarship.net](http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net) . Deadline is Oct

**B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest** has been announced and is open to all high school and middle school students in the 12-County Capital area of NYS. Cash prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 for HS students and \$200, \$125 and \$75 for middle school students will be awarded. Essay information is available in the Guidance Office or online at [bbhec.org](http://bbhec.org). Deadline is Oct

## **National Scholarships**



**The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student** scholarship contest is now open to all high school seniors. **Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.** The 500 four-year scholarships are awarded based on academics, service, leadership and financial need. The top 20 Finalists receive \$30,000 scholarships. The 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. The deadline is November 13, 2023. Information is available in the Guidance Office or online at [www.enf.elks.org/MVS](http://www.enf.elks.org/MVS)

**The Elks Legacy Awards** are \$4,000 scholarships available to **high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of an Elk member.** A total of 350 awards will be given. Applications are evaluated based on their commitment to the core values of the ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. Applications are available online only - [www.elks.org/ENF/scholars](http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars). Information is available in the Guidance Office. The application deadline is February 5, 2024.

**AES Engineers** is pleased to be able to renew their \$500 scholarship award available to all high school seniors. *Applicants **are not** required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible.* The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by submitted essays. Information is available in the Guidance Office or <https://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships> Deadline October

To help first-generation, low-income, and minority students access and complete college, **The Sallie Mae Fund**, the charitable arm of **Sallie Mae®**, has again partnered with Thurgood Marshall College Fund to offer scholarships through its Bridging the Dream Scholarship Program. Who is eligible and how to apply:

- The Bridging the Dream Scholarship for High School Seniors: The Sallie Mae Fund will award (25) \$10,000 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to enroll in a two- or four-year degree professional certificate, or vocational training program. Seniors who excel inside and outside of the classroom and demonstrate financial need can apply NOW through ? at [www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream](http://www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream).

**The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship** is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. The Foundation has provided over 6,300 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$72 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. The application is open! For complete details and to apply, visit <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> . Deadline October 2, 2023.

**The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AIC)** honors 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education. Each national winner receives a cash prize and a trip. For further information and to apply, visit <https://www.aspirations.org/award-programs/apply-for-the-award-for-aic>. Information is also available in the Guidance Office. Deadline November 6, 2023.

**Prudential Emerging Visionaries** is now accepting applications! They are looking to recognize young people, ages 14 – 18, for their inspiring commitment to change. If you are a young person with an innovative solution to a financial or societal challenge in your community, apply today. If selected, you may qualify for up to \$15,000 in awards, an all-expenses-paid trip with your parent or guardian to Prudential headquarters in Newark, New Jersey, and coaching and skills development to help take your initiative to the next level. For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.prudential.com/links/about/emergingvisionaries> . The deadline is Nov. 2, 2023.

**The VFW sponsored Voice of Democracy** audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly

40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$15,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Record your original 3-5 minute essay based on the presented theme – this year's theme is, "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?" For complete information and applications visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships> Entry deadline is October 31, 2023.

The **American Legion** is announcing their High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, "A Constitutional Speech Contest". Any high school student may present a speech to win up to \$25,000. Information is available in the Guidance Office or online at <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/contests>. Deadline is November 24, 2023.

**The Equitable Excellence Scholarship** 2023 application is now open. Equitable will provide 100 \$5,000 annual scholarships that will be renewed to award recipients each academic year for four years, for a total of \$20,000 per recipient. The company will also award 100 one-time \$2,500 scholarships. Write an essay on the following topic: *"The Equitable Excellence Scholarship® is designed to inspire and empower individuals to be a Force for Good in their communities while investing in their future success. Please share how you plan to demonstrate ambition and self-drive to be a force for good in school, community, or work activities. Please be specific about how you intend to continue your positive journey with assistance from the scholarship."* To learn more and apply, visit <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/> Deadline to apply is December 18, 2023.

**The Burger King Scholars Program** applications are now available online to all seniors. The program awards \$1,000 to \$50,000 scholarships to be used for educational expenses. Information is available in the Guidance Office or <https://bk-scholars.com/> . Application deadline is December 15, 2023. (**Apply Oct 16-Dec 15**)

Each year **the AFSCME Family Scholarship Program** provides ten \$2,000 scholarships to **graduating high school seniors** that will be renewed for \$2,000 each year for a maximum of four years. The scholarship may be used for any field of study. To be eligible, you must:

- At the time of application, be a graduating high school senior whose parent, legal guardian or financially responsible grandparent is a full dues-paying AFSCME member;
- At the time the scholarship is awarded, be enrolled in a full-time degree program either at an accredited four-year institution or at a two-year institution that will transfer credits to a four-year institution.

Complete information and application can be found at <https://www.afscme.org/member-resources/scholarships>. Deadline is December 31, 2023.

**The Union Plus Scholarship Program** is available to children of participating union members. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. The required essays can account for up to half your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2024. Students may re-apply each year. The deadline is January 31, 2024. For complete details visit <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships> .

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites all high school students Grades 9 through 12 to submit an essay for the **JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest**. First-place winner receives a \$10,000 cash award. Information is available at <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest> or in the Guidance Office. Deadline for submission is January 12, 2024.

Information on the **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program** is available in the Guidance Office or online at [www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships) . This program annually awards numerous college-bound seniors who



demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Deadline is January 4, 2024.

**Dairy Farmers of America** believes it is important to invest in the next generation of leaders to ensure a bright future for the dairy industry. They have established **the DFA Cares Foundation Scholarship Program** for high school seniors pursuing a career in the dairy industry or a related field including: Dairy herd management/production, Large animal veterinary medicine, Marketing/economics/finance, Processing/manufacturing, Communications/journalism, Quality assurance, Dairy nutrition, Dairy foods, Education Engineering, Policy, Genetics, Law, Others. Complete information is available in the Guidance Office or at [www.dfamilk.com/scholarships](http://www.dfamilk.com/scholarships). Deadline is January 15, 2023.

**The National Hemophilia Foundation scholarship** applications are now available. They offer 15 scholarships relating to blood disorders. To be eligible, applicants or immediate family members must be diagnosed with a bleeding disorder or other chronic disorder. There are many scholarships available for seniors graduating from high school. Please visit <https://www.hemophilia.org/community-resources/financial-assistance/scholarships> for information pertaining to each scholarship and to apply. Current deadlines vary Feb-May

The **First New York Federal Credit Union** is proud to continue their scholarship program by offering four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are active in their community or an active volunteer and plan on attending a two or four-year college. You must be a member or become a member of the credit union. Deadline is May. Applications are available online at [www.firstnewyork.org/home/accounts/youth/scholarships](http://www.firstnewyork.org/home/accounts/youth/scholarships).

**Jim's Team 4 Diabetes Foundation** offers College Scholarships for up to \$1,000 for students with Type 1 Diabetes. To be eligible, the applicant must be a senior attending high school in the USA that will graduate in 2023. Managing such a chronic disease has inherent challenges, but having to prioritize that within the context of a college experience can be very difficult. The Foundation recognizes students that are demonstrating the ability to not only successfully manage their personal diabetes care but are achieving great results with their school studies and pursuing their career dreams. For complete details and applications visit <https://jimsteam4diabetes.org/scholarship/>. Must be received on or before May

**Abbott & Fenner** are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The A&F Scholarships for \$1,000 are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: [scholarships@abbottandfenner.com](mailto:scholarships@abbottandfenner.com) **Deadline June 7, 2024**

Topic: **Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.**

**The BigSun** Athletics Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part, we are offering an annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post-secondary institute. Write a short essay answering specific questions located at <https://bigsunathletics.com/>. Deadline is June 19, 2024.