



2026–2027 Scholarship Announcements

[The Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#)

Description: A prestigious, achievement-based \$20,000 national scholarship recognizing graduating seniors for leadership, academic excellence, and community service.

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

[AES Engineers Scholarship](#)

Description: Open to all graduating high school seniors regardless of course focus. Selection is based on character evaluation from submitted short essays.

Deadline: October 8, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

[United States Senate Youth Program \(USSYP\) – New York State Application](#)

Description: Provides a \$12,500 undergraduate college scholarship and an all-expenses-paid Washington Week experience for high school juniors or seniors serving in an elected or appointed student leadership position in NY State.

Deadline: October 14, 2026 (5:00 PM EST)

[NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing \(AiC\)](#)

Description: Honors 9th–12th grade students demonstrating high aptitude, leadership, and aspirations in technology and computing.

Deadline: October 27, 2026 (10:00 PM EST)

[Voice of Democracy \(VFW Audio-Essay Contest\)](#)

Description: Audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9–12 exploring patriotic themes, with top national prizes up to \$35,000.

Deadline: October 31, 2026 (Midnight)

[Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student \(MVS\) Contest](#)

Description: Evaluates high school seniors on leadership, academic achievement, and financial need, offering awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Deadline: November 12, 2026

[American Legion High School Oratorical Contest](#)

Description: A constitutional speech contest designed to improve public speaking skills and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution, with awards up to \$25,000.

Deadline: November 21, 2026

[AFSCME Family Scholarship Program](#)

Description: Offers ten \$2,000 renewable annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are children or dependents of full dues-paying AFSCME members.

Deadline: December 31, 2026 (Postmarked)



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[DFA Cares Student Scholarship](#)

Description: Provided by Dairy Farmers of America for students interested in pursuing education in food, agriculture, or related industries.

Deadline: January 9, 2027

[Patricia A. Gee Memorial Scholarship \(NextStep FCU\)](#)

Description: A \$1,000 award for NextStep/School Systems FCU members or their family members exhibiting strong academic achievement and leadership.

Deadline: January 31, 2027

[Elks Legacy Awards](#)

Description: Offers \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of living Elks members.

Deadline: February 2, 2027

[First New York Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program](#)

Description: Provides \$2,500 awards to graduating high school seniors planning to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.

Deadline: February 2 / March 14 (varies per annual cycle)

[Farm Kids for College Scholarship \(National Farmers\)](#)

Description: Awards three scholarships (\$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,500) to high school seniors planning to major in an agricultural-related degree.

Deadline: February 18, 2027

[New York Water Environment Association \(NYWEA\) Scholarships](#)

Description: Offers over \$50,000 in total scholarships (\$4,000–\$12,000) for NY state residents pursuing degrees with environmental or public service emphasis.

Deadline: February 28, 2027

[Horatio Alger Association Scholarships](#)

Description: Offers financial assistance to high school juniors and seniors who have overcome personal adversity and demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: March 1, 2027 (12:00 PM EST)

[Zonta Club Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award](#)

Description: \$2,000 award recognizing high school juniors and seniors for outstanding community service (academic achievement is not evaluated).

Deadline: March 1, 2027

[Ned Carter Scholarship \(Association of Fire Districts of NY\)](#)

Description: Four \$1,500 scholarships for NY seniors pursuing community service careers who are affiliated with a volunteer fire department or district.

Deadline: March 2, 2027 (Postmarked)



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[H2M Architects & Engineers STEM Scholarship](#)

Description: Multiple \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors entering STEAM fields such as architecture, engineering, surveying, or environmental science.

Deadline: March 14, 2027

[FASNY Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Volunteer Scholarship](#)

Description: Twenty-five \$1,500 scholarships for graduating seniors active in volunteer fire departments, EMS, Explorer Scouts, or junior programs.

Deadline: March 15, 2027

[Junior League of Albany Rockwell Scholarship Award](#)

Description: A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a female resident of the Capital District active in volunteer organizations or community service.

Deadline: March 15, 2027

[Hudson Mohawk AHEC Healthcare Scholarships](#)

Description: Grants \$500 awards to high school seniors entering approved healthcare degree or certificate programs in NY State.

Deadline: March 15, 2027

[Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region \(CEGCR\)](#)

Description: A universal application that matches local students to more than 30 regional scholarships.

Deadline: March 16, 2027

[Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award](#)

Description: A \$3,000 local award given to high school juniors or seniors for exceptional volunteer work and community service.

Deadline: March 21, 2027

[Rensselaer County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship](#)

Description: \$1,000 scholarship for a Rensselaer County senior planning to pursue a college degree in early childhood, elementary, or secondary education.

Deadline: March 25, 2027 (Postmarked)

[NYSUT Retiree Council 10 Scholarship Award](#)

Description: \$1,000 award given to graduating seniors in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, or Washington county pursuing a degree in education.

Deadline: March 25, 2027

[Uel Wade Music Scholarship](#)

Description: Awards up to \$10,000 to regional high-school instrumentalists seeking to further their musical education and private studies.

Deadline: March 30, 2027



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Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL) Scholarships

Description: Four \$750 college scholarships for high school seniors who participated in youth soccer through a CDYSL member club.

Deadline: March 31, 2027

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship (CACC)

Description: \$4,000 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors who embody Dr. King's principles, evaluating community service, leadership, and need.

Deadline: March 31, 2027

New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship

Description: Financial awards for graduating high school seniors pursuing higher education or trade training in agriculture-related fields.

Deadline: April 1, 2027

Zonta Club of Albany Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award

Description: \$2,000 award recognizing young women (ages 16–19) for leadership skills and commitment to public policy and community service.

Deadline: April 1, 2027

Capital District Chapter NYS Society of Professional Engineers

Description: Offers scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to graduating Capital District seniors intending to study engineering.

Deadline: April 1, 2027 (Postmarked)

Troy Industrial Solutions Manufacturing Scholarship

Description: \$1,000 scholarship for seniors pursuing a certificate or credential in manufacturing, mechanical, or maintenance industries.

Deadline: April 1, 2027

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Bill Shrader, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Description: Six \$3,000 scholarships awarded to senior student-athletes participating in cross country or track.

Deadline: April 1, 2027

NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) Scholarship

Description: Awards up to ten \$1,500 scholarships to NY residents active in member agricultural fairs.

Deadline: April 9, 2027 (Second Friday in April)

National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Scholarship

Description: Supports women pursuing higher education and degrees in construction, architecture, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, structural engineering, or related fields. Applications become available in February.

Deadline: April 14, 2026 / May 1, 2026



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[William Morehouse Scholarship \(NYS Builders Association\)](#)

Description: Awards financial aid to qualified students studying construction or related trade fields in NY State.

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[TAUM Ronald J. Dukes Memorial MLK Scholarship](#)

Description: Open to Rensselaer County seniors writing essays on confronting racism, prejudice, and social inequality.

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[CSEA College Scholarships](#)

Description: Eighteen \$1,000 memorial scholarships and additional sponsor awards reserved for children of active CSEA members.

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[New York District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship](#)

Description: Four scholarships up to \$1,000 each based on scholastic achievement, merit, and need (requires local Kiwanis Club nomination).

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[B'nai B'rith Capital Area Holocaust Essay Contest](#)

Description: Essay contest awarding cash prizes (\$100–\$250) to high school students reflecting on Holocaust themes.

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance \(RCCA\) Award](#)

Description: \$500 award given to a Rensselaer County graduate studying conservation, forestry, environmental science, or recreation.

Deadline: April 15, 2027

[ASCE Civil Engineering Scholarship \(Mohawk-Hudson\)](#)

Description: Two 4-year \$1,000/year scholarships (\$4,000 total) for graduating seniors majoring in an ABET-accredited Civil Engineering program.

Deadline: April 18, 2027 (Postmarked)

[Saratoga Voices Vocal Scholarship Competition](#)

Description: Vocal competition for Capital Region seniors offering \$1,500 (1st) and \$1,000 (2nd) awards to support singing study in college.

Deadline: April 18, 2027 (Postmarked)

[Hilldale Farm Foundation Agriculture & Trades Scholarship](#)

Description: For Rensselaer County seniors pursuing college or trade school in agriculture, welding, mechanics, or animal husbandry.

Deadline: April 30, 2027



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[Broadview Federal Credit Union Scholarships](#)

Description: Grants over 80 scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 across four categories for Broadview, CAP COM, or SEFCU members.

Deadline: April 30, 2027

[Beryl H. Moul Memorial Grange Scholarship](#)

Description: Open to seniors pursuing careers in Agriculture, Home Economics, Forestry, Veterinary Medicine, or Education.

Deadline: May 1, 2027

[Capital District Counseling Association Scholarships](#)

Description: Offered to local high school seniors and college transfer students enrolling in Capital Region (NY) institutions. Categories include First-Generation, 2-year college, 4-year college, and transfer awards.

Deadline: May 1, 2026

[Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York Scholarships](#)

Description: Offers four individual scholarships (\$500 to \$1,000) for graduating seniors undergoing medical treatment for epilepsy.

Deadline: May 9, 2027

[Albany Society for the Advancement of Philanthropy \(ASAP\) Scholarship](#)

Description: Offers \$1,000 scholarship awards to Capital Region high school seniors planning to attend a college, university, or trade program in the Albany area, evaluated via a 500-word essay on community involvement. More information will be available in March.

Deadline: May 16–23, 2026

[Federal Court Bar Association Constitutional Scholars Program](#)

Description: Academic contest open to grades 9–12 involving video or poster submissions based on U.S. Constitution topics.

Deadline: July 4, 2027

[National Hemophilia Foundation Scholarships](#)

Description: Offers 15 separate national scholarships for students diagnosed with bleeding disorders or chronic medical conditions.

Deadline: Varies by program



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Scholarships Awarded to Maple Hill High School Seniors

The Schodack Central Faculty Association

Description: offering a \$3,000 scholarship for a Maple Hill High School senior planning to attend college. The scholarship is judged and awarded on the following criteria: contributions to school and community; student's scholastic record; need.
Available in the spring.

The Gerald Stalker "Caring for Others" Scholarship

Description: 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 the spring.

The Rensselaer Elks Lodge B.O.P.E. Jack Stewart/Ann Collins Memorial Scholarship

Description: This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male MH senior and \$500 to one female MH senior. Must complete the application.
Available in the spring.

The Castleton Fish & Game Protective Association

Description: Two (2) \$500 cash scholarship are awarded to two (2) graduating seniors from Maple Hill High School. 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 the spring.

The Jo Ann Relyea Bennison (Class of '71) Scholarship

Description: 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 the spring.

Michael K. Britt Memorial Scholarship

Description: Offered to two (2) Maple Hill Seniors with the intent to improve their communities; focuses on the idea of giving back. Applicants will write an essay on "paying it forward."
Available in the spring.

Schodack Police Benevolent Association

Description: \$500 – 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 the spring.



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The Steve Morgan Community Service Award Scholarship

Description: 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 the spring. The Michael K. Britt Memorial Scholarship awards \$200.00 each for two MHHS Seniors. Intended to encourage students to improve their communities, this memorial award focuses on the idea of giving back. All candidates must submit a short essay (minimum 250 words) on “Paying It Forward”, discussing how they have helped in their community.
Available in the spring.

The Dave Sukup Memorial Scholarship

Description: A \$250 will be awarded to a Maple Hill high school senior planning to attend college to pursue auto mechanics or another field involved in mechanics. Dave Sukup grew up in the Schodack Central School District, graduating from Maple Hill and raising his family here. He was a dedicated mechanic for many years in Castleton as the owner and operator of Dave’s Auto Service. Write a short essay about yourself and describe your future education plans in this field.
Available in the spring.

Eden Renewables "Green" STEAM \$3,000 Scholarship

Description: 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 the spring.

The Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation, Inc. scholarship

Description: Offered 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 a two or four-year accredited Registered Professional Nursing program (students in prerequisite programs do not meet the criteria).
Available in the spring.



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The Maple Hill Athletic Booster Club Senior Athlete Award

Description: 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 the spring.