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***Department of School Counseling Services***

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**December 12, 2022**

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| **NAME** | **AMOUNT** | **GRADE** | **REQUIREMENTS** | **DEADLINE** |
| **Belleair Garden Club Scholarship NEW!** | $2000 | 12 | Applicants must be a resident of Pinellas County, FL and plan to pursue education in one of the following fields: Agronomy, Horticulture, Botany, Environmental Science or related field. For more information and to apply, go to <https://belleairgardenclub.com/scholarship-information#:~:text=The%20Belleair%20Garden%20Club%20sponsors,Environmental%20Studies%20or%20related%20field>.  | **4/1/2023** |
| **BigFuture Apply to Colleges**  | $500-40,000 | 12 | How to Qualify1. Go to your college list on BigFuture.
2. Make sure the colleges you applied to are there.
3. Add any missing colleges where you also applied.
4. After applying, change the status of colleges on your list to Applied, Accepted, Waitlisted or Denied.

For additional information and to apply, go to <https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships>. | **Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023** |
| **BigFuture Complete the FAFSA**  | $500-40,000 | 12 | How to Qualify1. Take action to unlock financial aid:
	* Submit the [FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa). Watch for your Student Aid Report by email or mail.
	* Alternatively, submit your state’s financial aid form for your state. (Check [here](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/state-aid) or talk to your counselor to see if your state has a state aid form you can submit.)
2. Log in to BigFuture. Confirm your qualification for drawing on the dashboard.
	* Verify that you completed the FAFSA, submitted a state aid form, or are legally ineligible to submit both the FAFSA and a state aid form.
	* After verifying that any of these apply to you, you’ll be automatically entered into monthly drawings for $500 and $40,000 unless you opt out of participation.

For additional information and to apply, go to <https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships>. | **Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023** |
| **BigFuture Explore Scholarships**  | $500-40,000 | 12 | How to QualifyGet Started1. Log in to your College Board account on [Scholarship Search](https://scholarships.collegeboard.org/).
2. Answer questions to complete your Matching Criteria information.
3. Review the list of other scholarships that you qualify for.
4. Click **Go Apply**for at least 1 scholarship to learn about requirements or fill out an application.

For additional information and to apply, go to <https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships>. | **Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023** |
| **Donald P. Rhindress JROTC Scholarship**  | TBA | 12 | Candidates must have at least 2 year of JROTC participation, maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA, participate in high school sponsored extra-curricular activities, participate in community service, and maintain a military appearance/demeanor while in JROTC uniform. For additional information and to apply, go to: <http://www.amvetsfl.org/scholarships/>.  | **4/30/2023** |
| **Eckerd College E-STEM Scholarship NEW!** | $10000 | 12 | This scholarship is designed to support Black, Latinx, and Indigenous students in their pursuit of a bachelor's degree within a STEM field at Eckerd College (biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, 3/2 engineering, geosciences, marine science, mathematics and physics). For more information and to apply, go to [**Eckerd Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (E-STEM) Scholarship**](https://mx.technolutions.net/ss/c/VpDhrCrvzjOrNk6AZ3TbHlanQ1Ne7LFhgd_Q45aEeKHJwOWgB-eF6stNF10KwhS_zvWVuxss7tmlLzJrklWHRVL2TSoNSRvHqDHrnBfEGS3dN7WqvBdxdRrVQspQQwIZ/3qo/w_gfaCAVTwiZo0FDgpgncA/h1/Vzg0dz8-uuAtlFNMFSU5s2mKe5UlJSaTtN_I5Zuv5ls).  | **1/15/2023** |
| **EVERFI Empowered Seal Scholarship**  | $500-1000 | 9-12 | Requirements: Students must learn in a school district that earned the 2022 Empowered Seal; complete at least three EVERFI lessons in one or more courses during the 2022-23 school year; and answer one writing prompt. For additional information and to apply, go to <https://everfi.com/k-12/scholarships-contests/>.  | **FALL CONTEST: 12/2/2022****SPRING CONTEST: 5/5/2023** |
| **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship**  | Up to 100% tuition and fees | 12 | There are four different award levels with varying requirements. Bright Futures requires specific coursework, GPA, test scores and community service as well as general requirements. For additional information and to apply, go to <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home> and click on Create a Student Account. | **8/31/2023 to complete FFAA** |
| **Florida Eastern Star Grant Program**  | TBA  | 12 | Requirements: Florida HS Senior graduating in 2023; acceptance to university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution of choice; submission of a 5 paragraph essay on the subject of “Which US president has had the greatest impact on American History?” Copies of the application should be available at either your School Counseling office and/or College & Career Center. | **1/1/2023** |
| **Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) Scholarship NEW!** | $1000 (Renewable)  | 12 | Eligibility Criteria:* Seniors graduating from an accredited Florida high school
* Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
* Minimum test scores –SAT - 1000 or ACT – 22
* Must attend an accredited Florida college/university
* Must teach in Florida, following graduation. A copy of the OFFICIAL FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE must be sent to the State FREA Office. The scholarship requires recipients to teach in the State of Florida for one year for every year the scholarship was awarded.  If not, they must repay any scholarship monies received.

For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.frea.org/scholarships/>. Th | **1/31/2023** |
| **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship NEW!** | Up to $40000 | 12 | **Candidates must*** Demonstrate the attributes of leadership, integrity, drive, and citizenship within their communities, schools, and workplaces
* Display strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent)
* Be citizens of the United States of America
* Be current high school seniors attending high school within the United States, (including any U.S. territories or commonwealths), and graduating in winter 2022 or spring 2023. Applicants living on a U.S. Armed Forces base and attending high school outside the U.S. are eligible.
* Plan to enroll in a full‑time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four‑year college or university in the United States for the entire 2023-2024 academic school year

For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>.  | **1/5/2023** |
| **Innovation in Education Scholarship**  | $500 | 9-12+ | Criteria: Must currently be enrolled as a high school or college/university student within the United States or Canada.Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or the equivalent).Must be a citizen of, permanent resident of, or hold a valid student visa in the United States or Canada.Must have designed an innovative project that makes a difference in the lives of others (This could be a website, series of blogs, an app, fundraising event, etc.) For additional information and to apply, go to: <https://www.latutors123.com/scholarship/> | **Monthly Drawing- must be in by the 20th of the month** |
| **ITE Diversity Scholar Program**  | Up to $4000 | 12+ | This program is open to any U.S. high school student or community college student transferring to a 4 year university, of African-American; Native American, Alaskan, and Hawaiian; or Hispanic/Latino heritage with an interest in a career in transportation and seeking to study transportation engineering, planning, or in a related-field at a school with an established [ITE Student Chapter](https://www.ite.org/membership/current-members/students11/).  Preference will be given to first generation college students and low household income. For additional information and to apply, go to <https://www.ite.org/membership/diversity-scholars-program/>.  | **3/15/2023** |
| **Joseph L Kee Scholarship**  | TBA | 12 | Candidate is a high school senior scheduled to graduated from high school during 2023 that has maintained a min. 3.0 GPA, participate in high school sponsored extra-curricular activities, participate in community service and is son/daughter, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of the Dept. of FL AMVETS. For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.amvetsfl.org/scholarships/>.  | **4/30/2023**  |
| **Mensa Foundation Scholarship**  | TBA | 12 | There are two requirements for applicants:* Applicants must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.
* Applicants must submit an application and essay explaining his or her career, academic and/or vocational goals.

For additional information and to apply, go to <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>.  | **1/15/2023** |
| **One Main Financial Credit Worthy Scholarship NEW!** | $1000 | 9-12 | Open to any U.S. high school student (grades 9-12) who has completed Build - Credit Fundamentals, or a minimum of three modules of the Keys to Your Future, EVERFI: Financial Literacy and/or Venture courses within OneMain Financial’s footprint.For additional information and to apply, go to <https://everfi.com/k-12/scholarships-contests/>.  | **1/13/2023** |
| **Pinellas Education Employees-Retired (PEER) 2023 Scholarship**  | $1000 | 12 | Criteria for the scholarship include demonstrating above average achievement and motivation toward advancing his/her education, GPA of 2.5 or above, service to school and community, leadership and good character, and an immediate family relationship (parent, sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian) with a PCTA, PESPA or PEER member. For more information and to apply, go to [www.pcta-pespa.org](http://www.pcta-pespa.org) and click on 2022-2023 PEER Scholarship link.  | **2/28/2023** |
| **Pinellas Education Foundation Traditional Senior Scholarship**  | Varies | 12 | The Pinellas Education Foundation provides over 100 different college and technical school scholarships to more than 300 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County, based on criteria established by the Foundation and sponsors. Varied as the sponsors who fund them, scholarships range in focus from the arts to science and math, sports, and community service. Many are based on financial need. Scholarships may be either one-time awards or renewable scholarships for students who continue to meet the scholarship qualifications throughout college.For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.pinellaseducation.org/scholarships>.  | **1/31/2023** |
| **Ron Brown Scholarship NEW!** | $40000 | 12 | National scholarship for low-income African American high school seniors. Ron Brown Scholars receive $40,000 toward their college of choice, and are provided mentoring, leadership experiences, and service opportunities. For additional information and to apply, go to <https://ronbrown.org/about/about-rbsp/>.  | **1/9/2023** |
| **Sunshine Opportunity Scholarship NEW!** | $25000 | 12 | The awards are worth $25,000 over four years ($6,250 per year), renewable annually for students who remain in good academic standing. Applicants should be high achieving high school seniors in Hillsborough, Pasco or Pinellas counties who have overcome significant obstacles in life and who plan to attend an in-state public university for their undergraduate studies. For more information and to apply, go to [www.sunshineopportunityscholarships.com](http://www.sunshineopportunityscholarships.com/).  | **3/2/2023** |
| **Varsity Tutors**  | $1000 monthly |  | Monthly scholarship where students must write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. For more information visit <http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship>  | **Monthly deadlines** |

**\*\*Please see your counseling department for scholarships specific to your school\*\***

**NEW! –** *This scholarship is being posted for the first time during this scholarship cycle*

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