



Department of School Counseling Services

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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NAME	AMOUNT	GRADE	REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE
American Muslim Alliance of Florida Inc. Scholarship NEW!	\$500-1000	12	<p>Criteria: must be graduating from a public, private, or home school within the state of Florida and entering college as a full-time student; must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; two letters of recommendations from teachers of core subjects; school counselor must complete counselor section of application; one-page, single-spaced essay; and open for students of all faith and race.</p> <p>Copies of the application are available from your School Counseling office and College & Career Center.</p>	5/8/2023
Belleair Garden Club Scholarship	\$2000	12	<p>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.</p>	4/1/2023
BigFuture Apply to Colleges	\$500-40,000	12	How to Qualify	Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. <p>For additional information and to apply, go to https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships.</p>	
BigFuture Complete the FAFSA	\$500-40,000	12	<p>How to Qualify</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take action to unlock financial aid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the FAFSA. Watch for your Student Aid Report by email or mail. • Alternatively, submit your state's financial aid form for your state. (Check here 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>For additional information and to apply, go to https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships.</p>	Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023
BigFuture Explore Scholarships	\$500-40,000	12	<p>How to Qualify Get Started</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to your College Board account on Scholarship Search. 	Monthly Drawings through 2/28/2023

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>For additional information and to apply, go to https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships.</p>	
Central Gulf Coast Sons and Daughters of Italy Scholarship NEW!	\$1000	12	<p>Criteria: Italian descent; intend to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited junior college, college or university immediately upon graduating from high school; 500-750 word essay.</p> <p>Copies of the application are available from your School Counseling office and College & Career Center.</p>	4/17/2023
Donald P. Rhindress JROTC Scholarship	TBA	12	<p>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/.</p>	4/30/2023
EVERFI Empowered Seal Scholarship	\$500-1000	9-12	<p>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/.</p>	FALL CONTEST: 12/2/2022 SPRING CONTEST: 5/5/2023
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship	Up to 100% tuition and fees	12	<p>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.</p>	8/31/2023 to complete FFAA
Florida Eastern Star Grant Program	TBA	12	<p>Requirements: Florida HS Senior graduating in 2023; acceptance to university, college, junior college, community college or vocational</p>	1/1/2023

			<p>institution of choice; submission of a 5 paragraph essay on the subject of “Which US president has had the greatest impact on American History?”</p> <p>Copies of the application should be available at either your School Counseling office and/or College & Career Center.</p>	
Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) Scholarship	\$1000 (Renewable)	12	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>must</u> repay any scholarship monies received. <p>For more information and to apply, go to https://www.frea.org/scholarships/.</p>	1/31/2023
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship	Up to \$40000	12	<p>Candidates must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	1/5/2023

			<p>United States for the entire 2023-2024 academic school year</p> <p>For more information and to apply, go to https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/.</p>	
Innovation in Education Scholarship	\$500	9-12+	<p>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.</p> <p>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/</p>	Monthly Drawing- must be in by the 20th of the month
ITE Diversity Scholar Program	Up to \$4000	12+	<p>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. 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/.</p>	3/15/2023
PAF Chapter Scholarship NEW!	\$2500		<p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall High School Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better, 2. Must be a high school senior 3. Acceptance into a two-year or four-year college or university 4. Nominated by high school coach 5. Participated at the varsity level in athletics for at least one year 6. Has <i>not</i> accepted a full scholarship award or grant (athletic 	1/29/2023

			<p>or academic)</p> <p>7. Is <u>not</u> the son or daughter of current or former NFL Player</p> <p>Copies of the application should be available at either your School Counseling office and/or College & Career Center.</p>	
Joseph L Kee Scholarship	TBA	12	<p>Candidate is a high school senior scheduled to graduate 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/.</p>	4/30/2023
Paul Toomey IT Scholarship NEW!	\$3400	12	<p>Criteria for the scholarship includes above-average achievement and motivation towards advancing his/her education in a computer-related field, outstanding service to their school and/or the community, involvement in extracurricular events, and admirable leadership. <u>Failure to submit ANY of the requested documents and information will warrant scholarship disqualification.</u></p> <p>Copies of the application are available from your School Counseling office and College & Career Center.</p>	4/3/2023
Pinellas County School District Teacher Scholarship NEW!	\$8000	12	<p>Criteria: Graduating senior from a Pinellas County School District high school; Florida resident; have a valid Social Security Number; interest in pursuing a degree in Education; attend a four-year university in Florida (must be accepted by 3/31/2023); demonstrate financial need via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and minimum weighted GPA of 3.0.</p> <p>Copies of the application are available from your School Counseling office and College & Career Center.</p>	4/1/2023
Pinellas Education Employees-Retired (PEER) 2023 Scholarship	\$1000	12	<p>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,</p>	2/28/2023

			sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian) with a PCTA, PESPA or PEER member. For more information and to apply, go to www.pcta-pespa.org and click on 2022-2023 PEER Scholarship link.	
Pinellas Education Foundation Traditional Senior Scholarship	Varies	12	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, go to http://www.pinellaseducation.org/scholarships.</p>	1/31/2023
Sunshine Opportunity Scholarship	\$25000	12	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, go to www.sunshineopportunitiescholarships.com.</p>	3/2/2023
Varsity Tutors	\$1000 monthly		<p>Monthly scholarship where students must write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. For more information visit http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship</p>	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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