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# Juniors, This Is It

11<sup>th</sup> grade is the year that college transforms from a distant concept looming in your future to an actual reality to prepare for in the present.

From registering for college entrance exams to building your initial list of schools, there are real, tangible tasks that you'll need to complete. And while it's normal to feel overwhelmed, the best way to ease stress and ensure success is to maintain focus on everything that you're balancing.

**The defining characteristic of 11<sup>th</sup> grade is focus – focus on your grades, focus on your entrance exams, focus on your college search, and of course...focus on yourself: the activities you enjoy and the interests you want to pursue.**

As your responsibilities and to-do lists expand, you'll realize that organizational skills play a large role in your ability to focus. To help you manage and stay on top of all that you're juggling, here is a master checklist – it's a long one!

## **Your 11<sup>th</sup> grade college checklist:**

- ✓ **Meet with your school counselor and set goals for the year.**

Before you even begin your college search, your school counselor can facilitate your journey by helping you understand requirements and ensuring that you are on track to meet your academic obligations. ***But you'll need to be proactive.*** It's up to ***you*** to schedule appointments and seek help when you have questions.

- ✓ **Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**

The PSAT is a standardized exam administered by Freedom Preparatory Academy in October. In addition to preparing you to take the SAT (a standardized entrance exam required by many colleges), the PSAT also serves as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

PRO TIP: The PSAT will include a reading test, writing and language test, along with a math test.

- ✓ **Review your PSAT results with your school counselor, parent or mentor**

Keep your scores in context. Remember that the PSAT is a practice exam that is meant to help you identify areas you may wish to improve.

PRO TIP: Your PSAT score report comes with a free SAT study plan to help you strengthen your areas of weakness and determine your testing strategy.

## ✓ **Meet with your scholarship counselor to compile your initial list of colleges**

There are lots of colleges and universities out there – and numerous ways to learn which ones might be a good fit for you. Start your college search by attending college fairs and meeting with college admission officers who visit campus. As you learn about various schools, take note of the ones that appeal to you and why you're interested in them. Is it because of a particular program or major they offer? Is it because of their size or location? Then, do some research and talk to your school counselor to gauge how your grades and exam scores compare to admitted students at those schools. Before you know it, your college list will begin to form.

## ✓ **Study and prepare for the SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Tests**

These standardized college admission exams can help colleges assess your level of preparation for college-level work, though it's important to remember that they only represent a piece of the college admission puzzle. Most four-year colleges require that you submit an SAT or ACT score. However, the more selective a college is, the more likely it is that you'll need to submit SAT Subject Test scores as well.

To determine which exam(s) you should take, talk to your school counselor and do some research to find out which exam(s) your prospective schools require. And while you may not realize it, there are a growing number of colleges that do not require you to submit test scores at all.

PRO TIP: The best way to study is to familiarize yourself with the exam formats by taking practice tests. If you're looking for a place to start, The College Board and The Kahn Academy have partnered to offer free SAT prep featuring four official full-length practice tests. The Act also offers similar resources.

## ✓ **When you're ready, register for the SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Tests**

The tests themselves are available for registration several times throughout the year. Talk to your school counselor about the best time for you to take the exam(s) and consult the official SAT and ACT registration websites for official exam dates and other registration information. You're allowed (and encouraged) to take these exams more than once to attempt to improve your scores. The counseling office recommends taking the tests three times: once in the spring of junior year, once at the end of junior year, and a third time in the fall of senior year.

PRO TIP: The College Board and the ACT both offer fee waivers for eligible students. If you're concerned that the exams registration fees might impose a financial burden on your family, talk to your school counselor about obtaining a fee waiver.

## ✓ **Visit college campuses during your spring break (or whenever it is most convenient for you and your family)**

There is no better way to determine whether a college or university is right for you than visiting in person. During your visit, you'll want to attend an information session, tour the campus, and sit-in on a class or two (if possible). While visiting, ask yourself if you can envision your future at the school and assess whether you would be happy to join the campus community.

PRO TIP: College admission officers realize that not everyone has the time or financial resources to make a campus visit. If that's the case for your family, contact the admission office and let them

know that you are interested in visiting but unable to do so. By reaching out this way, you are alerting admission officers that your interest in them is sincere – and you might even find that the school has funds to help make your visit possible.

- ✓ **Narrow down your initial list of colleges and discuss your list with your school counselor**

Once you've had a chance to research, visit, and/or virtually tour your list of colleges, you'll likely have a better idea of what you're looking for in a school. Not to mention, you will probably have received at least your first round of admission exam scores and junior year grades, so you'll know if your credentials fall within the school's ranges of acceptance.

PRO TIP: As you complete your research you should narrow your list to include solely the colleges that excite you, meet your needs, and match your academic credentials (GPA, SAT or ACT scores, and class rank). Your school counselor can ensure that your list is well-balanced, meaning that it's comprised of colleges where you exceed the published admission criteria, fall within the range of the published admission criteria, and meet some – but not all – of the published admission criteria. Ultimately, the most important thing about your list is that you would be happy to attend each and every school on it.

- ✓ **Secure at least one 11<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to be your recommender**

Letters of recommendation are a critical component of your college application. Don't wait until senior year to secure your recommenders. Instead, talk to an 11<sup>th</sup> grade teacher while you're still in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and ask him or her to write your letter of recommendation next year.

PRO TIP: When thinking about which teachers you will ask to be your recommenders, don't worry about how well they know you outside of the classroom. After all, the purpose of a teacher recommendation letter is to give college admission officers an idea of how you operate in an academic setting. If you've spent a year in a teacher's classroom, trust us: that teacher knows you far better than you realize.

- ✓ **Plan your 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule**

It's important for college admission officers to see that you've challenged yourself. When you meet with your school counselor to plan your senior year schedule, ask about advanced options and honors courses. That said, just because you can take every advanced class available to you doesn't mean you should. Work with your school counselor and your teachers to find the right balance between what will challenge you and what will enable you to be successful.

PRO TIP: If you take an advance placement (AP) course, you have the opportunity to take an AP exam at the end of the school year. Earning a high score on an AP exam can potentially place you out of college courses (saving you money on tuition down the road).

- ✓ **Make meaningful summer plans, but don't forget to relax**

By the time summer approaches, you will likely be ready for a vacation from a rigorous junior year. Reward yourself by taking time to decompress – while also partaking in a meaningful activity. Volunteer in your community. Get a part-time job. Or if you're an athlete, consider a summer camp in your sport. These activities will do more than develop your character and strengthen your skills; they'll also signal to college admission officers that you care about your future.

PRO TIP: The summer is a great time to learn about financial aid and explore options for paying for college.

## Scholarship Deadlines

Scholarships are added weekly. Please check the weekly News Flash for current and updated scholarship opportunities.

### **April Deadlines:**

#### **Aircraft Electronics Association Educational Foundation Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$100 - \$2500

Number of Awards: 20

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.aea.net/EducationalFoundation/ScholarshipDescriptions.asp>

For students pursuing a career in avionics or aircraft maintenance, as well as students from AEA member companies.

#### **American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship**

Grades: 9 – 12

Deadline: April 1

Website:

[http://www.americancollegefoundation.org/college\\_planning/visionary\\_scholarship\\_terms.aspx](http://www.americancollegefoundation.org/college_planning/visionary_scholarship_terms.aspx)

All high school students are eligible to apply for the ACF \$5000 Visionary Scholarship program. Multiple winners are selected each year. With the application, students also receive free access to the “Inside Track” college data research tools; allowing them to review and compare in-depth college admission and funding stats on over 2000 of the nation’s leading institutions.

#### **American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

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

Contact your American Legion Post

#### **American Medical Technologists Student Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 5

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.americanmedtech.org/Schools/ScholarshipsAwards.aspx>

The award is given to a student in need; therefore the applicant must provide evidence of financial need. The applicant's course of study must lead to a career in one of the disciplines certified by the American Medical Technologists.

### **American Nuclear Society (ANS) Incoming Freshman Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$4000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.ans.org/honors/scholarships/forms/>

Awarded to graduating high-school seniors pursuing a degree in nuclear engineering or have the intent to pursue a degree in nuclear engineering.

### **Boomer Esiason Foundation's General Academic Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500 - \$2500

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <https://www.esiason.org/cf-living/scholarships/bef-general-academic-scholarships>

This scholarship is to assist CF patients pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Scholarship committee considers the applicant's scholastic ability, character, leadership potential, service to the community and need for financial assistance.

### **Entertainment Software Association Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: 15

Grade: 12,

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.esafoundation.org/scholarship.asp>

The ESA Foundation established a scholarship program to assist women and minority students who are pursuing degrees leading to careers in Computer & Video Game Arts.

## **HOSA Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.hosa.org/node/150>

HOSA is proud to provide our member with the opportunity to apply for scholarships. Scholarships are generously provided by HOSA partners. Become a member of HOSA to apply.

## **L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest**

Award Amount: \$500-\$1000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: Opens April 1 - Closes June 30

Website: <http://www.writersofthefuture.com/enter-writer-contest/>

L. Ron Hubbard's Writers of the Future Contest is an opportunity for new and amateur writers of new short stories or novelettes of science fiction or fantasy. No entry fee is required. Entrants retain all publication rights. All awards are adjudicated by professional writers only.

## **L. Ron Hubbard Illustrators of the Future Contest**

Award Amount: \$500 - \$1000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: Opens April 1 – Closes June 30

Website: <http://www.writersofthefuture.com/enter-the-illustrator-contest/>

L. Ron Hubbard's Illustrators of the Future Contest is an opportunity for new science fiction and fantasy artists worldwide. No entry fee is required. Entrants retain all publication rights.

## **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Engineering Scholars Program**

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/NSTI\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/NSTI_App_2016.pdf)

This high school program is an investigation of engineering careers in mechanical, computer, environmental, electrical, chemical, biomedical, civil, geological, materials, and related disciplines.

## **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Junior Women in Engineering**

Grade: 6-8

Deadline: April 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/JWIE\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/JWIE_App_2016.pdf)

This high school program is an investigation of engineering careers in mechanical, computer, environmental, electrical, chemical, biomedical, civil, geological, materials, and related disciplines.

### **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Women in Automotive Engineering**

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WIAE\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WIAE_App_2016.pdf)

This program is an investigation of engineering careers in the automotive industry, including mechanical and electrical aspects.

### **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Women in Computer Science**

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WICS\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WICS_App_2016.pdf)

This program is a discovery of the fascinating field of computer science, which is now an integral part of our lives.

### **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Women in Engineering**

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WIE\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/WIE_App_2016.pdf)

This high school program is an investigation of engineering careers in mechanical, computer, environmental, electrical, chemical, biomedical, civil, geological, materials, and related disciplines.

### **National Technical Honor Society Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.skillsusa.org/membership-resources/scholarships-financial-aid/national-technical-honor-society/>

### **STEM Scholarships**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <https://nshssfoundation.org/scholarships/hollister-co-anti-bullying-scholarship/>

The NSHSS Foundation provides STEM Scholarships for underrepresented groups in order to help reduce financial barriers for those with academic and leadership potential and the desire to pursue



STEM careers. We recognize that in order to increase diversity in the technology workforce, we must increase diversity in undergraduates.

### **Swackhamer Scholarship Video Contest**

Award Amount: \$200-\$500

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://www.peacecontests.org/>

All nine of the world's nuclear-armed nations are modernizing or planning to modernize their nuclear arsenals. This is not only extraordinarily expensive, but also very dangerous. Make a video of no more than 3 minutes about why you think we need to #HumanizeNotModernize. The video can address issues around all nine nuclear-armed nations, or one nation in particular.

### **The University of Utah: The Siegfried and Ellen Karsten Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: <http://justforyouth.utah.gov/pdf/Siegfried-and-EllenKarsten-Scholarship-application%20form.pdf>

Students who have been in foster care with the Utah Division of Child and Family Services.

### **Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 1

Website: [www.uaiia.org](http://www.uaiia.org)

Scholarships for students interested in either a degree in business or a career in the insurance industry. 3 scholarships from \$750 to \$1000. 3.0 GPA and active in extra-curricular activities. Transcript of grades, recent photo and application should be sent to Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, 4885 South 900 East, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117 (801)269-1200.

### **The Duralife Unlocker Challenge National Video Competition**

Award Amount: \$2500 - \$7500, plus the school wins up to \$50,000 in worth of lockers

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 7 – 12

Deadline: April 2

Website: <http://www.unlockerchallenge.com/>

Teams of students produce a 2 ½-minutes in length video.

### **Business, Economics, and Public Policy Scholarships**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 3

Website: <https://www.cappex.com/scholarship/listings/Abercrombie-%26-Fitch-Anti-Bullying-Scholarship-Program/-s-d-48863>

The Foundation focusses on Public Policy majors in order to foster leadership in public policy analysis and public management to promote effective public policy decisions on national and international issues. Public policy incorporates social, economic and political components of government decision making.

### **American Indian Education Foundation**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 4

Website: <http://www.sjc.cc.nm.us/pages/3307.asp#aief>

Requirements: Attending an accredited 2-year college full-time, transcripts, CIB, photo, Letter of admission.

### **Stuck At Prom Promposal**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: March 16

Website: <http://stuckatprom.com/promposal/>

Share a photo or video of you Duck Tape promposal on either instagram or Twitter using both #DuckTapePromposal and #sweepstakes to be entered for a chance to win. Limit one entry per person.

### **American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship**

Award Amounts: \$2000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 6

Website: <https://www.afsascholarship.org/high-school-contest/hsstep1/>

Read the "Fire Sprinkler Essay" and take the test.

### **Zion's Bank Pays for A's**

Grade: 7 – 12

Deadline: April 8

Website: <https://www.zionsbank.com/in-our-community/pays-for-as.jsp>

Hardworking middle school, junior high and high school students in Utah and Idaho can earn \$1 per "A" on their report cards. 150 students from different geographic regions in Utah and Idaho will win scholarship savings accounts worth \$100 throughout the school year.

### **The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars**

Award Amount: N/A

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade: 8-12

Deadline: April 14

Website: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/our-approach/>

A selective 5-year pre-college scholarship for high-performing middle school students with financial need. It provides individualized academic advising, financial support, and a pathway to the foundation's \$40,000 per year College Scholarship. Selection comes from high academic ability and achievement, demonstrated financial need, drive and persistence, leadership, and desire to help others.

### **Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 5

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: April 14

Website: <http://www.penguin.com/services-academic/essayhome/>

Essay Subject: *Little Women*. Read the book and discuss one of five topics in a two – three page essay.

### **Development Fund for Black Students in Science and Technology Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000, renewable

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade 12

Deadline: Opens April 15 – Closes June 15

Website: [http://www.dfsstscholarship.org/dfb\\_sch.html#Obtaining\\_Appl](http://www.dfsstscholarship.org/dfb_sch.html#Obtaining_Appl)

Diversity Scholarship: African American/Black. Applicant must obtain an application from one of the colleges listed on their web site. This endowment fund provides scholarships to African-American undergraduate students who enroll in scientific or technical fields of study at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

### **Equality Leadership Scholarship**

Award Amount: TBD

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Be actively involved in the LGBTQ rights movement in your community.

### **Gloria Barron Prize**

Award Amount: \$5000

Number of Awards: 25

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://barronprize.org/apply/>

Must organize and lead an extraordinary service activity which has clearly benefited other people or the planet we share. The activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the student, cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school. Students must demonstrate positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose, shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals, accomplished something with inspirational value, and done more than survive a difficult personal challenge. The Students heroism must have made an impact on the world beyond themselves.

### **Home Education Leadership Scholarship**

Award Amount: TBD

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Must be homeschooled at least 5 years.

### **Latter-day Pioneer Scholarship**

Award Amount: TBD

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Must be admitted to any BYU, LDSBC, or Southern Virginia University. Must be a convert or child of convert parents to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### **Olene S. Walker Transition to Adult Living Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://justforyouth.utah.gov/pdf/osw-application.pdf>

Assists qualified youth who are transitioning out of state foster care or the unaccompanied refugee minor program to complete a post-secondary education program at one of the Utah System of Higher Education institutions.

### **Natural History Museum of Utah Youth Teaching Youth Scholarship**

Award Amount: TBD

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Must be a graduate of the Natural History Museum of Utah Youth Teaching Youth program, admitted to an accredited college, and maintain an 3.0 GPA.

### **Society of Petroleum Engineers Scholarships**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.spe.org/scholarships/>

Membership in the Society required. For students pursuing degrees related to the oil and gas industry.

### **UNCF/Nissan Scholarship Program**

Award Amount: \$2500, renewable

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 12

Deadline: Opens April 15 – Closes June 15

Website: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Details/cef3605c-0af5-40a8-95bb-d949152e7985>

Minority Scholarship. The UNCF/Nissan Scholarship provides a scholarship opportunity for college freshman enrolled at any Historically Black College or University. Must major in Business, Engineering, Finance, Information Technology, or Marketing.

### **Utah EMBA Alumni Service Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$5000/year

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Must be enrolled in a four-year college during the 2016-2017 school year, must be willing to plan and execute a service project between the application due date and July 31, 2016.

### **Willy the Plumber Scholarship**

Award Amount: TBD

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 15

Website: <http://www.utahcf.org/apply-for-a-grant/Apply-for-a-Scholarship/>

Must be admitted to a four-year college in Utah, demonstrate financial need, 2.0 GPA or above, parent/guardian has been in prison for three or more of the past seven years, or currently serving more than two-years in prison or jail (County jail programs included).

### **2017 HonorsGradU Multimedia Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 5

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 16

Website: <http://honorsgradu.com/scholarship/>

Art, creative writing, music, and Photography – Represent your views about the concepts of education vs learning.

### **Utah Women in Leadership Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 17

Website: <https://utahwomeninleadership.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-leadership-scholarship-application/>

125-Word essay on what you believe the opportunities and the responsibilities of women are to provide quality leadership.

### **Nine (9) Beans and Burrito Foundation**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 18

Website: <http://9beans.org/scholarship.html>

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2015/spring 2016 semesters (\$500 per semester). This scholarship opportunity is open to seniors with plans to attend a U.S. accredited community college or a four-year university with a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA. Applicants complete the application and attach two recommendation letters, transcript, and a one-page personal statement.

### **Utah State University: African-American Leadership Award**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 18

Website: <http://mountainwest.usu.edu/africanamerican.aspx>

Available annually to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership both in their high schools and in their communities and who show special talent and potential for continued leadership.

### **Sports Unlimited Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 20

Website: <http://www.sportsunlimitedinc.com/scholarship.html>

Write a 500-1000 Word essay on what inspires you about athletics.

### **Little People of America Scholarship**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 22

Website: <http://www.lpaonline.org/scholarships-and-assistance-grants>

Little People of America, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides support and information to people of short stature and their families. Membership is offered to those people who are usually no taller than 4'10" in height. Their short stature is generally caused by one of the more than 200 medical conditions known as dwarfism. Membership is also available to relatives and interested professionals who work with short-statured individuals.

### **Paul R. Ball Memorial Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 22

Website: <https://www.macu.com/scholarships>

Choose one of three scholarships to apply for, write a one-page essay, personal summary, and two letters of recommendation.

### **Utah Jiffy Lube Teen Driver: Your Turn Behind the Wheel Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1500

Number of Awards: 2

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: April 24

Website: <http://yourturn2apply.com/UTdrivers.htm>

Write a 500-word typed essay about what drives you now.

### **\$10,000 College Scholarship for High School and College Students**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 28

Website:

[https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff\\_sub=&aff\\_sub2=&transaction\\_id=102aa9e3ada3e1ce75fdac98afd315&utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPA\)&](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&transaction_id=102aa9e3ada3e1ce75fdac98afd315&utm_source=&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&)

The ScholarshipPoints program was created in 2006 to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays.

### **Ayn Rand “Atlas Shrugged” Essay Contest**

Award Amount: \$100 - \$20,000

Number of Awards: 500

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 28, 2017

Website: <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#atlasshrugged-1>

Read the book and write an essay based on one of three topics.

### **UNCF/Dell Corporate Scholars Program**

Award Amount: N/A – Scholarships and Internships

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade: 12

Deadline: Opens April 28 – Closes June 30

Website: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Details/02f84698-99c8-4d40-ab83-1ec4ef9a5a76>

Minority scholarship. Students must major or have an academic focus in supply chain management, engineering, electrical engineering, computer science or information technology.

### **Ayn Rand “The Fountainhead” Essay Contest**

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: April 29

Website: <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1>

Read the book and write an 800-1600 word essay on the one of three topics.

### **Utah High School Film Festival**

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 29

Website: <http://www.filmandbroadcast.org/uhsff/>



### **VIP Voice \$5000 Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$5000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 29

Website:

[http://www.vipvoice.com/Toluna.MR.TrafficUI/MSUI/Page.aspx?bid=101&pgtid=12&transid=1025b72f76c234038dd7a1560fc9c4&rcid=&rsid=1426&subid=&aff\\_sub4=&utcoffset=6](http://www.vipvoice.com/Toluna.MR.TrafficUI/MSUI/Page.aspx?bid=101&pgtid=12&transid=1025b72f76c234038dd7a1560fc9c4&rcid=&rsid=1426&subid=&aff_sub4=&utcoffset=6)

Complete a survey and let your voice be heard. For each survey you complete, you will earn VIP points. With our tiered rewards program, the more surveys you take the more points you earn. You must take at least two surveys to be eligible to enter our \$5000 Scholarship Sweepstakes. The more surveys you take the better your chances are to win!

### **All About Education Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship#/fromscholarshipexperts>

Write a 250-word essay to answer the question: "How will a \$3000.00 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?"

### **CARiD Scholarship Program**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 2

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.carid.com/scholarships.html>

Create a photo inspired by any aspect of the automotive industry and email it to [scholarship@CARiD.com](mailto:scholarship@CARiD.com). Here are some ideas to get you started: Your first car, custom modifications you've made, something that makes your vehicle unique, or the coolest vehicle you've ever seen – we're looking forward to your creativity!

### **Easy College Money Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://www.cappex.com/page/account/quickApply.jsp?scholarshipID=gp&code=HO1439-5->

The Easy College Money Scholarship is provided by Cappex. Cappex has been helping students make important college decisions since 2006. They have helped more than 6 million students.

### **E-Waste Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship>

Each year there are 20-50 million tons of e-waste discarded in the world. E-waste contains toxic materials, including heavy metals, that can easily seep into the ground and ultimately get into groundwater supplies. According to the EPA, recycling e-waste allows more than 100 million pounds of materials to be reused annually. The purpose of this scholarship is to help you understand the impact of e-waste and what can be done to reduce e-waste.

### **A GPA Isn't Everything Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://www.scholarships360.org/1000-gpa-isnt-everything-scholarship-2/>

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### **Harlequin Floors Scholarship Contest**

Award Amount: \$250

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 30, 11:00am

Website: <http://www.theworlddances.com/contests/scholarship>

Upload a video of your dance to be voted on. This is a monthly scholarship.

### **Kate Herzog Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$250

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://willamettewriters.org/submit-your-writing/kate-herzog-scholarship/>

Submit an original, unpublished writing sample of less than 1000 words, typed, double-spaced. The sample should be titled, but should not include any information about the author. Writing published in school publications is eligible. Any topic. Fiction and poetry also accepted.

### **National Aviation Explorer Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$3000 - \$10,000

Number of Awards: Varies by scholarship

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://c183757.ssl.cf1.rackcdn.com/wp-content/scholarships/National%20Aviation%20Explorer%20Scholarships.pdf>

National Aviation Exploring Committee awards General Aviation scholarships to recognize excellence among Aviation Explorers studying the technologies and the skills needed in the field of aviation. The sponsors that provide the scholarships are committed to aviation's future leadership. Applicant's description of their personal record should show that they can successfully complete the aviation career educational activity for which they are requesting the scholarship. Also their personal record should show their involvement in life skills, citizenship, leadership, and character education experiences that add to the quality of life.

### **No Essay Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: [https://colleges.niche.com/scholarship/apply.aspx?utm\\_source=Scholarshipscom&utm\\_medium=Referral&utm\\_campaign=SCHnes&source=scholarshipscom](https://colleges.niche.com/scholarship/apply.aspx?utm_source=Scholarshipscom&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=SCHnes&source=scholarshipscom)

The \$2,000 "No Essay" Scholarship is open to all students and those planning on enrolling within 12 months. The monthly winner will be determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the **Scholarship Winners** page. One entry per person, but you can come back each month to try again.

### **The Runnerclick Sports and Academic Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://runnerclick.com/runnerclick-scholarship/>

Write a 2000-2500 word essay on why and how sports can contribute to your life.

### **Scholarship Points Awards**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 30

Website:

[https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff\\_sub=&aff\\_sub2=&transaction\\_id=102aa9e3ada3e1ce75fdac98afd315&utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPA\)&](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&transaction_id=102aa9e3ada3e1ce75fdac98afd315&utm_source=&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&)

The Scholarship Points College Scholarship program was created to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays.

### **Shawn Carter Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2500, renewable

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://www.shawncartersf.com/scholarship-fund/>

The Shawn Carter Scholarship Fund was founded on the belief that any motivated individual in need should have the opportunity to further his or her education. By removing some of the financial burdens associated with going to, surviving in, and graduating from college, the SCSF plays a vital role in increasing college access and success for many motivated yet underserved youth and young adults.

### **ShipDig.Com Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.shipdig.com/scholarship/>

Answer the question, "What is the most interesting item you have ever received in the mail? This can be a letter or postcard, a package or gift, an advertisement, or any other parcel delivered by mail. Explain why this article of mail was so fascinating to you and how it has impacted your life."

### **Sussle Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$300

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://sussle.org/scholarship>

Sussle collects the best content by topic. This is not your usual scholarship. There is no application or essay, and it's actually fun. By participating, you will be posting your knowledge for the benefit of others, and in return, the best contributor will win the scholarship.

### **Valeant Dermatology Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 9

Grade: 12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <https://valeantaspirehigher.fluidreview.com>

### **A Voice for Animals Contest**

Award Amount: \$150 - \$650

Number of Awards: 12

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: April 30

Website: <http://www.hennet.org/contest.php>

The contest is supported by a partnership between the Animal Welfare Institute and the Humane Education network with additional support from the Palo Alto Humane Society. Four contests: Video; Essay/Photographs; Essay/ and Personal Involvement Project.

### ***May Deadlines:***

### **Accenture American Indian Scholarship Fund**

Award Amount: N/A

Number of Awards: 23

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://aigc.academicworks.com/opportunities/2956>

GPA 3.25, studying: engineering, computer science, operations management, finance, marketing, or other business oriented fields. Must submit a Tribal Eligibility Certificate and Financial needs form.

### **All Native American High School Academic Team**

Award Amount: \$250

Number of Awards: 36

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://aigc.academicworks.com/opportunities/1168>

Awarded to high school seniors who have outstanding academic achievements, leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities, and motivation to serve and succeed. Min. 3.3 GPA, and submit a Tribal Eligibility Certificate.

### **American Agri-Women Gail McPherson Fly-In Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://americanagriwomen.org/scholarships/>

This scholarship is available to any AAW member to attend the annual AAW Fly-In held in June of each year in Washington, DC. Must be the attendee's first Fly-In.

### **DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://www.dutchcrafters.com/heritage-scholarship>

This scholarship recognizes the undergraduate students who draw upon their cultural heritage to shape their vocational aspirations, add creative value to their future employers, and serve their communities. How will you draw upon your cultural heritage to shape your vocational aspirations, offer creative value to your future employer, and serve your community?

### **Future Innovator Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 10-12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://studysoup.com/scholarship>

### **High School Senior Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/student-zone/scholarships-and-grants/high-school-senior-scholarships>

Awarded to students enrolling full-time in an undergraduate pre-engineering or engineering technology program leading to a bachelor degree in a course of study that traditionally has been a preparatory curriculum for the HVAC&R profession.

### **Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association: Law Enforcement Explorers**

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://hapcoa.org/explorers-scholarship>

Recognizes Law Enforcement Explorers of Hispanic ancestry who have shown potential to become future leaders in the law enforcement and criminal justice profession.

### **International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Essay Scholarship Contest**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/EssayContest.aspx>

The purpose is to acquaint the uninitiated with the crucial importance the plumbing industry plays in our everyday lives. Write an essay expressing your thought on "The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has been in existence since 1926. Of all the IAPMO Group's core competencies, which division do you feel is making the greatest impact and why?"

### **IWSH Essay Scholarship Contest**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/EssayContest.aspx>

To acquaint the uninitiated with the crucial importance the plumbing industry plays in our every day lives. How would you promote the IWSH projects and what slogan would you use to do so?

### **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: The National Summer Transportation Institute**

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/NSTI\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/NSTI_App_2016.pdf)

This two week residential program allows students to explore today's top transportation industries.

### **Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs: Rail and Intermodal Transportation Program**

Grade: 9 – 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: [http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/Rail\\_App\\_2016.pdf](http://www.syp.mtu.edu/docs/Rail_App_2016.pdf)

This high school program is an investigation designed to create awareness and stimulate interest in the area of rail and intermodal transportation. The program is a collaborative effort by Michigan Tech's Rail Transportation Program and the Transportation and Logistics Management Program at University of Wisconsin-Superior.

### **Paradigm Challenge**

Award Amount: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 100

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <http://www.projectparadigm.org/challenge-rules>

The Paradigm Challenge is available to students up to the age of 18. You may work in a team or alone in creating an original and creative way to generate new ideas in preventing injuries and fatalities from home fires—America's #1 disaster threat. Entries may come in the form of posters, videos, inventions, messages, community events, websites, mobile apps, or anything else that will help save lives. Additionally, you must submit a brief statement of your idea (140 characters or less) in order to qualify for this award.

### **Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: Varies

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 1

Website: <https://worldstudio.secure-platform.com/a/page/AIGA-Worldstudio>

### **Four-Legged Finishers**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 2

Website: <https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/four-legged-finishers>



Cats and dogs are twice as likely to get cancer if their owner smokes because of exposure to second - and third hand smoke – both of which are toxic to pets. We're enlisting all furry friends to become our four-legged finishers. By finisher, we mean someone(or, in this case, somepet) who will help us be the generation to FINISH cigarette smoking for good. Take a photo of a pet and use a creative caption to show how cigarette smoke is harmful to pets' health. We're looking for wit and creativity – o smoker-bashing or negativity, please.

### **Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity**

Award Amount: up to \$20,000

Number of Awards: 3-6

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: May 3

Website: <http://www.rbffoundation.org/scholarship.html>

This scholarship is to reward and encourage innovative and creative problem solving.

### **College Scholarship for High School**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: May 6

Website:

[https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff\\_sub=&aff\\_sub2=&transaction\\_id=1028e5f02f9850926078fe3f0727e4&utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPA\)&](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&transaction_id=1028e5f02f9850926078fe3f0727e4&utm_source=&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&)

The ScholarshipPoints program was created to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays.

### **Freedom Preparatory Academy Senior Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 2

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 13

Website: Posted on Schoology, Senior Class of 2016 homepage

These scholarships are faculty choice awards, given to the two seniors who best embody the kind of leader described in our secondary school's mission statement. That is, someone who is an effective communicator, critical thinker, an ethical and passionate leader, a life-long learner, someone who will have a positive and measurable impact in the local community and beyond, and someone who will go on to become a leader in their family, community, business, and society.

### **Foot Locker Foundation, Inc – UNCF Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$5000

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 13

Website: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Details/3dd89021-f0de-41df-8f3b-b0094f7e757b>

Minority Scholarship. Must attend a UNCF Affiliated university. Foot Locker Foundation, Inc. provides support for educational and sports programs across the country that equip children and young adults with the necessary tools to achieve their goals and be successful in life.

### **American Indian Services**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 100

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 15 for classes starting in June

Website: [https://secure.mytechsupport.com/~ais/students\\_application.html](https://secure.mytechsupport.com/~ais/students_application.html)

This is a financial need based scholarship. Must request a Financial Needs Analysis from the Financial Aid Office at the college. Certificate of Indian Blood is required.

### **James Beard Foundation**

Award Amount: up to \$20,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 15

Website: <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/jamesbeard/>

Culinary Arts scholarship.

### **Mission Creek Orthodontist Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 15

Website: [https://www.studentscholarships.org/available\\_scholarships\\_2016.php](https://www.studentscholarships.org/available_scholarships_2016.php)

Submit answers to the essay question on the application.

### **National Spanish Examinations National Awards and Scholarships**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 60

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 15

Website: <http://www.nationalspanishexam.org/index.php/about-us/scholarships-for-students>

Pursuant to its mission, the National Spanish Examination (NSE), a program of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to recognizing student achievement and promoting language proficiency in the study of Spanish.

### **National Optimist International Oratorical Contest**

Ward Amount: \$2500

Number of Awards: 90

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 15

Website: <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships4.cfm>

Topic: How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others.

### **Brower Youth Award**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: 6

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: May 16

Website: <https://broweryouthawards.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/14130>

Earth Island Institute established The Brower Youth Award for Environmental Leadership in 2000 to honor renowned environmental advocate David Brower, who was quoted as saying "I love to see what young people can do, before someone old tells them it's impossible." It is with this spirit that we recognize the outstanding leadership efforts of young people who are working for the protection of our shared planet.

### **National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 50

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 20

Website: <http://www.nage.org/benefits/scholarships.php>

Scholarships are available of members of NAGE, IBPO, IBCO, and IAEP and the member's spouse, child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or significant other.

### **B. Davis Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 11-12

Deadline: May 23

Website: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

Write a 1000-word essay on the topic: "Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual."

### **LGMD (Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophies) Awareness Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$3000

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 25

Website: <http://www.jain-foundation.org/scholarship>

Two different scholarship categories – Merit-based and social media. You may apply for both, but will be awarded at most one scholarship. The LGMD Awareness Scholarship was designed to reward students who teach others about Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophies, often referred to as LGMDs.

### **Harlequin Floors Scholarship Contest**

Award Amount: \$250

Number of Awards: 4

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: May 28, 11:00am

Website: <http://www.theworlddances.com/contests/scholarship>

Upload a video of your dance to be voted on. This is a monthly scholarship.

### **BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1500/renewable

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 30

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/>

This annual scholarship is provided by BMW AG in recognition of its commitment to excellence in engineering. BMW is world famous for designing and building luxury, high-performance passenger cars and motorcycles. The company is also a leader in developing and manufacturing high technology, high performance internal combustion engines.

## **Easy College Money Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 30

Website: <https://www.cappex.com/page/account/quickApply.jsp?scholarshipID=gp&code=HO1439-5->

Easy College Money Scholarship is provided by Cappex. Cappex has been helping students make important college decisions since 2006.

## **Edward D. Hendrickson/SAE Engineering Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$5000/renewable

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 30

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/mozley/>

Mr. Hendrickson was deeply committed to the truck industry and was considered one of the foremost authorities on truck suspensions in the nation. He was active in SAE, where he chaired local, regional, and national committees and published several papers on truck suspension systems.

## **Fred M Young Sr./SAE Engineering Scholarship**

Amount: \$1000/renewable

Award Amount: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 30

Website: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/young/>

The Young Radiator Company established this scholarship in memory of the company's founder, Fred M. Young, Sr. Mr. Young started the company in 1927 and saw it grow to become a major force in the field of Heat Transfer. He had a high regard for the value of engineering in terms of its contribution to the success of society.

## **Scholarship Points Awards**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: May 30

Website:

[https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff\\_sub=&aff\\_sub2=&transaction\\_id=1028e5f02f9850926078fe3f0727e4&utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPA\)&](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&transaction_id=1028e5f02f9850926078fe3f0727e4&utm_source=&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&)

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### **TMC / SAE Donald D. Dawson Technical Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1500

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 30

Must pursue and engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

### **\$10,000 CollegeXpress Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

All you have to do is register. Must enter a member college (in-state schools are not eligible).

### **Behavioral Health Academic Scholarship Program**

Award Amount: \$5000

Number of Awards: 3

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://americanaddictioncenters.org/behavioral-health-academic-scholarship/>

### **Christian Connector Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2500

Number of Awards: N/A

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://www.christianconnector.com/christiancollegesform.cfm?adref=Scholarships360>

### **A GPA Isn't Everything Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/scholarships/1000-a-gpa-isnt-everything-scholarship.php>

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### **AWeber Developing Futures Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2500

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <https://www.aweber.com/email-marketing-scholarship.htm>

Students studying in the Business/Marketing/Communications fields – Written essays or Video essay

### **Fifth Month Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$1500

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 7-12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/fifth-month-scholarship#/fromscholarshipexperts>

Submit and online 250-word essay on the question: “May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here’s a high five to you for being original.”

### **Leavitt Machinery Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$500

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://www.forkliffttrainingcalgary.com/training.php>

Write an essay about a situation you have been involved in or someone you know has been involved in where better safety procedures would have prevented an injury. Explain in detail what safety procedures you believe should have been in place to prevent the injury and how they would have prevented the injury.

### **Less Stress Text**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 9-12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/less-stress-text>

54% of college students have felt an overwhelming amount of anxiety in the past 12 months. There are a ton of simple, proven ways to cope with stress, and we've compiled the best ones for you and your friends. Freddie is DoSomething.org's resident texter, and they know a thing or two (or five) about battling anxiety. Send Freddie's stress-busting tips to friends.

### **No Essay Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$2000

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website:

[https://colleges.niche.com/scholarship/apply.aspx?utm\\_source=Scholarshipscom&utm\\_medium=Referral&utm\\_campaign=SCHnes&source=scholarshipscom](https://colleges.niche.com/scholarship/apply.aspx?utm_source=Scholarshipscom&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=SCHnes&source=scholarshipscom)

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### **Sussle Scholarship**

Award Amount: \$300

Number of Awards: 1

Grade: 12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://sussle.org/scholarship>

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### **Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship Program**

Award Amount: \$1000 and \$2000

Number of Awards: 62

Grade: 11

Deadline: May 31

Website: <http://www.positivecoach.org/our-awards/triple-impact-competitor-scholarships/default.aspx>



Scholarships open to current high school **junior athletes** who are involved in school and/or local sports that best exemplify the qualities of a Triple-Impact Competitor (an athlete that makes themselves, their teammates and the game better)

### **World Recycle Week: Close The Loop**

Award Amount: \$5000

Number of Awards: 1

Grades: 9-12

Deadline: May 31

Website: <https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/world-recycle-week-close-loop-0?source>

11.1 million tons of recyclable fabric and textiles end up in landfills every year. This causes major problems for the environment. Instead of trashing old clothes, give them a second life by recycling them. Join a global fashion movement for the planet by supporting H&M's World Recycle Week.

## **Utah's Colleges & Universities**

University of Utah	<a href="http://www.utah.edu">www.utah.edu</a>	Deadlines: Dec 1 to be considered for fin aid
Utah State University	<a href="http://www.usu.edu">www.usu.edu</a>	Deadline: April 1
Weber State University	<a href="http://www.weber.edu">www.weber.edu</a>	Deadline: August 31 (100% acceptance)
Southern Utah University	<a href="http://www.SUU.edu">www.SUU.edu</a>	Deadline: March 1
Dixie State University	<a href="http://www.dixie.edu">www.dixie.edu</a>	Deadline: August 15
Utah Valley University	<a href="http://www.uvu.edu">www.uvu.edu</a>	Deadline: August 1
Snow College	<a href="http://www.snow.edu">www.snow.edu</a>	Deadline: Up to the first day of each semester
Salt Lake Community College	<a href="http://www.slcc.edu">www.slcc.edu</a>	Deadline: August 21
Westminster College	<a href="http://www.westminstercollege.edu">www.westminstercollege.edu</a>	Deadline: December 2
Brigham Young University	<a href="http://www.byu.edu">www.byu.edu</a>	Deadline: December 1
LDS Business College	<a href="http://www.ldsbc.edu">www.ldsbc.edu</a>	Deadline: 10 days before the start of a semester
Mountainland Applied Technical College	<a href="http://www.mlac.edu">www.mlac.edu</a>	Deadline: Rolling

## **Summer College Opportunities**

Websites to help you find a Summer Pre-College Program:

- <http://www.giftedstudy.org/>
- [http://www.edinformatics.com/travel/summer\\_academic\\_programs.htm](http://www.edinformatics.com/travel/summer_academic_programs.htm)
- <http://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/top-summer-pre-college-programs/1761/>
- <http://www.questbridge.org/summer-programs>
- <http://www.usummer.com/>

**BOSTON COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM...** The world needs more makers and more doers, more thinkers and more learners. That's why we created the Boston College Experience, a residential college program designed to immerse qualified rising high school seniors in BC's richly diverse community during the summer. This six-week program offers college credit in math, writing, or interdisciplinary courses. For over 20 years, Boston College has been providing talented high school students the opportunity to live and learn on the Boston College campus through the Boston College Experience program (now called BCE Honors). Today, we offer six programs to focus on the subjects that are most interesting to you. On-line **applications are due May 15** and can be viewed at <http://www.bc.edu/schools/summer/bce/>

**BOSTON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE...** The Boston Leadership Institute selects outstanding high school students for our three-week programs. Students develop high-level research skills and subject matter expertise that strengthen credentials valuable for college admissions, interviews, and essays. Our students have been accepted to top universities all across the country. This award-winning summer STEM research program for teens is named one of the top five summer science programs in the country. **Application deadline is when they run out of space for the program.** <http://bostonleadershipinstitute.com/summer-2016-updates.html>

**Brown University Pre-College Programs...** Experience college, prepare for academic success, and make new friends from around the world in Brown Pre-College Programs. Throughout the summer Brown offers multiple sessions 1-7 weeks in length, and more than 300 courses to choose from – on campus, online, and abroad. Visit <http://www.brown.edu/academics/pre-college/overview.php> for more specific programs and application information.

**CARNEGIE MELLON SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS...** applications are available to students who will be **Juniors or Seniors** this summer. Programs include Advanced Placement/Early Admission (AP/EA), Architecture, Art & Design, Drama, Music, and National High School Game Academy. The programs will show what life at Carnegie Mellon is all about and attendees will meet people from all over the world, be inspired by world-renowned faculty, take part in the excitement of campus and have the opportunity to explore the city of Pittsburgh. The on-line **application deadline is April 1** and the website is: <https://admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/pre-college>

**Columbia University Summer Programs for High School Students...** With programming open to students entering grades 9 through 12 and freshman year of college, the program combines academic rigor and instructional excellence with lively extracurricular offerings and careful supervision and support. Whether part of the Academic Immersion program for commuting students or the Campus Immersion residential program, students become part of the Columbia University community and gain a strong sense of their personal and academic potential. Visit <http://sps.columbia.edu/high-school/nyc> for additional information on the two programs. **Application deadline is March 30.**

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAMS...** Experience college life at an Ivy League university, and make friends from more than 40 countries around the world. There are 3- and 6-week programs including Architecture/Art, Business, Engineering, Law/Government, Medicine Research and Science, Sustainability, Veterinary Medicine and more. Visit: [www.summercollege.cornell.edu](http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu) **Deadline for Application is April 29. Financial Aid Application deadline is April 1.**

**DARTMOUTH STEM EXPLORATION PROGRAM...**The Dartmouth Bound STEM Exploration Program is designed to provide participants with insight into what STEM programs at Dartmouth offer, as well as giving information about the admissions and financial aid process. The program is also a forum in which participants engage with current students and Dartmouth faculty to explore the intersection of academics, engagement, and leadership at the college. All STEM sessions will give participants valuable exposure to research, academics, and life in an Ivy League setting.  
<https://admissions.dartmouth.edu/visits-programs/dartmouth-bound>

**DUKE UNIVERSITY SUMMER ACADEMY...**is a three-week, non-credit-bearing program that attracts students who represent the next generation of leaders from around the world. Students immerse themselves in an environment to gain a global perspective on multiple areas of interest for young leaders. For more information, visit: <http://summersession.duke.edu/high-school-students>  
**Application deadline is April 15.**

**EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAMS...** The Prescott, Arizona campus is offering camps in Aerospace Engineering, Aviation Discovery, Security Intelligence, Flight Exploration Computer/Electrical/Software Engineering and more. Visit <http://summercamps.erau.edu/camps/index.html#prescott>

**HARVARD SUMMER SCHOOL...**Imagine studying at Harvard for seven weeks, fully immersed in the college experience. Whether you choose to live on campus, commute, or take courses online, you'll have the opportunity to explore complex topics, gain valuable life skills, and form lasting bonds. Learn and connect with students from all over the globe. You'll broaden your perspective, build a lasting network of diverse individuals, and gain a better understanding of other cultures. **Application deadline is when the course is full. Apply early!** <http://www.summer.harvard.edu/high-school-programs/secondary-school-program>

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA...**Penn delivers the challenge of an Ivy League curriculum to academically talented high school students seeking a pre-collegiate experience. Explore Penn's historic campus, engage with leading faculty, and build intellectual connections within accelerated three or six week Penn Summer High School Programs. Both non-credit and undergraduate credit programs are offered. **Application deadline is June 1.**  
<https://www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/highschool>

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY...**welcomes eligible high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college credit courses. Nearly 600 courses in a variety of subject areas are offered. The Visiting Young Scholars Program provides the opportunity for a select group of high school students to begin their college experience in regular lower division Saint Louis University classes on the SLU campus, prior to high school graduation. This program bridges the gap between high school honors courses and full-time college student status, while providing participating students the opportunity of advancing academically prior to entering SLU as full-time students. **Application deadline is May 1.**  
<http://www.slu.edu/summer/college-credit-and-continuing-education>

**STANFORD SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...**Several programs are offered at Stanford, from unpaid internships to RISE and Pre-Medical student internships, Stanford has something for you. **Application deadline depends on the course you are attending.**  
<http://oso.stanford.edu/programs/audiences/5-high-school-students>

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING/SUMMER ACADEMY...**consists of two types of programs. The **Interdisciplinary Programs** cut across all majors in the U. A. college of Engineering to give students a glimpse of the infinite possibilities in engineering. The **Major Focused Programs** are designed to give students the opportunity to explore a few engineering majors at a deeper level. The programs offered are structured to represent different themes in the engineering world: The Physical World, The Environment and Bioengineering, Engineering New Technology, and

Urban Engineering Systems. For dates, costs, scholarships to cover fees, and application steps, visit: [http://www.engineering.arizona.edu/k12/k12\\_SEA](http://www.engineering.arizona.edu/k12/k12_SEA) **Application Deadline is May 2**

**US NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER STEM CAMP**...is designed to spark and cultivate interest in the many academic disciplines which make up science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. A hands-on, design-based program, Naval Academy Summer STEM will challenge students to think scientifically, problem-solve creatively, and work cooperatively in teams. Open to rising 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, Summer STEM is led by USNA faculty and currently enrolled midshipmen and is a great fit for students looking to broaden their understanding of STEM study and careers. <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM/STEMBrochure.pdf> **The application deadline is April 15.**

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY/ST. LOUIS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM**... Experience all facets of college life in our High School Summer Scholars Program, open to students during the summer following their sophomore or junior year. As a participant in this selective five-week program, you will live on campus, enroll in courses, and study alongside college students. Select from a broad range of stimulating introductory courses in the humanities, math, sciences, and social sciences as well as our one-unit, noncredit college success workshops. This can be the perfect stepping-stone to the next stage of your education! The on-line **application deadline is April 1** and the website is: <http://summerexperiences.wustl.edu/scholars>

**WEST POINT SUMMER LEADERS SEMINAR**... SLE gives high school **juniors** a week to experience life as a cadet to inform their college selection decision. SLE is a fast-paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics conducted during the month of June each year. There are two sessions. Applicants apply once to compete for both sessions and are given the opportunity to state a preference session: **Session 1 = May 28 – June 3** or **Session 2 = June 4 to 10**. Acceptance is competitive and admission is on a rolling basis and **acceptance letters** go out as soon as **early April**, so **don't delay** applying. Apply @: <http://westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx> The cost is \$400 plus transportation to and from West Point. **The application deadline is March 30.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE—VOLUNTEERING

Attention all grade level students—Volunteer!! Many colleges and scholarship donors require applicants to be involved in community service. Start early so you are not trying to play “catch up” in your senior year when you will also be focusing on scholarship and college applications.

- ♂ Wondering where to volunteer?
- Check your city web-site under volunteer opportunities
- Your local library
- Church offers many volunteer opportunities
- Scouting programs offer many volunteer opportunities
- Parks and Recreation programs
- Freedom Preparatory Academy has volunteer opportunities

# RESUMES

Update your resume! Your resume is required for:

- Your personal profile
- Letters of recommendation from administrators, teachers, and/or counselors (must be attached to request form)
- Many scholarships
- Some job applications and/or interviews
- College recruiters

## PERSONAL STATEMENT/COLLEGE

### ADMISSIONS ESSAY...

Essays are an integral part of most scholarship applications and are also required for admission to many colleges and universities. The Scholarship Office is available to assist you with this process or check out these websites: <http://www.stepuputah.com/> ; <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays> ; <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/essays.phtml> ; <http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/4029-writing-the-perfect-admissions-essay>

## Sample College Application Essay

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

**You Be the Judge! Read the following application essay. See if you can figure out this essay's strengths and weaknesses. Then keep reading to see the "Big Future – college Board" critique.**

From the time I was able to realize what a university was, all I heard from my mother's side of the family was about the University of Michigan and the great heritage it has. Many a Saturday afternoon my grandfather would devote to me, by sitting me down in front of the television and reminiscing about the University of Michigan while halftime occurred during a Michigan Wolverines football game. Later, as I grew older and universities took on greater meaning, my mother and uncle, both alumni of the University of Michigan, took me to see their old stamping grounds. From first sight, the university looked frightening because of its size, but with such a large school comes diversity of people and of academic and non-academic events.

In Springfield High School, non-academic clubs such as the Future Physicians and the Pylon, both of which I have belonged to for two years, give me an opportunity to see both the business world and the medical world. These two clubs have given me a greater sense of what these careers may be like. In Future Physicians, I participated in field trips to children's hospitals and also participated in two blood banks.

Currently I hold a job at Maas Brothers. This lets me interact with people outside my own immediate environment. I meet different kinds of people, in different moods, with different attitudes, and with different values. This job teaches me to be patient with people, to have responsibility, and to appreciate people for what they are.

In the community I am active in my church Youth Group. As a high school sophomore, I was our church's representative to the Diocesan Youth Fellowship. I helped organize youth group events, the largest being



"The Bishop's Ball," a state-wide event for 300 young people. I also played high school junior varsity soccer for two years. As a senior I will be playing varsity soccer, but in the off-season. As a junior I coached a girls' soccer team for the town. This gave me a great deal of responsibility because the care of twenty-four girls was put into my custody. It felt very satisfying to pass on the knowledge of soccer to another generation. The girls played teams from other parts of Florida. Though their record was 3-8, the girls enjoyed their season. This is what I taught them was the greatest joy of soccer.

The past three years of my life have given me greater visions of my future. I see the University of Michigan as holding a large book with many unread chapters and myself as an eager child who has just learned to read. I intend to read and probe into all the chapters. The University of Michigan offers me more than the great reputation of this fine school, but a large student body with diverse likes and dislikes, and many activities, both academic and non-academic, to participate in. With the help of the University of Michigan, I will be successful after college and be able to make a name and place for myself in our society.

**The Critique...**Admission officials consider how you write your essay, not just what you write about. Try to critique your own essays in the same way this sample essay is critiqued in the following sample.

## Sample College Application Essay (critique)

### The Introduction

The introduction seems to have a lack of focus: Where's the writer going with this paragraph? Where's the writer going with this essay? Also, the writer needs to tighten the phrasing (e.g., "while halftime occurred" to "at halftime" or "From first sight" to "Immediately").

### The Body

There is a very abrupt transition from the first paragraph to the second: How did we get from Michigan's diversity to the writer's clubs? The second paragraph also includes general statements with little evidence: How did these activities reveal career paths?

Can the writer be more specific? What does "participated in two blood banks" mean? Did he drive volunteers from across town, sign people in all day on three Saturdays every month except August or spend 15 minutes one Thursday afternoon in the nurse's office giving blood?

In the third paragraph, we have to ask: What does the writer do at Maas Brothers? "Interact" needs definition. What here shows that the writer has thought about the time spent at Maas Brothers? Also in this paragraph, there is a misspelling of different ("different"): The writer did not proofread thoroughly.

The information in the fourth paragraph (as well as the previous two paragraphs) appears elsewhere in the application. Essays that simply run down your accomplishments don't add to your application. And does the reader need to know that "the girls played teams from other parts of Florida"?

The writer would be better off focusing on one of the things discussed in this essay, such as working with the girls' soccer team. What he did to make Jennifer and Gretchen and Courtney enjoy soccer even though they won only three of their games would be more vivid and focused than a lot of talk about passing things on to future generations.

### The Conclusion

The conclusion returns to the earlier idea of diversity at Michigan, but this idea was not developed in the body of the essay. It's not necessary to mention "the great reputation of this fine school." Instead, the writer should give specific, programmatic reasons Michigan offers the kind of education he needs.

### Overall

This essay seems full of information and demonstrates basic essay organization, but it lacks focus and proof. The reader gets a laundry list of activities rather than a clear sense of who the writer is and what he cares and thinks about.

The writer also repeats some phrases. He mentions the “University of Michigan” six times and repeats “academic and non-academic” twice.

*Adapted from The College Application Essay by Sarah Myers McGinty.*

Visit the website for more essay writing tips @ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Spring Break is an EXCELLENT time to schedule College Campus Visits and tour the colleges you are most interested in. Follow the guidelines below to make the most of your visit.

## **CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST**

### **How to Make the Most of Your Trip**

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. While you’re there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors and students. Below are some other things you can do while visiting. Note that some activities, such as meeting with an admission officer or staying overnight in a dorm, might need to be set up in advance.

#### **Gather Information**

**Find out what you need to do to apply and see if the college’s class and major offerings are what you want:**

- Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- Interview with an admission officer.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren’t in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- Get the names of the people you meet and their business cards so you can contact them later if you have questions.

#### **Explore the Campus**

**Get a feel for student life and see if this college is a place where you will do well:**

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk to current students about life on campus and the college.
- Check out the freshmen dorms and stay overnight with a student, if possible.

- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore and other campus facilities.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

### **Check Out Campus Media**

**Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:**

- Listen to the college radio station.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers and literary reviews.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.

### **Questions to Ask During Your Visit**

**Here are some questions you may want to ask your tour guide or students you meet on campus:**

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?

*Adapted from [Campus Visits and College Interviews](#) by Zola Dincin Schneider.*