**2015-16 Scholarships**

Please be sure to read about scholarship scams. Scholarships are “free” money for college, you should never pay to receive a scholarship. Most of your scholarships will come from the college you attend. There are many other national and local scholarships available. This is not a comprehensive list of scholarships but will help get you started. Check back frequently as some of the websites posted will not open their application period until later in the year.

<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2012/07/26/dont-fall-for-these-5-college-scholarship-scams>

<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2011/04/07/9-signs-of-college-scholarship-scams>

**T.I.P. (Tuition Incentive Program)**

*Pays college tuition and mandatory fees for students from low-income families.*

**Criteria:** Receiving (or have received) Medicaid; apply before you graduate from high school; must be under the age of 20.

**Deadline:** Before Graduation.

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61016-274565--,00.html>

**Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund**

**Criteria:** Applicants must be one of the following: dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident, or who has been killed in action, or who has been classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA). In addition, all applicants must currently be in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full time undergraduate student and under the age of 26 at the time of application.

**Award:** Amount unknown.

**Deadline:** A.S.A.P.

[www.FAScholarship.com](http://www.FAScholarship.com)

**SEPTEMBER**

**“Shout It Out” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: Here’s your chance to tell the world what’s on your mind. Our featured scholarship this month will help you turn your keyboard into a megaphone.

**Award:** $1500

**Deadline:** September 30

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship>

**OCTOBER**

**Coca-Cola Scholars Program**

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be high school seniors in the U.S. and must use the awards at an accredited U.S. college or university. Selection is based on character, personal merit and commitment. Merit is shown through leadership, academic achievement and motivation to serve and succeed.

**Amount:** $1,000-$1,500.

**Deadline:** October 31.

<http://www.coca-colascholars.org/>

**“Zombie Apocalypse” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “Imagine that your high school/college has been overrun with Zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Use your brain to flesh out a plan to avoid the Zombies, including where you would hide and the top 5 things you would bring with you to stay alive.”

**Award:** $2,000.

**Deadline:** October 31.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

**NOVEMBER**

**NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing**

**Criteria:** Honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

**Award:** $500 in cash, a laptop computer, expenses-paid trip to the national Award ceremony in March.

**Deadline:** November 2.

[www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award)

**The Presidential Spirit of Community Awards**

**Criteria:** Any student in grade 5- 12 and is legal resident of one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia. Student has engaged in a volunteer activity within the 12 months prior to the date of application. Complete an online application at one of the websites below (access key: spirit).

**Award:** $1,000, medallion, and a trip to Washington D.C.

**Deadline:** November 4.

<http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit)

**“Education Matters” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn’t matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?”

**Award:** $5,000.

**Deadline:** November 30.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

**DECEMBER**

**ELKS National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Any high school senior who is a citizen of the US is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the ELKS. Applicants must be citizens of the US on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. Male & female students compete separately & will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need.

**Award:** 500 awards ranging from $1,000 to $12,500 per year

**Deadline:** December 4.

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

**AXA Achievement Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico. Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2015-2016 academic year. Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities

**Award:** $10,000

**Deadline:** December 15.

<https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

**U of M Dearborn Opportunity Scholarship**

**Criteria:** High school seniors admitted with a minimum recalculated GPA of 3.00 at the time of admission are eligible. Students must be enrolled in a public high school in school districts with an economic disadvantaged status of 70% or greater as recognized by the State of Michigan (details on Michigan.gov/cepi) from the counties of Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, or Wayne)

**Award:** $8,000 ($2,000 renewable per year) or full tuition and select fees (only 12 of the latter are awarded)

**Deadline:** December 15.

[www.umd.umich.edu/scholarships](http://www.umd.umich.edu/scholarships)

**Burger King Scholars Program**

**Eligibility:** Applicants may apply from public, private, vocational, technical, parochial and alternative high schools in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico and must be U.S. or Canadian residents. Students must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week unless there are extenuating circumstances, participate in community service or other activities, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school by the fall term of the graduating year. Applicants do NOT need to work at Burger King, but Burger King employees are eligible.

**Minimum GPA:**2.5.

**Amount:** $1,000-$25,000.

**Deadline:** December 15.

**How to apply:** Applications are available online and may only be completed online. <http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram>

**NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation (YEF)**

**Criteria:** A graduating high school senior with the passion to be an entrepreneur or small-business owner and who will be entering his or her freshman year at an accredited two or four year university, college, or vocational institute in the fall of 2015.

**Award:** Multiple scholarships ranging in value of $1,000-10,000.

**Deadline:** (Application available beginning October 1): December 18.

[www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA)

**“Top Ten List” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship.”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** December 31.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship>

**JANUARY**

**American Legion Department of Michigan**

**Criteria:** William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarship available to residents of Michigan who are a son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran with a minimum 2.5 GPA, planning to attend any recognized college or university. Various other scholarships are also available through the Michigan Legion.

**Award:** $500

**Deadline:** January 13.

[www.michiganlegion.org](http://www.michiganlegion.org)

**“I Have a Dream” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “We want to know…what do you dream about? Whether it’s some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us for a chance to win $1,500 for college.”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** January 30.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

**FEBRUARY**

**AXA Achievement Community Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico. Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2016-2017 academic year. Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities

**Award:** $2,000

**Deadline:** December 1.

<https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html>

**“Sweet & Simple” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it’s the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you.”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** February 28.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/sweet-and-simple-scholarship>

**MARCH**

**Lake Trust Credit Union**

**Criteria:** Written (400-word) or video essays. Activities. Acceptance letter from a Michigan university, college or vocational school.  Transcript indicating at least a 2.6 GPA. essay.  One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, counselor, or business professional.

**Award:** $1,000

**Deadline:** March 4.

<http://www.laketrust.org/Scholarship>

**“Superpower” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?”

**Award:** $2,500.

**Deadline:** March 31.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

**APRIL**

**“All About Education” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “How will a $3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?”

**Award:** $3,000.

**Deadline:** April 30.

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

**MAY**

**Oakland Community College Chancellor’s Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Must be a current Oakland County public or private high school student. Must graduate in June prior to college attendance. Regular scholarship – 3.0 minimum GPA. Alternative education scholarship – 2.5 minimum GPA

**Award:** $2,500

**Deadline:** May 15.

<https://www.oaklandcc.edu/FinAid/Scholarships.aspx>

**American Legion Department of Michigan**

**Criteria:** William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarship available to residents of Michigan who are a son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran with a minimum 2.5 GPA, planning to attend any recognized college or university. Guy M. Wilson Scholarship available to Michigan's High School Sons, Daughters or Grandchild of Veterans Planning to Attend a Michigan College. Various other scholarships available through the Michigan Legion. Please visit the website listed below.

**Award:** Varies based on scholarship. See website for more details.

**Deadline:** Varies based on scholarship. See website for more details.

<http://www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships.html>

**“Fifth Month” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “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.”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** May 31.

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

**JUNE**

**“Do-Over” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “If you could get one ‘do-over’ in life, what would it be and why?”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** June 30.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/do-over-scholarship>

**JULY**

**“Flavor of the Month” Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Open to all U.S. students 13 years of age or older. Respond in 250 words of less: “Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. In fact, July is National Ice Cream Month, and that’s the inspiration behind this award. We think people are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, while some are very comforting. If you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why?”

**Award:** $1,500.

**Deadline:** July 31.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/flavor-of-the-month-scholarship>