

Scholarship Opportunities

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Local Scholarship Opportunities

- [The Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship](#)
 - A “last-dollar” scholarship for Pittsburgh Public Schools graduates (and graduates of its charter schools); provides up to \$5,000 per year (maximum \$20,000) toward college, training, or trade school costs in Pennsylvania. Final HS class eligible to receive the scholarship is class of 2028.
 - [Pittsburgh Promise Preferred College Partners](#)
 - These schools offer additional \$2,000+ housing grants for Promise students.
 - [Financial Aid Support - Pittsburgh Promise](#)
- [The Pittsburgh Foundation Scholarships](#) (open in January; deadline end of February)
 - A collection of scholarship funds managed by The Pittsburgh Foundation, open in January, supporting a wide variety of majors, interests, and student backgrounds.
- [Pittsburgh Public Schools Scholarships](#) (open in the spring)
 - District-based scholarships for PPS students, typically opening in the new year; eligibility, amounts, and criteria vary.
- [Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation](#)
 - \$1,500 per year for four years (total max of \$6,000); Deadline = April 14th, 2026; Open to those with a 3.25 GPA and higher
- [NEED Foundation Grants](#)
 - Grants supporting African American and underrepresented students in Western Pennsylvania in pursuing postsecondary education.
- [POISE Foundation Scholarships](#)
 - Scholarships aimed at African American students in the Pittsburgh region, offering financial support and community development opportunities.
- [Housing Authority: Clean Slate E3 Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarship for residents of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh who are pursuing postsecondary education.

- [Trac Pittsburgh: Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarship for students who have been adopted, are/were in the foster care system, or have another alternate form of residency. \$500 - \$1,750 scholarships.
- [Best of the Batch Scholarships](#)
 - Offered through the Charlie Batch foundation, supporting local students who excel in academics and community service.
- [Jewish Scholarship Services](#)
 - Scholarship opportunities for Jewish students in Allegheny County pursuing higher education.
- [Northside Leadership Conference](#)
 - Scholarships for residents of the Northside of Pittsburgh who have demonstrated academic achievement and community involvement. May need to contact the organization for more information about scholarship requirements, deadline, etc.
- [Jeremiah Nash Memorial Scholarship](#)
 - \$1,000 renewable scholarship for four years. Deadline April 10th.
- [Canady Scholar-Athlete Award](#)
 - \$1,000 per year scholarship, must have 3.3 or higher GPA
- [Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarships awarded to high-performing students in Western PA based on academics, leadership, and character.
- [Homeless Children's Education Fund: Hope Through Learning Scholarship](#)
 - Support for students who have experienced homelessness, offering financial awards and mentoring. Up to age 24.
- [Kyle B. Wilson Scholarship](#) (opens in January, deadline in July)
 - \$1,000 scholarships for residents of Allegheny and surrounding counties.
- [Trib Total Media Scholarships](#) (Deadline = mid-January)
 - Annual \$7,500/year scholarships in media and business fields.
 - [The Jim Borden Memorial Scholarship](#) (Journalism, English Writing, Communication majors).
 - [Scholarship for Diversity in Media](#) (open to students who are culturally, ethnically, or racially diverse and majoring in Journalism, English Writing, or Communications)
 - [The Business, Marketing, and Technology Scholarship](#) (Business, Marketing, Computer Science, or IT majors)
- [Schrager Defense Attorneys Scholarship](#) (deadline = mid-October)
 - For current college students (GPA 3.0+) who show academic excellence and community engagement.
- [Dr. George G. West II Memorial Scholarship - PFLAG Pittsburgh](#)
 - Scholarship for LGBTQ+ students or allies, recognizing leadership, service, and academic potential.
- [North Hills Ebony Women Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarship support specifically for African American women in the Pittsburgh area pursuing higher education.

- [Janet L. Wagner High School Student Scholarship](#)
 - Open to Allegheny County residents attending an HBCU
 - Two \$600 scholarships awarded. Essay is required
- [Minority Architects of Pittsburgh Scholarships](#)
 - \$200 - \$2,000 scholarship awards for underrepresented students planning to pursue careers in architecture or design.
- [Lola and William Duff Scholarship Fund](#)
 - Support for students in Allegheny County of Protestant faith pursuing postsecondary education.
- [Pittsburgh Metro Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#)
 - Scholarships for Hispanic/Latino students who exhibit leadership, academic excellence, and community involvement.
- [Philadelphia Foundation Scholarships](#) (must reside/go to school in the Greater Philadelphia area)
 - Scholarships for students living or studying in the Greater Philadelphia region across multiple disciplines.

PA State Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

- [PHEAA Grant Opportunities](#)
 - State-level grants administered by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency for eligible students.
 - [PA State Grant Form](#) (FAFSA must be completed first. Maximum grant = \$5,260)
 - [Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program](#) (Specific Majors and Must Work In PA After Graduating. Maximum = \$5,000 per year)
 - [PATH Grant Program](#) (Promise will contact you to complete a Form, we'll then nominate you to PHEAA. You MUST qualify for Pittsburgh Promise and the PA State Grant in order to qualify)
 - [PA Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program](#) (\$500-\$2,500) (Must be sophomore and above in college to apply - talk with your college about the nomination process!)
 - [Chafee Grant](#) (Administered by PHEAA and open to students who've been in foster care)
 - [Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver](#) (Waives tuition and fees for Pennsylvania students who were in foster care)
- [PACAC Scholarship](#) (deadline = early February)
 - Offered by the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling for eligible PA high school seniors.
- [PA State Schools Scholarships \(PASSHE\)](#)
 - Merit- and need-based scholarships at Pennsylvania's state system universities (PASSHE).

National Scholarship Websites

- [Fast Web](#)
 - Scholarship search engine and planning tools

- o [JLV College Counseling Scholarships](#)
 - Curated lists of scholarships by category
- o [Scholly Scholarships](#)
 - App-based scholarship matching platform
- o [UNCF Scholarships](#) (many October deadlines)
 - UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members.
- o [Going Merry](#)
 - Centralized portal for scholarships and application tracking
- o [Big Future from College Board](#)
 - Scholarship search plus college planning tools
- o [College Greenlight](#)
 - Support for first-gen and underrepresented students
- o [Raise.Me](#)
 - Micro-scholarships awarded by colleges for achievements
- o [Niche](#)
 - Scholarship search + college profiles + scholarships

Specific National Scholarship Opportunities

- o [The Gates Scholarship](#) (Opens mid-July, Deadline mid-September)
 - Highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding high school seniors from low-income backgrounds; covers the cost of attendance not met by other aid.
- o [Coca Cola Scholarship](#) (Deadline end of August; scholarship for upcoming senior class)
 - National scholarship recognizing academic excellence, leadership, and community service among high school seniors.
- o [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship](#) (Deadline = mid-November)
 - Full-ride scholarship for high-achieving, low-income students, including support beyond just tuition.
- o [Last Mile Scholarship](#) For current college students in final semester or two (STEM and computer science)
 - Assists college students in their final semesters (especially STEM/computer science) to reach degree completion.
- o [Home Depot HBCU Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarship support for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- o [DeWalt Trades Scholarship](#)
 - Scholarship for students pursuing trades programs at accredited post-secondary schools and trade schools.
- o [Immigrants Rising](#)
 - Resource listing scholarships open to students regardless of immigration status.
- o [MALDEF Scholarships](#)

- Scholarships and financial resources for Latino students, including those with uncertain immigration status.
- o [Elks National Foundation](#)
 - Scholarships for high-achieving high school seniors based on leadership, academics, and civic engagement.
- o [EQT Foundation Scholarship](#)
 - One-time \$10,000 award for students in engineering, earth science, IT, cybersecurity, or energy-related fields.
- o [Hagan Scholarship Foundation](#) (deadline is March 15th)
 - Renewable scholarship (up to \$15,000 per year) for students from rural or small-town backgrounds.
- o [Perryman Family Foundation Scholarships - STEM and Trades](#)
 - Scholarships for students pursuing careers in STEM fields or trades.
- o [The Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship](#)
 - Awards for students who promote vegetarianism and community health/wellness.
- o [Point Foundation Scholarship](#)
 - Support for LGBTQ+ students, with financial aid, mentoring, and leadership development.
- o [Education Dynamics \(EDDY\) Scholarship](#)
 - Aid for first-generation and minority students seeking postsecondary education.
- o [Equitable Excellence Foundation Scholarships](#) (2.5+ GPA)
 - Recognizes students with strong academics, leadership, and community service with financial awards.
- o [Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarships](#) (opens April 1st, deadline is April 30th)
 - Scholarships by the Jay-Z foundation for underserved students with unmet financial needs.
- o [EQT FOSSI Scholarship \(HBCU + STEM\)](#) (3.0 (unweighted) GPA or higher)
 - For HBCU students in STEM fields related to chemical industries, with demonstrated financial need.
- o [Media Scholars Foundation - Media Case Plan Competition](#)
 - Finalists receive an all-expenses paid trip to D.C. to compete for a scholarship
- o [McDonald's HACER National Scholarship](#) (2.8+ GPA)
 - Awarded to up to 100 students nationwide
- o [College Vine Top Scholarships for HS Seniors](#)
 - Curated list of top high-value scholarships for high school seniors to consider.
- o [Scholarships.com Best Scholarships for Juniors](#)
 - List of promising scholarships for high school juniors planning ahead.

College Search and the Common Application:

- **College Search Resources to find the right fit:**
 - [PASSHE Schools \(PA state schools\)](#) - “What should I study?”
 - [Niche.com](#) (they have a Direct Admissions option)
 - [Big Future College Search - College Board](#)
 - [Princeton Review College Search](#)
 - [College Scorecard](#) (US Department of Education Search Engine)
- **College Applications and The Common Application:**
 - **Are you applying with The Common App or Directly Through The School?** Decide if you want to apply through your school’s website or through the Common App. If you’re applying to multiple schools, The Common App is probably your best bet. If applying to HBCUs, consider the Common Black College Application.
 - The Common Application: www.commonapp.org
 - The Common Black College Application: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
 - **Application Fees:** Before submitting applications, always be sure to check if they have an application fee! If schools have an application fee, see if there’s a fee waiver available. If the school you’re applying to is a Preferred College Partner of The Promise, let us know and we’ll connect you with the admissions person.

Personal Statement/Essays Support:

- [Revision Learning](#)
 - Free resources to support students with the Common App and Personal Statement
- [Khan Academy: Essay Support](#)