

November 14, 2016

**Monache High School  
2016 – 2017 Scholarship List**

See Mrs. Romero in the Guidance Office, Room D, if you have any questions or need assistance downloading an application.

**NOVEMBER DEADLINES**

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP AWARD** – Full tuition for 4 years **DEADLINE: November 15**  
**Open to seniors** who pursue rigorous college preparatory coursework with noteworthy achievement. Typically Sullivan Scholarship recipients have a GPA of a 3.7 or higher; demonstrate leadership through school activities, public service and community involvement; demonstrate commitment to justice and the well-being of others through service in their communities and school.  
<http://www.seattleu.edu/sullivan/>

**MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS** **DEADLINES: Nov 21, Jan 23, Feb 6, Apr 2**  
**For seniors.** Audition and interview with music faculty.  
<http://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.aspx>

**COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS (VISALIA) FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS** (*Local*) -Amounts vary **DEADLINE: November 28**  
**Open to seniors** planning to attend College of the Sequoias. <https://www.cos.edu/scholarships>

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** - \$500 **DEADLINE: November 29**  
**Open to all students** who over the past 2 years have completed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work and have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or greater. <http://www.bbgcommunicationsservices.com/corporateaccount/article/2.php>

**SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE'S ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST** - \$500 - \$2,500 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to students at least 18 years old.** <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/photocontest/rules/>

**EDUCATION MATTERS SCHOLARSHIP** - \$5,000 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"  
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

**THE JOHNSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM** - Tuition, room & board renewable for 4 yrs. **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to grade 12.** Submit an online Common Application for admission to Santa Clara University; have an unweighted GPA of 3.8 or better; ACT composite score of 30 or SAT combined score of 1400 in math and critical thinking; evidence of leadership and service. To submit application goes to <https://www.commonapp.org> and for more information <http://scu.edu/johnsonscholars/selection>

**CAPTION SCHOLARSHIP** - \$500 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to seniors who have a GPA of at least 2.5 and will attend college/university in fall of 2017.**  
[http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship\\_caption\\_scholarship\\_8967.php](http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_caption_scholarship_8967.php)

**CHRISTOPHER REEVE SERVICE AWARD** - \$1,000 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to all grades.** Student must have demonstrated tremendous compassion and caring in service to the community.  
<https://theheartofamerica.wufoo.com/forms/w1ia5cs00bmc43b/>

**ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** (*Local*) – Up to \$50,000 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**For seniors.** Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications must be submitted in person to the Porterville Elks Club at 386 N. Main, after 1:00 pm. There is a list of guidelines that must be followed.  
<http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm>

**SIXT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - \$5,000 (The first 500 valid applications will be considered) **DEADLINE: November 30**  
**Open to seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.7** and who will enroll fulltime at a 2 or 4 year college/university.  
<https://www.sixt.com/sixt-scholars/>

**JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$120,000 **DEADLINE: November 30**  
For high-achieving seniors who plan to enroll full-time at a 4-year university and have an un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.  
<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

**THE ANDREW FLUSCHE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST** - \$500 **DEADLINES: Nov 30 & June 30**  
**Open to seniors.** Create a video about the dangers of texting and driving. <https://www.andrewflusche.com/scholarship/>

November 14, 2016

## DECEMBER DEADLINES

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC POWELL SCHOLARS AWARD** – Up to \$148,000 **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to seniors applying to UOP** with a accumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher who have a rigorous academic curriculum - Honors, AP, and/or IB courses; Demonstrated superior leadership skills in two or more areas, including but not restricted to student government, community service, cultural groups, research or creative activities; Combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of at least 1350 or ACT composite score of at least 30.

<http://www.pacific.edu/About-Pacific/AdministrationOffices/Office-of-Financial-Aid/Types-of-Financial-Aid/Scholarships/Powell.html>

**FRESNO CITY COLLEGE L.S. PETERS HONORS PROGRAM** - \$1,000 **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to seniors** who enroll at Fresno City College with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and graduate in the top 25% of class. Need SAT or ACT score. <http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=1977>

**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST** – Up to \$5,000 **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to all grades.** Essay of up to 350 on “What Memorial Day Means to Me” <http://scholarshipmentor.com/americanism-essay-contest>

**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS** – Full & Partial Tuition **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to students interested in attending high school in a foreign country.** Year and semester programs are available. <http://yfuusa.org/study-abroad/scholarships.php> or call 1-800-TEENAGE.

**CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUNDS WRITING SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$1,000 Savings Bond **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to all high school students.** Submit essay on “What Does the Second Amendment Mean to You?” <http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

**COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - \$1,000 **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**For seniors** with a GPA of at least 2.8 and a commitment to community service, academics and have demonstrated leadership. <http://corporate.comcast.com/news-information/news-feed/recognizing-the-best-and-brightest-nationwide>

**10 WORDS or LESS SCHOLARSHIP** - \$500 **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to students at least 14 years of age.** <https://www.studentscholarships.org/easy.php>

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP** - Four Year Full Tuition **DEADLINE: December 1**  
**Open to seniors** who demonstrated leadership in school and the community. [bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://bu.edu/admissions/trustee)

**GOOGLE DOODLE** - \$30,000 **DEADLINE: December 2**  
**Open to all grades levels.** This is an art contest. <http://scholarshipmentor.com/doodle-4-google-competition>

**STEPHEN J. BRADY STOP HUNGER SCHOLARSHIP** - \$1,000 & \$5,000 **DEADLINE: December 5**  
**For high school students** who have demonstrated on-going commitment to the community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger. <http://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>

**SMITTCAMP FAMILY HONORS COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S HONORS SCHOLARSHIP (CSU Fresno) (Local)** – Full tuition **DEADLINE: December 8**  
**For seniors applying to CSU, Fresno** with a GPA of 3.8 or higher, be in the top 10% of graduating class and have a SAT combined score of 1200 or ACT of 27 in English and Math. <http://www.csufresno.edu/honors>

**AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP** - \$10,000-\$25,000 **DEADLINE: December 15 or until 10,000 applications are submitted**  
**Open to seniors** who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP** - Tuition, housing, books & materials **DEADLINE: December 15**  
**Open to seniors who apply to the Honor’s Program at CSULB.** To be considered student must be a Valedictorian or Prospective Valedictorian; National Scholar National Merit Semi-Finalists/Finalists, National Achievement, Program Semi-Finalists/Finalists, National Hispanic Recognition Scholars; **OR** have Weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher **OR** another demonstration of exceptional talent (e.g. national award or achievement, prestigious scholarship or fellowship, publication). *Must be specified in the application to be considered.* <http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/uhp/apply/>

**BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM** - \$1,000 - \$50,000 **DEADLINE: December 15**  
**For seniors** with a minimum GPA of 2.0, who will enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school and be passionate about serving the community. <http://www.bkmcclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram>

November 14, 2016

**SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING SCHOLARSHIPS - \$10,000**

**DEADLINE: December 15**

**Open to all high school students.** Scholastic is looking for students who demonstrate technical skill, personal voice or vision, and originality. <http://www.artandwriting.org/the-awards/>

**WONDERFUL EDUCATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Up to \$30,000**

**DEADLINE: December 15**

**For seniors** with a GPA of at least 2.5 with a parent or guardian who is a Wonderful Company employee (formerly known as Paramount). <http://www.wonderfuleducation.org/students/>

**BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – Amount depends on scholarship received**

**DEADLINE: December 16**

**Open to seniors** who will attend Bakersfield College. See website for details. <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finaid/scholarships>

**NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD PROGRAM - \$2,000, \$5,000 & \$15,000**

**DEADLINE: December 18**

**Open to seniors** entering an accredited two-or four-year University, college, or vocational institute in fall 2017 and who have an officially established business. Applicants need to demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative through starting his/her own business. <http://www.NFIB.com/YEA>

**THE TREE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$500**

**DEADLINE: December 20**

**Open to all high school students with a GPA of 3.0.** Applicant must have designed an innovative product that makes a difference in the lives of others (this could be a website, series of blogs, an app, fundraising event, etc.) and submit an essay describing the goal of the project. <https://www.thetreecenter.com/scholarship/>

**ODENZA MARKETING GROUP VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP - \$500**

**DEADLINE: December 30**

**Open to students at least 16 years of age** with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and has contributed at least 50 hours of volunteer service within the community over the last 12 months.

[http://odenzamarketinggroupvolunteeraward.com/awards/8/eligibility\\_odenza\\_marketing\\_group\\_volunteer\\_award.php](http://odenzamarketinggroupvolunteeraward.com/awards/8/eligibility_odenza_marketing_group_volunteer_award.php)

**UNIGO \$10K SCHOLARSHIP - \$10,000**

**DEADLINE: December 31**

**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: “Weighing the expected investment and return, is college worth it for you? Why?” <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

**TOP TEN LIST SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500**

**DEADLINE: December 31**

**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship>

**NRA CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND YOUTH WRITING CONTEST – Up to \$1,000**

**DEADLINE: December 31**

**Open to all grade levels.** Submit an essay on “What the Second Amendment Means to You”

<http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

**WELLS FARGO COLLEGESTEPS SWEEPSTAKES - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: December 31 & June 30**

**Open to all high school students.** Scholarship drawings <wellsfargo.com/collegesteps>

**JANUARY DEADLINES**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Full tuition for 4 years**

**DEADLINE: January**

**Open to Seniors who apply to CSU, Fullerton** by November and have an academic GPA of at least 3.75 during grades 10-12; Above average SAT I or ACT scores; demonstrated significant contributions to school and community service activities during high school.

<http://www.fullerton.edu/scholars>

**DILLER TEEN TIKKUN OLAM AWARD - \$36,000**

**DEADLINE: January 4**

**Open to Jewish teens ages 13-19** at the time of nomination with demonstrating remarkable leadership in the community actively engaging in projects that are helping to repair the world. <http://www.dillerteenawards.org>

**JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST – Up to \$20,000**

**DEADLINE: January 4**

**Open to all high school students.** Submit a 700 - 1,000-word essay. Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level. Sources must be cited.

[www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx](http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx)

**THE EUGENE MCDARMOTT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Full Tuition and more**

**DEADLINE: January 4**

**Open to grade 12.** Apply to the University of Texas at Dallas. <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/award-qualifications>

November 14, 2016

**GE-RONALD REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Up to \$40,000**

**DEADLINE: January 5**

**Open to seniors** who demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship; demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 GPA), financial need; be citizens of the United States; plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States. <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY WHOLE PERSON SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$20,000 a year

**DEADLINES: January 6**

**Open to grade 12.** Well-rounded students, who dream of furthering their education, where they will emerge as servant leaders who are spiritually alive, intellectually alert, physically disciplined, socially adept and professionally competent. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.6 and a 20 ACT or 940 SAT (math and reading only). <http://www.wholeperson.oru.edu>

**RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM** - \$40,000

**DEADLINE: January 9**

**Open to African-American high school seniors** who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need.

<http://www.ronbrown.org>

**DELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM** - \$20,000

**DEADLINE: January 15**

**For seniors** who have participated in an approved college readiness program such as AVID and Upward Bound for a minimum of two years; have a minimum GPA of 2.4; demonstrated financial need (must fill out the FAFSA); plans to enter a 4-year college/university; be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. <http://www.dellscholars.org/>

**ITHACA COLLEGE PARK SCHOLAR AWARDS** – up to 4 yrs. tuition plus stipend for expenses

**DEADLINE: January 15**

**Open to seniors who apply for admission at Ithaca College.** <http://www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars/>

**THE MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLAR PROGRAM** – Minimum \$25,000

**DEADLINE: January 15**

**Open to grade 12.** Apply for admission to Ithaca College by January 2. <http://www.ithaca.edu/mlk/apply/>

**SAE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM** – Amount depends on scholarship received. **DEADLINE: January 15**

**Open to seniors** with a passion to pursue a career in engineering. Refer to the criteria on each scholarship page to determine if you are eligible to apply. Related sciences includes: math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, computer science, etc.

<http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/hsengineering.htm>

**WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION** - \$500 - \$5,000

**DEADLINE: January 15**

**Open to seniors** planning careers in service to local, state, or the federal government. <http://gwcf.org/>

**CIF SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD (WINTER SPORT)** - \$500

**DEADLINE: January 23**

This award recognizes one male and one female student-athlete during each season of sport. Student-athletes are selected based on exemplary sportsmanship, school/community service and leadership.

[http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards\\_and\\_scholarships/spirit\\_of\\_sport](http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards_and_scholarships/spirit_of_sport)

**CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE WORKER 2 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP** - \$3,500

**DEADLINE: January 23**

**Open to seniors planning to attend a two year college** in California and who are field workers or whose parents are field workers employed in the 2016 California table grape harvest season or plan to work during the 2017 season. Applications are available in the Guidance office.

**CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE WORKER 4 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$20,000

**DEADLINE: January 23**

**Open to seniors planning to attend a four year college or university in California** and who are field workers or whose parents are field workers employed in the 2016 California table grape harvest season or plan to work during the 2017 season. Applications are available in the Guidance office.

**CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$20,000

**DEADLINE: January 23**

**Open to seniors who will attend a four year university in California** and interested in a career in the table grape industry.

<http://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/docs/2017-four-year-agricultural-scholarship-application-10-18-16.pdf>

**MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DEADLINES: Jan 23, Feb 6, Apr 2**

**For seniors.** Audition and interview with music faculty.

<http://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.aspx>

**FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS** – Amounts vary

**DEADLINE: January 31**

**Open to grade 12.** Apply for admission at FPU

<https://www.fresno.edu/students/student-financial-services/state-local-institutional-aid>

November 14, 2016

**I HAVE A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500**

**DEADLINE: January 31**

**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "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." <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

**UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$500 - \$4,000**

**DEADLINE: January 31**

**Open to seniors** who are dependent children of current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program. Selection is based on academic achievement, potential, character, leadership, social awareness, career goals and financial need. <https://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship>

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN & MERCHANDISING (FIDM) - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: January 31**

**Open to grade 12.** Have an interest in the global industries of Fashion, Visual Arts, Graphics, Interior Design, Digital Media, and Entertainment. <http://fidm.edu/en/admissions/how-to-apply>

**FEBRUARY DEADLINES**

**FRANK KAZMIERCZAK MEMORIAL MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Open to seniors** with a career goal of teaching and a child of a migrant worker. <http://migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/kazmierczak.htm>

**EQUALITY SCHOLARSHIP COLLABORATIVE - \$6,000**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Open to seniors** who plan to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must have demonstrated service to the LGBTQ community. Applicants of all orientations and gender identities are eligible. <http://www.equalityscholarship.org>

**TULARE COUNTY COLLEGE NIGHT SCHOLARSHIP (Local) - \$1,000**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Open to seniors** who possess a GPA of at least 3.0 and exhibit exceptional leadership skills and service involvement. <http://cnsa.tcoe.org/Welcome>

**MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLAR PROGRAM – Up to full tuition**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Open to seniors** who are academically talented U.S. citizens and permanent residents from ethnic and racial backgrounds that have been historically underrepresented in U.S. higher education. <http://www.ithaca.edu/mlk/apply/>

**BEVERAGE INDUSTRY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$2,500 - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Open to grade 12.** For students who will attend a four-year university and whose parent or grandparent is employed full-time with a company or individual holding a valid California liquor/beer/wine license. This may include hotels, restaurants; wholesale grocery/retail grocery/drug stores/convenience stores/wineries, breweries, airlines, etc. Applicants must have participated in athletics and/or performing arts and demonstrate outstanding community service <http://www.christermon.com/scholarship/>

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUBS, INC. - \$250 - \$1,500**

**DEADLINE: February 2**

**Open to seniors** who are of Multiple Birth (twins, triplets, or higher) or a Mother of Multiples. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/southern-california-mothers-of-twins-clubs--inc--scholarship/1003530>

**AMS/INDUSTRY MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP - \$6,000**

**DEADLINE: February 3**

**For seniors** who are Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American or other minorities that are underrepresented in the sciences. Students must plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. <http://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/scholfeldocs/industryminorityscholarship.html>

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION LEGACY AWARDS - \$4,000**

**DEADLINE: February 3**

**Open to seniors who are children, grandchildren (includes step-child and step-grandchild) or legal ward of a current Elks Club member.** <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/legacy.cfm>

**PG&E SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1,000 - \$6,000**

**DEADLINE: February 4**

**For seniors.** Several scholarships available see website for more information. <http://www.pge.com/scholarships/>

**MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DEADLINES: Feb 6 & Apr 2**

**For seniors.** Audition and interview with music faculty. <http://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.aspx>

**PROTON ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Up to \$100,000**

**DEADLINE: February 13**

**Open to seniors** who have demonstrated leadership, work ethic and community involvement. An essay question that is intended to be a detailed description of a well thought out idea or premise relating to renewable energy or hydrogen generation. [https://www.petersons.com/scholarship/proton-onsite-scholarship-program-111\\_190296.aspx](https://www.petersons.com/scholarship/proton-onsite-scholarship-program-111_190296.aspx)

November 14, 2016

**WACE NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP** – Varies by scholarship **DEADLINE: February 15**  
**For seniors** with a GPA of at least 3.5 and have plans to enroll at one of the WACE Partner Institutions. See website for list of participating institutions. <http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html>

**JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – Up to \$28,000 **DEADLINE: February 15**  
**Open to minority seniors** who plan to attend a 4-year institution, shows leadership potential, demonstrated a dedication to community service, present evidence of financial need, minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21. <http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/>

**LUSO-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP** **DEADLINE: February 15**  
**Open to high school seniors of Portuguese descent** with a GPA of 3.5. <http://www.luso-american.org/laef.php>

**AFA TEEN FOR ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP** - \$500- \$5,000 **DEADLINE: February 15**  
**Open to seniors** who will attend a four-year college/university. This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. [http://www.youngleadersofafa.org/about\\_new.html](http://www.youngleadersofafa.org/about_new.html)

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY WHOLE PERSON SCHOLARSHIP**–Up to \$20,000 a year **DEADLINES: February 16**  
**Open to grade 12.** Well-rounded students, who dream of furthering their education, where they will emerge as servant leaders who are spiritually alive, intellectually alert, physically disciplined, socially adept and professionally competent. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.6 and a 20 ACT or 940 SAT (math and reading only). <http://www.wholeperson.oru.edu>

**THE VEGETARIAN RESOURCE GROUP SCHOLARSHIP** - \$5,000 & \$10,000 **DEADLINE: February 20**  
**For seniors** who have promoted vegetarianism in their school and community. <http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

**CIF SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD (SPRING SPORT)** - \$500 **DEADLINE: February 27**  
This award recognizes one male and one female student-athlete during each season of sport. Student-athletes are selected based on exemplary sportsmanship, school/community service and leadership.  
[http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards\\_and\\_scholarships/spirit\\_of\\_sport](http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards_and_scholarships/spirit_of_sport)

**SWEET AND SIMPLE SCHOLARSHIP** - \$1,500 **DEADLINE: February 28**  
**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "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."  
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/sweet-and-simple-scholarship>

### **MARCH DEADLINES**

**QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARSHIP** **DEADLINE: March TBA**  
**Open to current juniors** who have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5 in challenging courses and come from families earning less than \$65,000 (for a typical family of 4). More information is available at <http://www.questbridge.org>

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM** – Up to \$5,000 **DEADLINE: March 1**  
**For seniors** who are African American, Native American and Hispanic students planning to pursue full-time study in a chemically related field. <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html>

**TULARE COUNTY DAIRY WOMEN & TULARE COUNTY DAIRY CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIPS** (*Local*) **DEADLINE: March 1**  
**For seniors** with a GPA or 3.0 or higher and plans to attend a 2 or 4-year college/university. For Dairy Women scholarship student must have a career goal related to the agriculture industry. For the Dairy children scholarship must have a parent currently employed on a dairy. Applications are available in the Guidance office.

**ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP** - \$500 **DEADLINE: March 1**  
**For seniors** who have performed activity that demonstrates exemplary community service previous year. The community service can be performed at school or in the community and may include extracurricular activity as well as volunteer work.  
<http://www.camarenafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Complete-Scholarship-App-2016-2017.pdf>

**TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS** (*Local*) - \$500 & \$1,000 **DEADLINE: March 1**  
Numerous scholarships available **for seniors** pursuing a career in an Ag related field at a 2 or 4-year College or university.  
<http://www.tulcofb.org/index.php?page=formScholarshipIntro>

November 14, 2016

**SONS OF ITALY WESTERN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS - \$500 - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: March 1**

**Open to grade 12.** Be of Italian ancestry and will attend a trade school, 2 or 4 year college/university. Selection based on scholastic record, activities evidencing leadership, financial need, written personal goals statement, essay. **Italian Language Scholarship** applicants must have completed a foreign language course in high school. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SAMARITAN SCHOLARSHIP -**

**DEADLINE: March 2**

**For Seniors** who are undocumented with a Christian commitment and admitted to Fresno Pacific University; Must complete the CA Dream Act application <https://www.fresno.edu/students/student-financial-services/state-local-institutional-aid/samaritan-scholarship>

**MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP OR DREAM ACT**

**DEADLINE: March 2**

**Open to senior** students with family incomes up to \$150,000 and attending a University of California or California State University campus in the fall. Students must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or have AB 540 status; maintain a 2.0 GPA; meet certain income and other financial aid standards. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://www.fafsa.gov> or, if you do not have a social security number, go to <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> and complete a California Dream Act Application.

**CREATE-A-GREETING CARD SCHOLARSHIP - \$10,000**

**DEADLINE: March 2**

**Open to students at least 14 years old.** Submit artwork, photo, or compute graphic for the front of a greeting card.

<http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

**ALL FOR MAILERS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - \$500**

**DEADLINE: March 15**

**For seniors.** Applicant must submit an essay on one of three given topics related to the mail.

<https://www.allformailers.com/student-scholarship/>

**CABRILLO CIVIC CLUBS OF CALIFORNIA, INC. SCHOLARSHIP - \$500**

**DEADLINE: March 15**

**For Seniors** of Portuguese descent with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and has participated in at least three extra-curricular activities while in high school. <http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp>.

**NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST – \$1,250 & \$2,500**

**DEADLINE: March 15**

**Open to all high school students.** Submit essay. <http://www.usip.org/AFSAEssayContest>

**THE TREE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$500**

**DEADLINE: March 20**

**Open to all high school students with a GPA of 3.0.** Applicant must have designed an innovative product that makes a difference in the lives of others (this could be a website, series of blogs, an app, fundraising event, etc.) and submit an essay describing the goal of the project. <https://www.threetreecenter.com/scholarship/>

**ROBERT MILLER SCHOLARSHIP FOR VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY - \$500 - \$1,000**

**DEADLINE: March 24**

**Open to seniors** with plans to major in viticulture or enology at either Alan Hancock Community College or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and at <http://cawgfoundation.org/robert-miller-memorial-scholarship/>

**CALIFORNIA WINE GRAPE GROWERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000 - \$8,000**

**DEADLINE: March 24**

**Open to seniors** whose parent or legal guardian is a vineyard employee of a California Wine Grape Grower. Students may study the field of their choice. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or at <http://www.cwggf.org>.

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY WHOLE PERSON SCHOLARSHIP**—Up to \$20,000 a year

**DEADLINE: March 24**

**Open to grade 12.** Well-rounded students, who dream of furthering their education, where they will emerge as servant leaders who are spiritually alive, intellectually alert, physically disciplined, socially adept and professionally competent. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.6 and a 20 ACT or 940 SAT (math and reading only). <http://www.wholeperson.oru.edu>

**ANTHEM ESSAY CONTEST- Up to \$2,000**

**DEADLINE: March 29**

**Open to grades 9 & 10.** Submit an essay based on the book “Anthem” by Ann Rand

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.org/Anthem.aspx?theme=blue>

**RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500 & \$5,000 (Local)**

**DEADLINE: March 31**

**Open to grade 12.** Be of California Indian descent; minimum 2.0 GPA; Demonstrate financial need; seek enrollment at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**SUPERPOWER SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500**

**DEADLINE: March 31**

**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?" <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

November 14, 2016

## APRIL DEADLINES

**AICPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS - \$1,000 - \$5,000** **DEADLINE: April 1**  
**For outstanding minority seniors** (Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, or Asian American) with a minimum 3.0 GPA. who are in pursuit of an accounting major and ultimate entry into the profession. Must be or have applied to be an AICPA student affiliate member (at no charge). Recipients must participate in AICPA Legacy Scholars program which includes performing at least 8 hours of community service per semester to advocate for the CPA profession.  
<http://www.aicpa.org/Career/DiversityInitiatives/Pages/smas.aspx>

**CHAD ALAN CROOKSHANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Local) - \$300 - \$1,000** **DEADLINE: April 1**  
**Open to seniors** who have or have had a childhood cancer and will attend either a college or vocational school.  
Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS** **DEADLINE: April 2**  
**For seniors.** Audition and interview with music faculty.  
<http://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.aspx>

**AFSA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$2,000** **DEADLINE: April 7**  
**Open to seniors** who are U.S. citizens or legal residents with plans to attend a college, university or certificated trade school.  
<http://www.afsascholarship.org>

**CIF SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - \$5,000 & trip to Sacramento** **DEADLINE: April 10**  
**Open to seniors.** Selection based on excellence in athletics, academics and character.  
[http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards\\_and\\_scholarships/scholar-athlete](http://www.cifstate.org/parents-students/awards_and_scholarships/scholar-athlete)

**LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT & PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP (Local) – up to \$10,000** **DEADLINE: April 14**  
**Open to seniors** enrolling in a 4-year college or university and take courses of study related to agriculture and water resources. Eligible fields of study include engineering, agriculture, public administration, political science or other related fields. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**SIGNET CLASSICS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000** **DEADLINE: April 14**  
**For Juniors and Seniors.** Write an essay on a selected topic for the book, The Tempest, by William Shakespeare.  
<http://www.penguin.com/services-academic/essayhome/>

**GLORIA AND JOSEPH MATTERA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN – \$250** **DEADLINE: April 15**  
**Open to migrant farm working seniors** who have the potential and desire to further their education to achieve their personal and career goals. <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/mattera.htm>

**HONORS GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000** **DEADLINE: April 16**  
**Open to college-bound seniors.** Prompt: Represent your views about the concepts of education vs. learning. Creatively express the prompt through one of the following media formats: Art, Creative Writing, Music, Video or Photography.  
<http://www.honorsgraduation.com/graduation-scholarship.htm>

**IMAGINE AMERICA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – (Monache students will be selected) -\$1,000** **DEADLINE: April 18**  
**Open to seniors** planning to attend a participating career college. Students should have a GPA of 2.5 or above and enroll in a participating career college. <http://imagine-america.org/highschoolscholarships/apply-now>

**THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY CONTEST – Up to \$10,000** **DEADLINE: April 26**  
**Open to grades 11 & 12.** Write an essay based on the book, “The Fountainhead”, by Ayn Rand  
<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/TheFountainhead.aspx?theme=blue>

**ATLAS SHRUGGED ESSAY CONTEST – Up to \$20,000** **DEADLINE: April 28**  
**Open to grade 12.** Write an essay based on Ayn Rands’s novel “Atlas Shrugged”.  
<https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#overview>

**E-WASTE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000** **DEADLINE: April 30**  
**Open to all high school students.** Submit an essay about E-Waste. <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship>



November 14, 2016

**KATE HERZOG AWARDS - \$100 - \$250**

**DEADLINE: April 30**

**Open to Seniors.** Submit original, unpublished writing sample of 1000 words. <http://www.willamettewriters.com/1/herzog.php>

**ALL ABOUT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,000**

**DEADLINE: April 30**

**Open to grades 9 – 12.** Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "How will a \$3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?" <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship>

**MAY DEADLINES**

**VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000 - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: May 1**

**Open to ALL high school students.** <http://www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org>

**READ FOR LIFE "PASS THE WORD" FOR LITERACY SCHOLARSHIP (Local) - \$250**

**DEADLINE: May 1**

**Open to seniors** with a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service outside of school which focuses on improving literacy in Tulare County. Applicant must have a minimum 2.8 GPA.

[http://strathmorehigh.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/3/8/37382825/pass\\_the\\_word\\_student\\_scholarship\\_application.pdf](http://strathmorehigh.weebly.com/uploads/3/7/3/8/37382825/pass_the_word_student_scholarship_application.pdf)

**VISALIA PRIDE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (Local) - \$500**

**DEADLINE: May 1**

**Open to seniors** who are LGBT or were raised in an LGBT family and will attend an accredited college, university or trade school. The student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, worked to affect change for the LGBT community and is actively involved in community service. Membership in a Gay-Straight Alliance or college Pride club will be considered, but is not required.

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/visaliapride/page-8.php>

**JUNE DEADLINES**

**BERRIEN FRAGOS THORN ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MIGRANT FARMWORKERS - \$500 - \$2,500**

**DEADLINES: June 1**

**For students who are 16 years or older** with a HISTORY of migration to obtain work in agriculture. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing further development of their talents in one of the following disciplines: Visual – painting, sculpture, photography; Performing – dance, theatre, music; Media – film, video, animation, computer graphics; Literary – poetry, short stories; Crafts – traditional folk arts, furniture, weaving, pottery. <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm>

**THE TREE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - \$500**

**DEADLINE: June 20**

**Open to all high school students with a GPA of 3.0.** Applicant must have designed an innovative product that makes a difference in the lives of others (this could be a website, series of blogs, an app, fundraising event, etc.) and submit an essay describing the goal of the project. <https://www.threetreecenter.com/scholarship/>

**WELLS FARGO COLLEGESTEPS SWEEPSTAKES - \$5,000**

**DEADLINE: June 30**

**For all high school students.** Scholarship drawing [wellsfargo.com/collegesteps](http://wellsfargo.com/collegesteps)

**NO DEADLINE GIVEN and/or CONTINUOUS**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM – Tuition and fees**

**Open to seniors** who are dependents of a veteran or have a parent who is a disabled veteran or a child of a service –connected deceased veteran. For use at any California community college, California State University and University of California institutions.

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>

**THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS**

**Open to students** interested in acting for stage, film & television. All students who are accepted are considered for scholarships.

<https://www.aada.edu/admissions/ended-scholarships/>

**AMERICAN MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ACADEMY**

**Open to students** interested in Acting, Music Theatre, Dance Theatre, and Performing Arts <https://www.amda.edu/>

November 14, 2016

## **SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE PLANNING WEBSITES TO VISIT**

[www.CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://www.CaliforniaColleges.edu) – Complete list of California colleges & universities with \$\$\$  
<http://www.campusexplorer.com/scholarships> - Find scholarships by schools & majors  
<http://www.cappex.com> – College & scholarship search  
<http://www.chegg.com/scholarships> – Scholarship search  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - College search, SAT, PSAT & AP information  
[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com) – College & Scholarship search  
[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com) – College, Career & Major search  
[www.discovercolleges.com](http://www.discovercolleges.com) – Christian college & university search, scholarship drawings  
<http://www.education-leadership.org> – Professional development internships  
<http://www.fastweb.com> – Scholarship search  
<http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/outside.html> - Scholarship search and tips outside of UC Davis  
[www.Gocollege.com](http://www.Gocollege.com) - The Student's Reference to Finding Money and Getting the Most out of College Education  
[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) – Scholarships for Hispanic students  
<http://www.icanaffordcollege.com> – Money for community college  
<https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/> - Scholarship search & Student Loans  
[www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)- Scholarship & College search  
<https://scholarships360.org> – Scholarship search  
<http://scholarshippamerica.org> – Scholarship & Financial Aid  
[www.Scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.Scholarshipexperts.com) – Scholarship matching service  
<http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/> - Scholarship search  
<http://scholarshipmentor.com/content/current-scholarships> - Scholarship newsletter  
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/cancer-scholarships/> - students fighting or have fought cancer  
<http://www.schoolproof.com> – College & Major match  
[www.Studentawards.com](http://www.Studentawards.com) – Scholarship matching and peer to peer support  
<http://www.suntrustededucation.com> – Paying for college plan & advice  
[www.Supercollege.com](http://www.Supercollege.com) – Scholarship & college search  
<http://studentscholarships.org> – Scholarship search & Career and Salary comparison  
<http://tuitionfundingsources.com> - Scholarships, Financial Aid, Student Loans & Career Info  
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships> - Directory of Scholarships  
<http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship> - Monthly scholarship drawings  
<http://weeklyschoolarshipalert.com/> - Weekly notices with links to scholarships  
<http://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps> - monthly scholarships awards

### **State Aid**

**California State Aid Commission (CSAC)** - Since its creation by the Legislature, in 1955, the Commission has continued to operate as the principal state agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. The Commission has never wavered from its central mission to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. The Commission provides financial aid policy analysis and leadership, in partnership with California's colleges, universities, financial institutions, and financial aid associations. The application deadline is March 2 for the following academic year. Most CSAC programs require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Cal Grant** - The Cal Grant is a state grant administered by CSAC and is awarded to eligible undergraduate California residents based on need, student GPA, and allowable funding. For more information on this program and to check your eligibility, visit the CSAC website.

**California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth** - The Chafee Grant is a federal and state funded grant to assist eligible students who have been or are in foster care. For additional information, click here.

November 14, 2016

# Beware of Scholarship Scams

**Here's how to keep your college money safe and not get conned.**

When searching for scholarships, make sure to trust your gut instincts and ask for help when you need it.

As you [search for college scholarships](#), you're bound to come across some organizations that seem suspicious. Maybe the claim is too good to be true. Or the website doesn't look reliable. Or you're unable to get anybody on the phone to answer questions. As with most things in life, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

So given the large number of scholarships, and scholarship websites, out there, how do you find the ones that are legitimate? There are a few common traps to watch out for, and some guidelines you can follow. Read on before you submit a scholarship application that seems suspicious.

Most importantly, just remember to trust your gut instincts and ask for help when you need it. College money can be tough to come by, and you don't want to lose your money to corrupt business and not be able to pay for college.

## How to Spot Scholarship Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is well aware of scams promising school scholarships, and has some tips to help you keep your money for college safe. The FTC warns that you should be suspicious of a scholarship program that uses any of the following phrases:

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back (no scholarships for college are guaranteed; you have to apply for them)
- You can't get this information anywhere else (scholarship information is public)
- I just need your credit card/bank account number to hold this scholarship (school scholarships are awarded based on need or merit, not on financial information)
- We'll do all the work (unfortunately, students pursuing college financial aid do most of the work in the pursuit of university scholarships)
- The scholarship will cost some money (college scholarships are gift aid toward the student's college education; they don't require payment by the student)
- You've been selected by a foundation to receive a scholarship/You're a finalist in a scholarship contest (if you haven't reached out to an organization or entered a contest, it's unlikely you would be randomly selected for their college scholarship)

Keep in mind, however, that now that the FTC has made this information public, scammers may utilize variations on these phrases and come up with new ways to try to scam the average college student. Don't assume these are the only phrases to watch out for.

## What to Do if You Suspect a Scholarship Scam

If a scholarship program seems suspicious, do additional research to make sure. First of all, check if they have a telephone number. And call it to see if they answer the phone and can answer your questions about college financial aid.

Also, check to see if they have a mailing address with a street address, and not just a P.O. Box number. If you're looking at a website for an organization that claims to offer federal aid, check if the URL ends in .gov.

Finally, be aware of how they contact you. If they provide you with information on their scholarships in writing, by mail, they're more likely to be a legitimate business than if they contact you by phone.

If you're still unsure, show the documents or website to your guidance counselor. They have most likely seen scholarship scams before and are happy to review a student's scholarships to help them steer clear of any shady organizations.

November 14, 2016

## How to Protect Your Money for College

As you pursue your scholarships for college, you may be asked to provide a lot of different information, from your transcript and scores on standardized tests to essays, letters of recommendation and videos showing your special skills and talents.

People running scholarship scams are aware of this, and may try to use this to their advantage by requesting personal information or rushing you into acting in the hopes that you'll act on impulse without investigating further.

### Some key rules to remember:

- Don't give you financial information like your credit card number or bank account number.
- Don't be rushed. Scholarship applications usually have a deadline you need to follow, but don't be fooled by scholarship scams that claim their scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. This may simply be a tactic to encourage you to act quickly.
- Ask for written proof of the school scholarship information you're given.

### Scholarship Scams Tips & Tactics

- Take notes if a company seems suspicious. Record any information given in a phone conversation, and keep a file of all written documents you receive regarding that scholarship. If it does turn out to be a scholarship scam, you will be able to report it easily. And you should report any scams you encounter to the proper authorities to keep other students from getting conned.
- How do you report scholarship scams? File a complaint or send a detailed letter about your experience along with copies of any documents you've received to an anti-fraud organization like the [Federal Trade Commission](#), [Better Business Bureau](#) or [National Consumer League's Fraud Center](#).
- Keep copies of all documents you send and receive when you're applying for school scholarships, whether they're legitimate or not. For legitimate students' scholarships, you'll be able to refer back to old scholarship applications when you're filling out new ones, and for scholarship scams, you'll have a record of any personal information you gave them in case it becomes an issue.