

Senior Scholarship Opportunities

PHS 2026-2027 Scholarship Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16_8CW2znR4Qg9s0EAYBcRgPlrQMSVkJdBM5NvY1IVuk/edit?usp=sharing

One of the best places to begin your scholarship search is the college or university you plan to attend. Many institutions offer merit-based, need-based, departmental, athletic, and other institutional scholarships for incoming students.

Be sure to visit your college or university's financial aid and scholarship website. Review eligibility requirements and deadlines carefully, and complete any additional scholarship applications that may be required.

Start Your Search Early!

Don't wait until you are accepted to begin searching for scholarships. Many scholarship deadlines occur early in the senior year, and applying consistently throughout the year can increase your opportunities to receive financial assistance.

Scholarship Resources for Alabama Seniors

The resources below are excellent places to begin your scholarship search. Always review the current eligibility requirements, application instructions, and deadlines directly through the official scholarship website.

Federal & Alabama Financial Aid

- **FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

Completing the FAFSA can help determine eligibility for federal grants, work-study, and student loans. Many colleges and universities also use FAFSA information when determining institutional financial aid.

[Complete the FAFSA – Federal Student Aid](#)

- **Alabama Student Grant Program**

Provides grant assistance to eligible students attending participating independent Alabama colleges and universities. For 2026–2027, awards may be up to \$3,000 per academic year, subject to eligibility and available funding.

[Alabama Student Grant Program – ACHE](#)

- **CollegeCounts Scholarship**

Alabama seniors should explore the CollegeCounts Scholarship program for opportunities to receive financial assistance toward an Alabama college education.

[CollegeCounts Scholarship](#)

Alabama College & University Scholarships

Students should always check the scholarship opportunities available directly through the college or university they plan to attend.

- **University of Alabama**

Explore automatic merit scholarships and additional scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.

[UA Freshman Scholarships – Afford UA](#)

- **UA National Alumni Association Scholarships**
Explore additional scholarship opportunities available to incoming University of Alabama students.
[UA Alumni Scholarships](#)
- **UA Early College Scholarships**
Students who participated in UA Early College may qualify for freshman-year scholarship opportunities if they meet program requirements.
[UA Early College Scholarships](#)
- **Auburn University**
Auburn offers merit-based, need-based, general, and departmental scholarship opportunities.
[Auburn University Scholarships](#)
- **Alabama A&M University**
Explore academic and institutional scholarships for incoming students.
[Alabama A&M Scholarships](#)
- **Alabama State University**
Explore freshman scholarships and financial aid opportunities through ASU.
[Alabama State University](#)
- **Miles College**
Explore renewable academic scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for qualifying students.
[Miles College Scholarships](#)
- **Stillman College**
Explore institutional scholarships and financial aid opportunities for incoming students.
[Stillman College](#)
- **Talladega College**
Review scholarship, financial aid, and admissions opportunities for prospective students.
[Talladega College](#)
- **Tuskegee University**
Explore merit-based and other scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.
[Tuskegee University Scholarships](#)
- **Oakwood University**
Explore scholarships and financial aid opportunities for prospective students.
[Oakwood University](#)
- **Selma University**
Visit the university's website for admissions and financial aid information.
Selma University
- **UNCF Scholarships** — Scholarship opportunities for students attending eligible HBCUs and other member institutions.
[UNCF Scholarships](#)
- **Thurgood Marshall College Fund** — Scholarships and financial assistance opportunities for students attending participating HBCUs and other institutions.
TMCF Scholarships

Additional Places to Search

Don't limit your scholarship search to college websites. Scholarships may also be available through:

- Local businesses and community organizations
- Community foundations
- Civic and service organizations
- Churches and religious organizations
- Employers and family employers
- Professional organizations
- Alumni organizations
- Local clubs and service organizations
- Organizations related to your intended major or career
- Athletic organizations
- National scholarship search programs

Don't Forget Local Scholarships!

Some of the best scholarship opportunities may be available right here in your own community. Check with local businesses, community organizations, foundations, churches, civic groups, employers, and professional organizations.

Local scholarships may have fewer applicants than national scholarships, so **don't overlook smaller awards**. Several smaller scholarships can add up and make a meaningful difference in the overall cost of college.

Scholarship Search & Organization Tips

As you apply, keep a record of:

- Scholarship name
- Application deadline
- Award amount
- Eligibility requirements
- Required essays
- Recommendation letters
- Transcript requirements
- FAFSA requirements
- Application status
- Notification date

Consider creating a scholarship calendar so you can see upcoming deadlines and avoid missing important opportunities.

A Final Reminder for Seniors

Apply, apply, apply! Don't assume you won't qualify for a scholarship. If you meet the requirements, submit an application.

Be cautious of scholarship scams. You should never have to pay someone simply to search for legitimate scholarships for you. Never provide sensitive financial information unless you have verified that the organization is legitimate.

Your counselor is available to help you **identify scholarship resources, review opportunities, and develop a plan for your scholarship search.**