

Auburn High School Scholarship Guide

2018-2019

This guide contains information on various scholarship opportunities, financial aid, and links to other information for help with paying for postsecondary education. Most scholarship applications and information are available online, however, Auburn High School Counselors have access to the information. See your Counselor if you have additional questions.

Scholarships are added to this guide throughout the year. New scholarships are listed at the end of this guide online. Please check for an updated version of this guide online for additional scholarship opportunities at

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The following guidelines are to help you complete multiple scholarship applications throughout your senior year. Keep in mind, that you will not receive every scholarship that you apply for. Do not get discouraged if you do not receive a response or are denied the scholarship. Keep applying because each scholarship provider has their own unique criteria for selecting a recipient.

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- College files for the school that you are applying for
- Free internet scholarship search sites
- Colleges you have applied to – check with Financial Aid Office and department you will major in
- Public Library
- Your employer
- Your parents' employers

TIME MANAGEMENT

When you receive the application, review it to determine if you qualify and determine what needs to be provided to complete the application (transcript, test scores, letter of recommendation, etc.). Start completing the application at least one month before it's due. Write the due date on your senior calendar. Count back four or more days, this is your MAIL IN date. Count back 7 days from your MAIL IN date, that is the LAST day that you can request your transcript and test scores to receive them in time to mail in with your application. Count back 14 days from your MAIL IN date that is the LAST day that you can request a letter of recommendation to receive it in time to mail in with your application. Have the application ready to mail/submit at least one week before your MAIL IN date. Give yourself some "buffer time" to proofread your application and make changes before you send it off.

PLANNING AHEAD AND STAYING ORGANIZED

Most scholarships require your transcript, letters of recommendations, ACT/SAT scores and a senior resume; keep copies of these documents on hand. Request several copies of your transcript at one time to keep at home – make sure they are in a sealed envelope and don't open them. Ask the person who writes your letter of recommendation for permission to make copies of it to use in future applications; you should not make copies of letters of recommendation without the writer's permission. Purchase large mailing envelopes and stamps to mail paper applications. As you complete your applications, you will have most of the documents and materials you need to submit with your applications. Save your applications/essays on your hard drive/thumb drive. You may be able to cut and paste your essays and statements into future applications.

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN FULL

- If a question does not apply, note that on the application, DO NOT leave it blank. Provide everything that is required. Do not supply things that are not requested, you could be disqualified.
- Neatness counts!! Make a couple copies of the paper applications; use the copies as a working draft and the original application for your final copy.
- Typing the application is usually preferred. If you must print, do so neatly and legibly in dark ink.
- Make your application stand out. If completing a paper application, print it on cardstock paper. If the application requires several documents, copy them on the cardstock paper too. Place the application and documents in a report cover, folder or binder.

WRITING YOUR APPLICATION ESSAY

Make sure your essay makes an impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific – give specific details and examples. If appropriate, include your strengths, awards, school and community activities, volunteer

experiences, hobbies, job history, things that you have done to make you unique and your future plans. Ask an English teacher to proofread it when you are done.

GIVE IT A FINAL ONCE OVER

Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Our ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. It is your face to this organization. Take pride in yourself by submitting the best application you can!!

TAKE STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION GETS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO

Before sending the application online or in the mail, make a copy of the entire application/packet. If your application gets lost you can always reproduce it quickly. Make sure your name appears on all pages of the application, unless the directions specifically say not to do that. If you want to make sure that the organization received your application, enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard, with your application, to be mailed back to you after the application has been received.

RESPONSE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER

Some Scholarship providers will contact all of the students who submitted applications and let them know if they will or will not receive the scholarship. Some scholarship providers only notify the recipient. When receiving a scholarship, ask the provider how you will receive the funds. Your academy office can NOT answer that question for you. Some providers will give the check to the student and some will mail it directly to the college. Some providers will require additional information before releasing the funds – proof of acceptance, 1st semester report card, etc. ** Send a thank you note for each scholarship that you receive. **

SENIOR GAME PLAN

First Semester

- o Maintain high levels of academic performance.
- o Meet with your school counselor for your Senior College and Career Planning Conference first quarter.
- o Review your high school transcript for accuracy, completeness and meeting graduation requirements.
- o Review test results (register to take or retake ACT/SAT as needed).
- o Update your resume, if applicable.
- o Attend college “rep” visits.
- o Review college choices with your family.
- o List colleges and create a file for each.
- o Obtain college applications and get on the college’s mailing list, most colleges encourage students to apply online.
- o Schedule college visits and/or open houses.
- o Check the scholarship websites at Rockford Public Library and the Community Foundation of Northern IL.
- o Decide which teacher(s) to ask to write recommendations (allow teachers/staff two weeks to complete recommendations).
- o Official transcripts can be requested electronically from www.parchment.com at least one week before you need to mail in your application.
- o Review and photocopy completed applications.
- o Mail/send applications early!
- o Ask your employer and your parents about company scholarships.
- o Complete at least one Scholarship search on the Internet.
- o Fill out FAFSA online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov starting October 1st.

Second Semester

- Maintain high level of academic performance.
- Continue checking online, etc. for updated Scholarship due dates
- Follow up on financial aid and scholarship applications.
- Review financial aid offers.
- Reply to ALL colleges by May 1st and notify colleges of acceptance and non-acceptance decisions.
- Call the Financial Aid Office at your college if you have any questions.

Internet Websites

Department of Education Websites

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid-** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It can be submitted after October 1st of the senior year.
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **Federal Student Aid-** This website gives detailed information about all financial aid.
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Scholarship Websites

- **FastWeb-** A free scholarship service – register once and they will contact you if new scholarships become available. There are many free scholarship search sites on the internet.
www.fastweb.com
- **Scholarship America**
www.scholarshipamerica.org
- **Rockford Public Library**
<http://www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org/young-adult-zone/scholarship-search>
- **Community Foundation of Northern Illinois**
www.cfnil.org
- **ISAC List of Grants**
<http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/grants/index.html>

Websites with scholarship lists and guidance for undocumented and DACA students

- **My Undocumented Life** <https://mydocumentedlife.org/>
- An app for a smart phone titled “The Dreamer’s Roadmap”
- **Eastern Illinois University Scholarship Database**
https://www.eiu.edu/scholarships/outside_undocumented.php
- **Harvard University handbook for undocumented students with guidance on how to pay for college** <http://www.actonadream.org/>
- **MALDEF Scholarship resources**
<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>
- **Mission Graduates document for scholarships that do NOT require social security numbers**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-gsmWvf5rLM0ZUaIZVdUdvRUE/view?usp=sharing>
- **Scholarship list open to students regardless of immigration status**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-gsmWvf5rLOFpUMXpkMXZhZ0U/view?usp=sharing>

Websites that help students prepare and pay for college

- **Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)**- Provides free information on academic preparation (Mapping Your Future), grants, loans, prepaid tuition programs (College Illinois) and scholarship search (Higher-EdNet) among others.
www.isac.org
- **FinAid: The Financial Aid Information Page**- Sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators – this is a comprehensive site for financial aid resources on the Web.
www.finaid.org
- **College Zone**- Information to help students plan and pay for college.
www.collegezone.com
- **Mapping Your Future**- Information to help students plan and pay for college.
www.mappingyourfuture.org
- **The Mint Grad**- This website has tools for students and graduates to help plan and achieve.
<http://www.themintgrad.org/>

Department of Education Websites for Student Loans

- **Direct Loan Online**- Information about students loans and budget calculators.
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- **Students Loans .gov**- Online counseling, MPN, keep track of your loan information, and sign up for loan repayment.
<https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>
- **NSLDS**- Website that helps track all your federal student loans
http://www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls_SA/

Tools and Apps for College and Finances (Some include scholarship searches.)

- **Salt Money**- Helps student with budgeting, free money coach, and free information about financial aid
www.saltmoney.org
- **Mint**- Website and app that helps students budget and organize accounts and spending
www.mint.com
- **NerdScholar**- Compare schools, scholarship search, FAFSA help, help with career, finance and budget help, help with student loans.
www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar
- **Smarterbucks**- Website that allows students to earn cash rewards for paying student loans by buying items through their website and participating in surveys. www.smarterbucks.com/home
- **National Fraud Information Center**- This site is to report a scholarship fraud.
www.fraud.org

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1st. Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Contact the Financial Aid office at the colleges that you have applied to and request their Scholarship Book and financial aid forms. A few schools don't have a special financial aid application, but have some questions on their standard admission applications.

FORMS

- Complete all of the forms required by the college's Financial Aid Office. Don't miss their deadlines. **THE EARLIER YOU APPLY, THE GREATER CHANCE YOU HAVE OF RECEIVING AID.**
- When completing your FAFSA form have your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) sent directly to the college's Financial Aid office to speed up your financial aid process.
- If you are considering both in-state and out-of-state schools (public and private) make sure to list a public Illinois school first on your FAFSA form.
- Keep copies of all the financial aid forms that you submit.
- You may be contacted by the college/FAFSA for additional information.
- If your financial status changes (layoffs, death, separation/divorce, etc.), after the forms are submitted, contact the school's Financial Aid office immediately. Submit an amended FAFSA form too.
- In some cases, unusual circumstances may occur which cannot be adequately explained on the application. Submit a letter of explanation to the Financial Aid office at your college.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

You can expect to receive the following acknowledgements:

- A **Student Aid Report (SAR)** from FAFSA. Check to make sure all information is correct. If there are any errors, contact FAFSA immediately and send a copy of any corrections to the colleges you have selected. Respond immediately, if you are asked to submit additional information. You will also receive your EFC.
- A **Financial Aid Award Letter** from the college of your choice concerning action taken on your application for financial aid. The college will notify you if you are eligible for federal grants and loans. Read immediately and respond as instructed. If you disagree with your financial aid award, contact the Financial Aid office immediately. Some schools are open to negotiating.
- An **Award Notification** from Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) if you're eligible for state grants and loans.

College Athletes and Scholarships

All prospective college athletes must fill out the NCAA Eligibility Center form available online. Apply at the beginning of your senior year if you haven't applied already.

High school athletes should work closely with their coach and the athletic director to secure college athletic scholarships.

College athletic scholarships take a great deal of work and effort and are governed by very strict guidelines. Students are responsible for verifying that their HS courses have been approved by the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Seek help from the Athletic Department if you are interested in an athletic scholarship.

www.eligibilitycenter.org

College and University Scholarships

Many colleges and universities offer scholarships to students applying to their schools. Please visit the websites of the schools to which you are applying to find out what they can offer or contact their admissions office to speak to an admissions counselor. Many of their websites offer financial calculators, which factor in scholarships, tuition costs, living expenses, etc., that help determine if that school will be affordable for that student and family. They also maintain their own scholarship website and database for students.

Military Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit rather than financial need. Military scholarships require recipients to enlist in one of the United States Armed Forces while attending college. After graduating, recipients will have a service obligation in either the reserves or active duty.

BRANCH	WEBSITE	PHONE
Army	www.goarmy.com	1-800-USA-ROTC
Navy	www.navy.com	1-800-NAV-ROTC
Air Force	www.airforce.com	1-866-423-7682
National Guard	www.nationalguard.com	
Marines	www.marines.com	
Coast Guard	www.gocoastguard.com	

Scholarship Name	Amount	Criteria	Due Date	Application Process
CFNIL Scholarship Fair	Varies	Community Scholarship Fair: Plan to attend the Community Scholarship Fair held in downtown Rockford at Mendelssohn Hall, 406 N. Maint St. The event will begin at 5:00PM. Financial Aid workshops will be offered at 5:15pm and again at 6:15PM	Dec 4, 2018	Plan to attend!
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	\$1,000	Students who have participated in community service activities should apply. Completed Applications must be turned into your Counselor by the deadline. Deadline entry: November 6, 2018.	11/6/2018	Complete the application at https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2018
RAMM Scholarship	Varies	African-American students who have demonstrated academic success (GPA 2.75 or higher), participated in extracurricular or community-based activities, can demonstrate both oral and written communication skills, and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university.	Nov. 23, 2018	Complete the application at www.ramm-rkfd.org
RAMM and Rockford Fire Department Scholarship	Varies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be an African-American high school senior enrolled in a Winnebago County school. 2. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. 3. Plan to enter a career in the fire service, fire protection or prevention. 4. Must plan to attend an accredited 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university. 	Nov. 23, 2018	Complete the application at www.ramm-rkfd.org
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Burger King	\$1,000 to \$50,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 2. Be passionate about serving the community 	Dec. 15, 2018	https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/
GreenHouse Scholars	Varies	High school seniors with an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and a demonstrated financial need should apply. Applicants must be planning to attend a 4-year college or university	Dec 17, 2018	Complete the application at https://greenhousescholars.fluidreview.com/

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship	Varies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. African American in Winnebago, Freeport, DeKalb 2. Be involved in the community and school 3. GPA of 2.75 or higher 	Dec 21	See Mrs. Weatherly in the BAMIT office for an application
AXA Achievement Scholarship	\$2,500 - \$25,000 scholarship available	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident 2. Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities 	Dec. 28, 2018	https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html
Sons of Norway	\$250-\$3,000	Various scholarship and grant opportunities are available	Deadlines from Jan. 1 to April depends on scholarship	www.sofn.com
Ron Brown Scholar Program	\$10,000 renewable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Black or African American 2. Academic Achievement 3. Exhibit leadership ability 4. Community service 5. Financial need 6. Planning to attend a four-year school 	Jan 9, 2019	https://www.ronbrown.org/Media/Default/MediaGalleries/ApplicationPDFs/2015_Ron_Brown_Scholarship_Application.pdf
Rockford Promise Scholarship at Rockford University	Full Paid Tuition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have completed and submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). 2. I have at least an overall unweighted grade point average of 3.0 and an ACT composite score (or 1100-1120 SAT equivalent) of at least 22. 3. Must be eligible for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP). 4. Must be eligible for Federal Pell Grant. 5. Must apply to Rockford University. 	January 11, 2019	https://www.rockfordpromise.org/apply-for-a-scholarship
Gates Millennium Scholars Program	Based on financial need	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrates financial need by completing FAFSA form 2. African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic American 3. Citizen of US 4. 3.3 GPA or higher 5. Demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities 	Check website for updated info.	www.gmsp.org
La Voz Latina Scholarship	Varies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hispanic descent 2. GPA of 2.5 3. Community and school involvement 4. Financial need 	Jan 19	www.ywcanwil.org/ywca-leader-luncheon
Bright Future Scholarship	\$1,500	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GPA of 2.5 2. College or trade school 	Jan 19	www.ywcanwil.org/ywca-leader-luncheon
Tom Joyner Foundation	Full tuition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GPA of 3.5 2. 30 ACT or 1400 SAT 3. Must attend a HBCU 	Jan 19	https://tomjoynerfoundation.org/scholarships-list/
UW-Platteville Community Scholarship Program	Varies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning to attend UW-Platteville 2. Involvement in community, school, family activities 	Feb 1	http://www.uwplatt.edu/financial-aid/new-freshman-scholarships
Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship	\$1,500 (100 scholarships at \$1,500 each)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family actively engaged in farming 2. Average or above avg GPA 3. Minimum ACT Composite score of 18 or minimum SAT combined math and verbal score of 850 4. Attending a two-year school majoring in an agriculture related field 	Varies	www.ffa.org

Scholarships for students of Native American Heritage	Up to \$5,000	Multiple Scholarships	Varies but begins Feb 1st	https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/native-american-scholarships-resources/
DAR	\$500	Multiple scholarships	Feb. 15	https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info
Co-op Scholarship	\$2,500	1. 3.5 GPA or higher 2. Accepted at one of the National Commission Member Colleges listed 3. School and community activities 4. Work experience	Feb. 19, 2019	www.co-op.edu
Kiwanis Club of Rockford Education Grant	Varies	1. Community/School service 2. Plan for meeting financial needs 3. Admission to college 4. Complete application online, then print to mail.	Feb. 15, 2019	https://kiwanisclubofrockford.com/2019
Rockford Promise: Rock Valley College Scholarship	Tuition is paid.	1. I have completed and submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). 2. I have at least an overall unweighted grade point average of 2.5 3. I am eligible for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP). 4. I am eligible for Federal Pell Grant. 5. I have applied to Rock Valley College.	March 1, 2019	https://www.rockfordpromise.org/apply-for-a-scholarship
Dr. Connie Rucker Scholarship	\$4,000	1. Intend to pursue education degree 2. Have a 3.0 GPA or higher 3. Community service	March 1	See Mrs. Weatherly in the BAMIT office for an application
Tzu Chi Scholars 2017 Scholarship	\$1000 need-based scholarship	1. Demonstrates financial need for college tuition 2. Is a high school graduating senior or equivalent 3. Has a minimum 3.0 GPA 4. Will enroll in an accredited U.S. college full-time for the academic year 2017-2018	March 1, 2019	http://www.tzuchi.us/scholarships/
AAUW Scholarship	\$1,000	1 Be a female resident of and senior student in Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County. 2. G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher 4. Have a chosen academic field of study in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)	March 25	https://rockfordarea-il.aauw.net/scholarship/
Freeport Masonic Temple Scholarships	46 students will receive scholarships. 6 scholarships available	Please visit website for criteria depending on the scholarship. There are 6 different types of scholarships available.	Varies	http://freeportmasonictemple.org/scholarships.html
Jane Lyons Memorial Scholarship	\$2500 (renewable up to 4 years)	1. Female students who enjoy playing golf 2. Resident of Winnebago, Boone counties or a participant in a Rockford Park District golf program 3. Enrolled or plan to enroll in a full time 2- or 4-year degree program	April 5, 2019	https://www.rpdfoundation.org/jane-lyons-memorial-scholarship/
Fountainhead Essay Contest	\$50-\$10,000	1. Juniors and Seniors 2. Ability to write clearly and articulately	May 15, 2018	https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1

		3. Read the book, <i>The Fountainhead</i> by Ayn Rand		
Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest	\$50-\$20,000	1. 12th grade students and college students 2. Ability to write clearly and articulately 3. Respond to one of three essay topics	May 15, 2018	https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#atlasshugged-1
Rockford Trail Blazer Scholarship	\$1000	1. 3.5 GPA 2. Involvement in extracurricular activities 3. Environmental project 4. Return completed application to the counseling office. 5. Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program.	**May 15	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-gsmWvf5IrlZk9SOUx2TUUpqTHM/view?usp=sharing Last year's app. Check back for update.
Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship	\$1,000	1. Intend to pursue an animation related field at a post-secondary school or college (refer to website for list of careers/majors that qualify) 2. Demonstrated record of academic success 3. Passion and drive for animation and/or design-related career	June 1, 2017	http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreviewcom-aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program
Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship		1. Intend to pursue a degree in a fashion-related field at a post-secondary school or college. 2. Demonstrated record of academic success 3. Passion and drive for a fashion-related field	June 1, 2017	http://www.fashion-schools.org/aspiring-fashion-professional-scholarship-program
College Covered Assist Scholarship	Three \$2500 scholarships	1. High school senior students who will be or college students who are enrolled at least half-time in a Bachelor's or Associate's degree program 2. See website for official list of rules.	June 8, 2017 Sept. 6, 2017 Jan. 8, 2018	CollegeCovered.com/Assist . Official list of rules: https://scholarship.collegecovered.com/rules.html
Big Sun Athletics Scholarship	\$500.00	1. High school senior 2. Must be student athlete	June 19	http://www.bigsunathletics.com/
BBG Communication Award	\$500	1. 16-21-years old 2. GPA of 2.5 or higher 3. Be a citizen of the United States or Canada	June 30, 2017	http://www.breylancommunications.com/bgcommunications/132/scholarships.php
Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship	Up to \$1000	1. Graduating Seniors who are wholly or partially of Italian ancestry from any recognized high school in Chicagoland area. 2. Scholarships will be based on financial need, academic record, high school activity record, other evidence of ability or leadership, personal statements, recommendations. 3. Winners will be notified by August 31st.	July 1st	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-gsmWvf5IrlLX0xlSTBVVjhxZ2c/view?usp=sharing Check back for updated app.
Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program	510 Awards up to \$2500 each	1. Have completed high school or plan to complete high school by Spring 2016 with plans to enroll at a community college for the first time by fall 2016 2. Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program at an accredited non-profit community college in the United States 3. Demonstrated critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA) 4. Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity	Rolling Deadline	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Be involved in community service activities 6. Be younger than 30 years old 7. Be a United States citizen 		
Varsity Tutors College Scholarship Contest	One \$1000 available every month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write an Essay in response to a writing prompt. 2. Must be 16 years of age. 3. Must be a legal resident of Illinois as of February 1, 2016. <p>Essays must be at least 200 words with a maximum of 900 words.</p>	Every month. Typically the 15th of every month	http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship
Agricultural First	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two-/four-year school 2. Majoring in livestock production, crop production or closely related field 		Please check in the counseling office room 205 for updated information.
American Business Women Association – Forest City	\$500-\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3.0 GPA 2. Majoring in business or professional career 3. Financial need 		Counseling office
American Business Women Association – Rock Valley Chapter	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic excellence 2. School and community activities 		Counseling office
American Dream Scholarship	\$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foreign born 2. Accepted at a 4-year Illinois public school 3. Pursuing a career in the public sector with intent to work in the Human Services field 4. Graduate of IL H.S. 	Check back for application information	http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?px?
American Chemical Society Scholars	Up to \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial need 2. 3.0 GPA or higher 3. Major in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering 4. Member of one of the following ethnic groups: African American, Hispanic-Latino, Native American 5. Planning a career in Chemical Science or Chemical Technology 	Check back on their website for application information	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about.html
AMS/Industry Minority Scholarship	\$3,000 *Renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning to pursue a career in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences 2. Ethnic background: Hispanic, Native American or African American 3. GPA 4. ACT or SAT scores 	Check back on their website for application information	https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/
Balanced Man Scholarship	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Male 2. GPA 3. Leadership 4. Community Service 5. Accepted at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana 6. Athletics 	Check back on their website for 2017 information	http://www.illinoisigeps.com/scholarships.html
Beta Sigma Psi Alumni Scholarship	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmed Lutheran Male 2. GPA 3. School, church and community activities 4. Accepted at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 		Request application: Beta Sigma Psi Alpha Alumni Scholarships Box 17273 Urbana, IL 61803
Department of Human Services-Education Benefits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial need 2. Accepted at an Illinois two- or four-year school 3. Individuals with physical or mental disabilities 	Call for more info	Contact Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services at: (217) 782-2004 or (800) 275-3677

ESA Scholarship	Varies	1. This application is used for several scholarships, the criteria varies	Check website for more info	www.esaintl.com/esaf
Excellence Through Ethics	\$5,000	1. Write an essay response to the ethical scholarships, the criteria varies	Check website for more info	www.esaintl.com/esaf
First American Credit Union Scholarship	\$1,000	1. Member in good standing of the American Credit Union 2. Must be accepted in a college or trade school	Check back for more info	Counseling office 205
Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant	\$500-\$1,000	1. Female 2. Majoring in education	Check website for more info	www.deltakappagamma.org/IL
National Restaurant Association Scholarship	\$2,500	1. 2.75 GPA or higher 2. Majoring in food service or related career 3. 250 hours of restaurant and/or food service experience	Check website for more info	https://www.chooserestaurants.org/Programs-and-Scholarships/Scholarship-Opportunities
Northern Illinois Newspaper Association (NINA) Scholarship	Varies	1. Demonstrate standards of honesty, integrity, attention to detail, hard work, creativity and an understanding and commitment to quality community journalism 2. Member of high school newspaper or professional news publication 3. Majoring in journalism or communication.	Check website for more info	https://ninaonlinedotorg.wordpress.com/high-school-scholarships/
NIU-Sigma Nu Fraternity Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship	\$1,500	1. Senior-level male 2. Attending NIU 3. Minimum 3.0 GPA	Check website for more info	http://sigmanuniu.com
MIA/POW Scholarship	Tuition	1. Dependent of veterans or service persons declared to be prisoners-of-war, missing in action, deceased or disabled as a result of a service-connected cause 2. Accepted at an Illinois state-supported school	Call for more info	Contact Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs for Winnebago County at 815-962-7702 or contact Tracy Kimmel at 217.782.3564
Phi Delta Kappa Prospective Educator Scholarship	\$500-\$1,000	1. GPA 2. School and community activities 3. Four-year school 4. Majoring in education	Check website for more info	GCP office - Local winning application will be submitted to the national competition for a \$1,000-\$5,000 prize http://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/prospective-educator-scholarships/
Poplar Grove Aviation Education Scholarship	Varies	1. Majoring in aviation/automotive industry including maintenance 2. Program must result in degree or FAA certificate 3. Resident of Boone or Winnebago Counties	Check website for more information or the guidance office	http://www.poplargoewingsandwheels.com/index.asp?SEC=206D495E-1F35-4574-8C74-3BE830CEBA15&Type=B_BASIC Check back for updated scholarship info
Rockford University Scholarships		1. Merit-based scholarships awarded	Please see Website for more info	https://www.rockford.edu/admission/financialaid/
Student Leadership Award	One year of tuition and fees at Rock Valley College	1. Attending Rock Valley College the fall after High School graduation 2. 3.0 GPA 3. School and community involvement 4. Served in leadership capacity	Call RVC for more information	Enrollment Services 921-4251 at Rock Valley College

University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Scholarship	\$2,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reside in greater Rockford area 2. Applied at or been accepted at UW-Madison 3. GPA 4. School and community activities 	Check back for more details	Counseling office room 205 for updated information
Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarships	\$1000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of SAT/ACT scores 2. Financial need 3. 2.5 GPA or higher 	Varies	www.walmartfoundation.org
Sam Walton Community Scholarship	\$2000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employed by Wal-Mart at least one continuous year 2. Financial need 3. Minimum 18 ACT or 800 SAT score 		
Associate Scholarship	\$10,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son/daughter of a full time Wal-Mart associate 2. Minimum 22 ACT or 1030 SAT score 3. Financial need 		
Walton Family Foundation Scholarship		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son/daughter of a full time Wal-Mart associate 2. Minimum 22 ACT or 1030 SAT score 3. Financial need 		
Young Entrepreneur Award	\$1,000-\$10,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepted at a two- or four-year school 2. Want to own or already own a small business 	Check back for updated info.	www.nfib.com Check website for updated info.
Zonta Club of Rockford	\$1,250	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two- or four-year school 2. Majoring in business or professional career 3. Community activities 4. Financial need 		Counseling office room 205 for updated information
Acorn Scholarships and Grants	\$1,000-\$5,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who are or children of parents who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students 2. GPA 3. Volunteer 4. Financial need 	Sept. 23, 2016	http://www.acornequalityfund.org/Scholarships-and-Grants.html
AES Engineering Scholarship	\$500	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Character 2. Any major 	Oct. 7, 2016	www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
US Senate Youth Program	\$5,000 and a one-week government conference in Washington, DC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High school junior or senior 2. Leadership ability 3. High scholastic standing and demonstrated ability to achieve 4. Clear speech and logical thought processes 5. Community involvement 6. Participation in a wide selection of activities on and off campus 7. Serving in an elected capacity in student government or related organization 8. At least one parent must be a legal resident of Illinois 	** Oct. 7	http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm
ARTS Awards		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Majoring in one of the arts: dance, film and video, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing 2. \$30 fee 3. You don't need to attend college to apply for and receive this award 4. Apply at the end of junior year or beginning of senior year 5. Students in grades 10-12 can apply 	Oct. 16, 2016	www.youngarts.org
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Varies- Four scholars are available	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. African-American Male in 12th grade wanting to obtain a baccalaureate degree. 2. GPA = 2.5 or higher 3. Active in school and community. 	Oct. 25, 2016	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JVAPeBICXatPkJrSLqCTL4jnYy4iiUwquColbxtVw5k/edit?usp=sharing

RAMM Scholarship	Varies	1. Must be an African-American high school senior enrolled in a Winnebago County school. 2. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. 3. Must plan to attend an accredited 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university.	Nov. 26, 2017	www.ramm-rkfd.org
RAMM and Rockford Fire Department Scholarship	Varies	1. Must be an African-American high school senior enrolled in a Winnebago County school. 2. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. 3. Plan to enter a career in the fire service, fire protection or prevention. 4. Must plan to attend an accredited 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university.	Nov. 26, 2017	www.ramm-rkfd.org
US Bank Scholarships	\$1,000	1. Two- or four-year school 2. GPA	Nov. 30 is next deadline	Apply on-line from October through February at: https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html

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