

## 2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINDSOR CUSD #1

<i>Name of Scholarship</i>	<i>Criteria</i>	<i>More Info or Application</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER DEADLINES</b>				
Acorn Equality	Acorn Equality Fund is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provide scholarships and organization grants to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, organizations, and allies to impact lives in a positive fashion.	<a href="https://www.acornequalityfund.org/scholarships.html">https://www.acornequalityfund.org/scholarships.html</a>	9-26-25	Varies
Owl Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Citizen</li> <li>• 16 yrs. or older</li> <li>• Enrolled in college or registered in a high school</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19879/owl-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19879/owl-scholarship</a>	9-29-25	\$50,000
Coca-Cola Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current high school student who will graduate during the 2025-26 school year</li> <li>• US Citizen</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/">https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/</a>	9-30-25	\$20,000
SM Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently enrolled as a high school Junior or Senior</li> <li>• Be a student who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located within the US</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18358/sm-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18358/sm-scholarship</a>	9-30-25	\$2,000
<b>OCTOBER DEADLINES</b>				
Be Bold Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school Senior intending to enroll in college by Fall 2026</li> <li>• Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship</a>	10-01-25	\$25,000
Girls Impact the World Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate program</li> <li>• Be 25 yr. or younger at the time of application</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14062/girls-impact-the-world-scholarship-awards">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14062/girls-impact-the-world-scholarship-awards</a>	10-01-25	\$5,000

Niche Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a Senior in high school or a current college student</li> <li>• Attending or planning to attend a college, university, or professional training school</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/40k-no-essay-scholarship-202510/">https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/40k-no-essay-scholarship-202510/</a>	10-15-25	\$40,000
Women in Aviation International Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must plan on enrolling in an aviation related program</li> <li>• Submit a 500-word essay detailing your passion for aviation</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.wai.org/scholarships">https://www.wai.org/scholarships</a>	10-15-25	\$20,000
Chick-fil-A Community Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be involved in community service, extracurricular activities and/or in a leadership role</li> <li>• Must be US resident</li> </ul>	<a href="https://apply.scholarsapply.org/cfacommunityscholars/">https://apply.scholarsapply.org/cfacommunityscholars/</a>	10-27-25	\$25,000
American Culinary Federation Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance into an accredited institution with culinary, pastry or food-related major</li> <li>• Minimum 2.75 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Education/Scholarships">https://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Education/Scholarships</a>	10-31-25	\$1,500 to \$2,500
A Better Financial Future Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 17 years old or older when submitting application</li> </ul>	<a href="https://smartercollege.org/scholarship-application/v101?utm_campaign=student_scholarships&amp;utm_medium=scholarship_site&amp;utm_source=partner">https://smartercollege.org/scholarship-application/v101?utm_campaign=student_scholarships&amp;utm_medium=scholarship_site&amp;utm_source=partner</a>	10-31-25	\$2,000
<b>NOVEMBER DEADLINES</b>				
Regeneron Science Talent Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Citizen</li> <li>• High school senior</li> <li>• Accept the challenge of conducting independent science, math or engineering research</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.societyfor-science.org/regeneron-sts/">https://www.societyfor-science.org/regeneron-sts/</a>	11-06-25	\$250,000
10 Words or Less Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between the ages of 14-25 and attending a college/university in Fall 2026</li> <li>• Submit a response to the essay prompt</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10-words-or-less-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10-words-or-less-scholarship</a>	11-15-25	\$1,000
National Space Club Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school senior</li> <li>• Have the intention or pursuing a career in the STEM fields</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html">https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html</a>	11-17-25	\$20,000

South Central FS Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have 2 letters of recommendation submitted</li> <li>• Guaranteed employment with FS following high school graduation, with a 2-year commitment</li> <li>• Scholarship winners must work for South Central FS during any Supervised Occupational Experience programs, if required for their degree</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.southcentralfs.com/Careers/Scholarship-Program">https://www.southcentralfs.com/Careers/Scholarship-Program</a>	11-30-25	\$12,000 (2yr degree) \$20,000 (4yr degree)
Beacon Scholarship for Rural America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must reside in a rural area</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• 750-word essay</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.carrot-top.com/beacon-scholarship">https://www.carrot-top.com/beacon-scholarship</a>	11-30-25	\$1,000
NHS Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School senior and active NHS member</li> <li>• Have NHS account</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.nationalhonor society.org/advisers/the-nhs-scholarship/">https://www.nationalhonor society.org/advisers/the-nhs-scholarship/</a>	11-24-25	\$3,200 to \$25,000
Dustan Biegler Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school senior planning to enroll in college Fall 2026</li> <li>• Be passionate about pursuing a future in Construction or Skilled Trades</li> <li>• Short essay required</li> </ul>	<a href="https://bold.org/scholarships/dustan-biegler-memorial-scholarship/#ref=best-scholarships">https://bold.org/scholarships/dustan-biegler-memorial-scholarship/#ref=best-scholarships</a>	11-01-25	\$4,200
Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 graduate</li> <li>• Be of Hispanic heritage</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2025/forms/welcome.php">https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2025/forms/welcome.php</a>	11-02-25	\$10,000
Students with Disabilities Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a documented disability</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/21134/students-with-disabilities-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/21134/students-with-disabilities-scholarship</a>	11-14-25	\$5,000
<b>DECEMBER DEADLINES</b>				
Common App Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current high school junior or senior</li> <li>• Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> <li>• Enrolled in college for Fall 2026</li> <li>• Essay response</li> </ul>	<a href="https://scholarshipguidance.com/common-app-scholarship-application">https://scholarshipguidance.com/common-app-scholarship-application</a>	12-15-25	\$2,000

The Equity Earn & Learn Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application</li> <li>• Letter of recommendation</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.theequity.com/careers/earn-learn-scholarship">https://www.theequity.com/careers/earn-learn-scholarship</a>	12-12-25	Up to \$14,000
AIAA Lockheed Martin Marilyn Hewson Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school senior intending to pursue an aerospace STEM Major</li> <li>• Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• Demonstrate interest in a career in the aerospace defense sector</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25703/aiaa-lockheed-martin-marilyn-hewson-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25703/aiaa-lockheed-martin-marilyn-hewson-scholarship</a>	12-31-25	\$10,000
Thiel High School Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the age of 22</li> <li>• Be interested in designing and building things instead of sitting in a classroom</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14065/thiel-fellowship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14065/thiel-fellowship</a>	12-31-25	\$200,000
Healthcare Leaders Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuing a degree related to nursing or medicine</li> <li>• Be 17 yrs. or older</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/24419/healthcare-leaders-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/24419/healthcare-leaders-scholarship</a>	12-31-25	\$1,500
Pulse of Perseverance Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have experienced a birth/childhood injury</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19863/pulse-of-perseverance-scholarship">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19863/pulse-of-perseverance-scholarship</a>	12-31-25	\$1,000
Hagen Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must attend a public, private, charter, magnet, or STEM high school located in the United States.</li> <li>2. Must be fluent in the English language.</li> <li>3. Must be in the high school graduating class.</li> <li>4. Must have achieved a 3.50 Cumulative Grade Point Average.</li> <li>5. Must enroll in an eligible four-year or higher not-for-profit College or University the first fall semester following high school graduation. The Hagan Scholarship cannot be used to attend a community college or online institution.</li> <li>6. Must maintain a four year or less graduation schedule in college, or complete the equivalent of a four year degree if in a professional</li> </ol>	<a href="https://haganscholarship.s.org/application/">https://haganscholarship.s.org/application/</a>	12-01-25	\$9,500

	<p>program.</p> <p>7. Must work 240 hours from January 1, 2025 until commencement of the 2025 fall semester in college. Employment must be regularly scheduled work performed under supervision for compensation. Work can be full-time or part-time, or a combination of the two.</p> <p>8. Applicant’s Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for 2023 Federal Income Tax Purposes must not have exceeded \$100,000. “Household Income” is defined as the total income received by all members of a household living under the same roof.</p> <p>9. Applicants selected as Finalists must provide the first two pages of their FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) showing their Student Aid Index (SAI).</p> <p>10. Must apply for Federal and State grants if eligible.</p> <p>11. Must not have a felony conviction.</p> <p>The intended recipient is a high-achieving goal-driven student having substantial financial need.</p>			
Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must submit (2) 500-word essay responses</li> <li>• Must be a child of an Illinois Co-Op consumer member, employee, or director</li> <li>• Plan to enroll in a college/university</li> </ul>	<a href="https://aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/about-the-thomas-h-moore-illinois-electric-cooperatives-iec-memorial-scholarship-fund/">https://aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/about-the-thomas-h-moore-illinois-electric-cooperatives-iec-memorial-scholarship-fund/</a>	12-31-25	\$3,000
National Trail Conference Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student/athlete must have completed at least 2 varsity seasons during their junior and/or senior years</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> <li>• 300 word essay</li> <li>• Submit information to Mrs. Helm to process</li> </ul>	See Mrs. Helm for application packet	12-08-25	\$500
Military Child of the Year Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a legal military dependent. Status confirmed by DEERS enrollment form.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/31441/military-child-of-the-year-award">https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/31441/military-child-of-the-year-award</a>	12-02-25	\$10,000

Science Buddy Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be planning to pursue a degree in the sciences</li> <li>• Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> <li>• Short essay response required</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarship.s.org/scholarship/34332/science-buddy-scholarship">https://studentscholarship.s.org/scholarship/34332/science-buddy-scholarship</a>	12-31-25	\$2,500
Future Travel Nurse Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> <li>• Must be accepted to a nursing program</li> <li>• Essay required</li> </ul>	<a href="https://studentscholarship.s.org/scholarship/14302/future-nurse-scholarship">https://studentscholarship.s.org/scholarship/14302/future-nurse-scholarship</a>	12-31-25	\$1,000
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Systems Nursing Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient(s) must be admitted to Eastern Illinois University</li> <li>• Recipient(s) must be a full-time incoming freshman.</li> <li>• Recipient(s) must be majoring in Pre-Nursing or Nursing.</li> <li>• Recipient(s) must have a High School GPA of 3.30 or higher on a 4.00 Scale.</li> <li>• Recipient(s) must have attended high school or currently reside in one of the following counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Moultrie, or Shelby</li> </ul>	<a href="https://eiu.academicworks.com/opportunities/19534">https://eiu.academicworks.com/opportunities/19534</a>	12-01-25	FULL RIDE
<b>JANUARY DEADLINES</b>				
Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.dar.org/outreach/education/scholarships">https://www.dar.org/outreach/education/scholarships</a>	1-31-26	VARIES
ORIX USA Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school senior, graduate, or current college undergraduate</li> <li>• Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year</li> <li>• Plan to pursue a degree in finance, accounting, economics, business administration, marketing, communications, technology, real estate, or human resources</li> <li>• Reside in or plan to attend college in Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, or Texas</li> </ul> <p>and applicants must meet <b>at least one</b> of the following criteria:</p>	<a href="https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/orix/">https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/orix/</a>	1-30-26	\$5000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Low Socioeconomic Status:</b> Applicant’s family income is at or below 150% of the current U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services (HHS) <u><a href="#">poverty guidelines</a></u> for their household size.</li> <li>• <b>Foster Care Status:</b> Applicant is currently in foster care or has aged out of the foster care system.</li> <li>• <b>First-Generation College Student:</b> Neither parent or guardian has earned a degree from a four- year college or university.</li> </ul>			
United States JCI Foundation Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 graduating senior</li> <li>• Must plan to enroll in college or vocational school</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program">https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program</a>	1-12-26	\$1,000 to \$2,000
Automotive Women’s Association Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be accepted to a college/university</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://awafoundation.org/images/downloads/Scholarship_Documents/education_scholarship_application_rev_08292024.pdf">https://awafoundation.org/images/downloads/Scholarship_Documents/education_scholarship_application_rev_08292024.pdf</a>	1-16-26	\$5,000
<b>FEBRUARY DEADLINES</b>				
Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School senior planning to study an ag-related curricula or trade in a college or vocational school</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships">https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships</a>	2-28-26	\$2,500
Atlantic Housing Foundation Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be enrolled in college Fall 2026</li> <li>• 40 hours of nonprofit community service completed prior to applying</li> </ul>	<a href="https://atlantichousing.org/scholarships/">https://atlantichousing.org/scholarships/</a>	2-01-26	VARIABLE
<b>MARCH DEADLINES</b>				
Dean Ritter Trust Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have significant hearing loss</li> <li>• Illinois resident</li> <li>• High school senior</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Dean Ritter Trust Scholarship</a>	3-01-26	\$1,000 to \$8,000

Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduating senior attending or planning to attend an Illinois college</li> <li>• Need an official sealed transcript</li> <li>• Email application only</li> </ul>	<a href="#">TOI Scholarship Application</a>	3-01-26	\$2,000
Michael Hindman Teachers Education Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school senior in IEA-NEA Region 3 or 7 (we are 7) planning to pursue a career in education</li> <li>• US citizen</li> <li>• Already accepted to a college</li> <li>• Demonstrated success in high school</li> <li>• Letter of recommendation</li> <li>• High school transcript and copy of SAT or ACT scores</li> </ul>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A9wXVZM7cp3z_OsH0_7BSqE9UxmXznY/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A9wXVZM7cp3z_OsH0_7BSqE9UxmXznY/view?usp=sharing</a>	3-01-26	\$1,000
Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US citizen</li> <li>• Illinois resident</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• Intend to attend a college, vocational or technical training school in any state</li> <li>• 150-word statement on vocational or professional goals</li> </ul>	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/illinois-odd-fellows-rebekah-scholarship-program">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/illinois-odd-fellows-rebekah-scholarship-program</a>	3-01-26	\$1,500
Shelby Electric Co-Op Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible youth are sons or daughters of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.</li> <li>• Eligible youth must be a high school senior graduating during the 2024 - 2025 academic year.</li> <li>• Eligible youth must go on to further their educational experience at an accredited four-year or two-year college or university in the United States, including vocational/technical schools.</li> <li>• Eligible winners must begin undergraduate studies within one year of notification that they have won.</li> <li>• Eligible winners must be enrolled as “full time” students, maintaining a minimum of 12 credit hours.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.shelbyelectric.coop/shelby-electric-cooperative-scholarship-program">https://www.shelbyelectric.coop/shelby-electric-cooperative-scholarship-program</a>	3-05-26	\$1,000
Shelby County Farm Bureau Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be pursuing a field of study in agriculture, an agriculture related field, or a science related field. And must be able to talk about the impact the study will have in the agriculture community.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.shelbycofb.com/eligibility-and-requirements">https://www.shelbycofb.com/eligibility-and-requirements</a>	3-07-26	\$1,000 to \$1,500

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant or parents must be a Shelby CFB member in good standing of the Shelby County Farm Bureau.</li> <li>Must be a permanent resident of Shelby County.</li> </ul>			
Nannette & Walter Ramsey Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university, including graduate school.</li> <li>Applicants must be a graduate of a Shelby County high school. Windsor High School graduates who reside in Shelby County are eligible.</li> <li>The award of the scholarships, as specified by the donors, shall be based upon the applicant's economic need, academic standing, character, integrity, and aptitude for scholastic achievement, as well as the promise of making a worthwhile contribution to society.</li> <li>Recipients, upon annual re-application, may be eligible to receive the scholarship for a total of four years. However, the reapplication process only allows that the recipient be given equal consideration among other applicants and does not automatically guarantee a scholarship.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/574/Okaw_Valley_High_School/5199805/2025_Application_for_Ramsey_and_Beulah_Scholarship.pdf">https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/574/Okaw_Valley_High_School/5199805/2025_Application_for_Ramsey_and_Beulah_Scholarship.pdf</a>	3-15-26	VARIES
Moultrie County Retired Teacher Student Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduating senior who resides in Moultrie County</li> <li>An official transcript with ACT or SAT scores</li> <li>One letter of recommendation from a teacher</li> <li>One letter of recommendation from a community member</li> <li>500- word typed essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OREetJ5HbJtoMda_eBQ_XaPi3Z_KK6lW/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OREetJ5HbJtoMda_eBQ_XaPi3Z_KK6lW/view</a>	3-15-26	\$500
Southeastern Illinois Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple scholarships with differing eligibility requirements</li> </ul>	<a href="https://southeasternillinois.org/students/">https://southeasternillinois.org/students/</a>	3-15-26	VARIES
Charles B. Shuman Scholarship Moultrie County Farm Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reside in Moultrie County, Illinois.</li> <li>Be a High School graduate or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post-secondary school.</li> <li>Exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.</li> <li>Study agriculture or related fields.</li> <li>Be of good moral character.</li> </ul> <p>The scholarship will be awarded based on the applicant's academic performance, rank in class, past scholastic honors, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.</p>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/131GaZvlt2Z6SrtYJSyOYFv1B3LPL9zBW/edit?tab=t.0">https://docs.google.com/document/d/131GaZvlt2Z6SrtYJSyOYFv1B3LPL9zBW/edit?tab=t.0</a>	3-29-25	\$500

Illinois DCFS Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must meet <b>one</b> of the following educational requirements:</li> <li>• Earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, <b>or</b></li> <li>• Earned a General Education Development (GED) certificate/diploma <b>or</b></li> <li>• Met the state criteria for high school graduation before the start of the school year for which they are applying for the scholarship.</li> <li>• <b>In addition</b>, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:</li> <li>• The Illinois DCFS has court-ordered legal responsibility for the applicant, <b>or</b></li> <li>• The applicant aged out of Illinois DCFS' care at age 18 or older, <b>or</b></li> <li>• The applicant was under Illinois DCFS legally responsibility immediately before achieving their permanency goal through adoption or private guardianship.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/ILDCFS2025">https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/ILDCFS2025</a>	3-31-26	VARIES
Morgan Jayne Hill Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school senior residing in Illinois</li> <li>• Submit either an essay (up to 500 words) or artwork</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.scholarships.com/scholarships/the-morgan-jayne-hill-memorial-scholarship">https://www.scholarships.com/scholarships/the-morgan-jayne-hill-memorial-scholarship</a>	3-01-26	\$1,000
Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.</li> <li>• Scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois. Online learning at an Illinois-based school is also eligible.</li> <li>• Students must be enrolled as a full-time college student during the 2025-2026 school year (excluding summer session).</li> <li>• 500-word essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.ilsheriff.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-2026-ISA-College-Scholarship-Application.pdf">https://www.ilsheriff.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-2026-ISA-College-Scholarship-Application.pdf</a>	3-14-26	Minimum \$500
Harry L., John L., & Catherine H. SMYSOR Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community service participation</li> <li>• Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>• Preference given to graduating seniors or graduates of Windsor High School</li> </ul>	<a href="https://southeasternillinois.org/students/">https://southeasternillinois.org/students/</a>	3-18-26	VARIES

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be enrolled in a Teacher Certification Program</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships/">https://www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships/</a>	3-07-26	\$3000
Helena Acre Home Grown Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a 2026 graduating senior</li> <li>• Pursuing a 2- or 4-year degree in agriculture and/or science</li> <li>• Must be Illinois resident</li> </ul>	<a href="https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1736359855/cabeardk12inus/cwgbwbgsmky8hjcstvtc/2025HomegrownScholarshipFlyer.pdf">https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1736359855/cabeardk12inus/cwgbwbgsmky8hjcstvtc/2025HomegrownScholarshipFlyer.pdf</a>	3-036-26	\$1000
CBAI Foundation for Community Banking Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay contest</li> <li>• 2026 graduating senior entering college fall 2026</li> <li>• US Citizen &amp; Illinois Citizen</li> <li>• Family members of community bankers are NOT eligible to enter</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.statestreetbank.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2025-scholarship.pdf">https://www.statestreetbank.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2025-scholarship.pdf</a>	3-03-26	\$500 to \$1000
Conservation Achievement Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a senior in an Illinois high school during the year of the scholarship award</li> <li>• an Illinois resident</li> <li>• able to provide specific examples of voluntary, effective contributions to Illinois' natural resources throughout his/her high school enrollment • enrolling in a two- or four-year college or university program of study in the calendar year of his/her high school graduation</li> <li>• a student in good standing at his/her high school and possess a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (3.1 grade point average or better on a 5.0 scale)</li> </ul>	<a href="https://ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships">https://ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships</a>	3-01-26	\$2000
Amcor Technical School Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be high school seniors or graduates</li> <li>• Reside in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, California, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Carolina, Arkansas, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, or Puerto Rico.</li> <li>• Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year college or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.</li> <li>• Be pursuing a certificate* or associate's degree in an industrial-skilled trade (i.e., Mechanical/Electronics or Automation).</li> </ul>	<a href="https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/amcortech/">https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/amcortech/</a>	3-06-26	\$2500

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).</li> </ul>			
<b>APRIL DEADLINES</b>				
Illinois Heartland Decorative Artist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of recommendation</li> <li>6-10 photos of work in previous 4 years</li> <li>Short essay response</li> </ul>	<a href="https://ihda.us/uploads/3/5/9/5/35954757/ihda_scholarship_application_2025.pdf">https://ihda.us/uploads/3/5/9/5/35954757/ihda_scholarship_application_2025.pdf</a>	4-21-26	\$500
Illinois Masonic Scottish Rites Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://ilscottishrite.org/icod-scholarship-program/">https://ilscottishrite.org/icod-scholarship-program/</a>	4-01-26	VARIES
Pat & Judy Phipps Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windsor high school graduate</li> <li>Must be seeking a degree or career in the field of education or related services</li> <li>Priority will be given to students who have volunteered their time at the Windsor Grade School during Co-Op, or as part of their service hour requirement.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVy-Y9rdAgRFA1743G-Mi_s6rOxu1GRA4Gy4L061gfnRmHKA/viewform?vc=0&amp;c=0&amp;w=1&amp;flr=0">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVy-Y9rdAgRFA1743G-Mi_s6rOxu1GRA4Gy4L061gfnRmHKA/viewform?vc=0&amp;c=0&amp;w=1&amp;flr=0</a>	4-01-26	\$500
E.C. Eberspacher Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shelby County high school senior</li> <li>Pursue a career in special education or law</li> <li>Short essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-e4wFyVlr1wCHCCz6hXT53sYeLVDOeHX/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-e4wFyVlr1wCHCCz6hXT53sYeLVDOeHX/view</a>	4-01-26	\$1,000
Myrtle Jones Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windsor high school senior</li> <li>High school transcripts</li> </ul>	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YnELyHYq8edfdMkyoMrNlexXxBSJ8bRWcmJEZca8g0g/edit?tab=t.0">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YnELyHYq8edfdMkyoMrNlexXxBSJ8bRWcmJEZca8g0g/edit?tab=t.0</a>	4-15-26	VARIES
Sarah Bush Lincoln Volunteer Guild Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moultrie or Shelby County resident</li> <li>Enrolled or accepted into health care field of study</li> <li>Minimum 3.5 GPA</li> <li>Demonstrate financial need</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.sarahbush.org/volunteerservices/">https://www.sarahbush.org/volunteerservices/</a>	4-16-26	VARIES

First Federal Savings & Loan Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windsor High School 2026 graduate</li> <li>Enrolled in college Fall 2026</li> <li>US Citizen</li> <li>IL resident</li> <li>2 letters of recommendation</li> </ul>	<a href="#">First Federal Savings and Loan Scholarship Application</a>	4-18-26	\$500
Washington Savings Bank Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.washingtonsavings.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WSB-General-Scholarship-Application-2025-2026.pdf">https://www.washingtonsavings.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WSB-General-Scholarship-Application-2025-2026.pdf</a>	4-19-26	VARIES
Coles-Moultrie Electric Co-Op Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be the dependent of a Co-Op member</li> <li>Intend to attend a 2 or 4-year program or vocational/trade school</li> <li>Applications judged on academics, community involvement, essay, and neatness of application</li> </ul>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bhpDn-csG6RnLoYoEEqTHIbUSaeXvTj7/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bhpDn-csG6RnLoYoEEqTHIbUSaeXvTj7/view</a>	4-30-26	\$500 to \$1,000
Jordan M. Giertz Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windsor high school senior</li> <li>Application &amp; 1 teacher letter of recommendation</li> </ul>		4-15-26	VARIES
Lavern & Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A relative of an employee or director of an Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) member electric cooperative ("Relative" is defined as son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, niece, nephew, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, cousin, uncle or aunt, grandchild); or</li> <li>A son or daughter of an AIEC member electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted); or</li> <li>A Veteran (defined broadly as someone who has served or is currently serving at the time of application in the active military, naval, or air service, or their Reserve components, including the National and Air National Guard, and was not dishonorably discharged); or</li> <li>A student enrolled in the electric distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://aiec.coop/lavern-and-nola-lineworkers-scholarship/">https://aiec.coop/lavern-and-nola-lineworkers-scholarship/</a>	4-30-26	\$3000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must submit a short essay response, biographical statement, and references</li> </ul>			
O'Brien-Vrba Scholarship Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently live or have resided in an approved rural county during high school. <u><a href="#">Eligible County List</a></u></li> <li>Be an undergraduate student or graduate-level student, who plans to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year.</li> <li>Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).</li> <li>Be actively involved in school activities and community service.</li> <li>Have a family Adjusted Gross Income of \$150,000 or less.</li> <li>Approve the release of applicant contact information and all supporting documents to PNC Bank, N.A. as Trustee of the O'Brien-Vrba Scholarship Trust Program.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/obrien/">https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/obrien/</a>	4-11-26	\$2500
<b>MAY DEADLINES</b>				
Effingham Area Home Builders Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2026 senior graduate</li> <li>Proof of apprenticeship or enrollment/acceptance letter to college, trade school or program that will prepare for a career in home building industry</li> <li>500-word essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://effinghamhba.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Scholarship-Application-2025.pdf">https://effinghamhba.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Scholarship-Application-2025.pdf</a>	5-01-26	\$500
Kevin Kuhn Memorial Scholarship Gordon Duit Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 3.5 GPA</li> <li>Shelby County resident</li> <li>Pursuing a career in the Ag field</li> <li>Transcripts with SAT/ACT scores</li> <li>Proof of college enrollment</li> <li>Essay explaining future plans and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals</li> <li>Return application &amp; essay to Shelby Co. Soil &amp; Water Office</li> </ul>	MUST PICK UP physical application at 111 N. Cedar St. , Shelbyville IL in the USDA Building on the NRCS/Soil & Water Conservation side.	5-01-26	\$500 each
<b>JUNE DEADLINES</b>				
Abbot & Fenner Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to all high school juniors &amp; seniors</li> <li>Minimum 500-word essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php#google_vignette">https://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php#google_vignette</a>	6-08-26	\$1,000

George McKibben Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a senior in high school desiring to pursue an agriculture degree program and or be a full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours) college student enrolled in agriculture degree program at any state university in Illinois.</li> <li>• Have a grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 on 5.0 scale.</li> <li>• Submit copy of latest official transcript.</li> <li>• List all extracurricular or community activities, including offices held from high school forward.</li> <li>• Demonstrated academic ability and achievement</li> <li>• Commitment to soil and water conservation</li> <li>• Potential for innovation and leadership ability</li> </ul>	<a href="https://aiswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-George-McKibben-Memorial-Scholarship-Applications-1.docx">https://aiswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-George-McKibben-Memorial-Scholarship-Applications-1.docx</a>	6-01-26	\$500
Mary Rohrscheib Teaching Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any high school senior enrolled/intend to enroll in college</li> <li>• Illinois resident</li> <li>• Minimum 3.0 GPA</li> <li>• 750-word essay</li> <li>• Professional resume</li> <li>• transcripts</li> </ul>	<a href="https://onwardinjurylaw.com/scholarship/">https://onwardinjurylaw.com/scholarship/</a>	6-14-26	VARIES
Big Sun Athletics Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate.</li> <li>• The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.</li> <li>• Essay</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.bigsunathletics.com/">https://www.bigsunathletics.com/</a>	6-19-26	\$500
<b>JULY DEADLINES</b>				
Lake Land College Presidential Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school graduate in top 15% of graduating class <b>OR</b></li> <li>• ACT composite score of 26 or higher <b>OR</b></li> <li>• SAT total score of 1230 or higher</li> </ul>	School Counselor automatically submits information for qualifying students	7-01-26	Full Tuition Covered at Lake Land College
<b>VARIOUS DEADLINES</b>				
America Legion Auxiliary Scholarships	Offers a variety of scholarship with different eligibility criteria	<a href="https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships">https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships</a>	VARIES	VARIES
Rural King Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a Rural King employee or the dependent of a Rural King employee</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.eiu.edu/ruralking/">https://www.eiu.edu/ruralking/</a>	VARIES	VARIES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled or intend to enroll at Lake Land College or Eastern Illinois University</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.lakelandcollege.edu/scholarships/rural-king-scholarship/">https://www.lakelandcollege.edu/scholarships/rural-king-scholarship/</a>		
<b>IAA Foundation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships</li> <li>Fellowships</li> <li>Truck Driving Scholarships</li> </ul>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.iaafoundation.org/our-mission-at-work/student-scholarships/">https://www.iaafoundation.org/our-mission-at-work/student-scholarships/</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Illinois Agriculture Scholarships (1)</b>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.agcareers.com/ag-education/scholarships/illinois/#gsc.tab=0">https://www.agcareers.com/ag-education/scholarships/illinois/#gsc.tab=0</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Illinois Agriculture Scholarships (2)</b>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.farmprogress.com/farm-life/all-the-illinois-ag-scholarships">https://www.farmprogress.com/farm-life/all-the-illinois-ag-scholarships</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>CBA Foundation for Community Banking Scholarships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essay Contest</li> <li>Must be sponsored by a participating CBAI member bank</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.cbai.com/Online/Online/CBAI_Foundation/About_CBAI_Foundation.aspx">https://www.cbai.com/Online/Online/CBAI_Foundation/About_CBAI_Foundation.aspx</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Horatio Alger Association Scholarships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate financial need</li> <li>Demonstrate integrity &amp; perseverance in overcoming adversity and are determined to succeed</li> </ul>	<a href="https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/">https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Illinois Student Assistance Commission</b>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/">https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation</b>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.betasigmapi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/">https://www.betasigmapi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES
<b>Illinois Freemasonry Scholarships</b>	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://ilmason.org/scholarships-directory">https://ilmason.org/scholarships-directory</a>	VARIABLES	VARIABLES

Birkeys “Forging the Future” Internship & Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 year work internship with Birkey’s</li> <li>• Enrollment in diesel tech program at Parkland College</li> <li>• Strong interest in agriculture or construction equipment industry</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation required</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.birkeys.com/fckimages/page/scholarships/BFS-Forging-the-Future-Application.pdf">https://www.birkeys.com/fckimages/page/scholarships/BFS-Forging-the-Future-Application.pdf</a>	Submit ASAP for Fall 2026	\$500 per sem/year 1  \$100 per sem/year 2  Tool box & Tools (\$6000 value)  Free uniforms
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution	Eligibility varies based upon type of scholarship applying for.	<a href="https://www.sar.org/your-awards-contests/">https://www.sar.org/your-awards-contests/</a>	VARIES	VARIES