

GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP LIST #1

Scholarships can be found everywhere! Places to look are university/college financial aid office, high school counseling office, local businesses, social media, google searches, and scholarship search engines.

You should never have to pay anything toward applying for a scholarship!

Here are a few scholarship search engines to get you started for 9th-12th Grade Students:

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>, <https://www.unigo.com/>, <https://www.fastweb.com/>, and www.studentscholarships.org.

CollegeBoard Scholarships (11th & 12th Grade)

Deadline: Specific Deadlines to Meet through Junior and Senior Year

Amounts range from \$500-\$40,000 for each step completed and can be used toward a 2- or 4-year institution. Ways to earn entries in monthly drawings by completing steps toward college: Start a Career List, Build a College List, Practice for the SAT, Explore Scholarships, Strengthen Your College List, Complete the FAFSA, and Apply to College. BigFuture rewards you for doing what you already are doing: planning for life after high school. With no essay, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements, BigFuture makes it easy to enter drawings (yes, plural!) each month. Simply complete unlocked steps on your dashboard, and you'll be automatically entered to win. One step completed = one entry each month . . . the earlier and sooner you complete tasks, the bigger your chances to win. Students whose families earn less than \$60,000 a year receive two entries each drawing. Don't wait, get started today! Earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships by completing steps to plan for life after high school. Entries open until February of your senior year.

Apply Online: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships#>

USC Upstate Promise Scholars

Deadline: By Admissions Application Deadline

Amount: The amount will vary based on how much financial aid the student receives. To be eligible, **seniors** must be accepted to USC-Upstate, complete a FAFSA, and be eligible for Life or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Only 100 students will be selected from the applicant pool to receive this award. The scholarship will fill in any gap between the student's aid and the full cost of tuition so the students will not pay any tuition costs. The scholarship can be renewed for three additional years if the student remains eligible for their state scholarships.

Apply Online: <https://www.uscupstate.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/financial-aid/scholarships-grants-and-loans/university-scholarships/>

QuestBridge College Match Scholarship

Deadline: September 26th

Amount Full Tuition. The National College Match is a college & scholarship application process that helps academically outstanding low-income **seniors** gain 100% free four-year admission to one of the nation's 30 most selective colleges. If you are a student who has achieved academic excellence in the face of economic challenges, we encourage you to apply. Are you a low-income high school senior who has excelled academically, but feels that the nation's best colleges are financially out of reach? Match Scholarship Recipients are granted early admission to one of QuestBridge's college partners with a full four-year scholarship, worth over \$200,000. Our college partners use a combination of their own funds as well as state and federal aid to fund the scholarship. **Apply Online:** <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match>

International High School Essay Contest by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Deadline: TBA

For all college-bound high school **seniors** who apply. Must submit an essay response on a specific topic: “The world crisis has caused a paradigm shift for health disparities and social justice; what are your suggestions for positive change?” The essay must be original and neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length, and type-written, double-spaced.

Application Entry Form can be picked up in Guidance Office.

Heisman High School Scholarship

Deadline: October 17th, 6pm

Amount \$10,000. For **12th grade seniors**, this award can be applied for by any male and/or female scholar-athlete who exhibits excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and within their communities. Those scholar-athletes must have a “B” average (3.0 GPA) during grades 9, 10, and 11.

Must participate in at least one of the sports recognized (www.olympic.org/sports or www.nfhs.org). **You MUST inform the Athletic Counselor, Anton Gist, that you are applying for this award so he can complete his review of your application.**

The email address for the reviewer on the application is anton.gist@cherokee1.org

Apply Online: <https://heismanscholarship.com/>

Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition with VFW (9th-12th Grade)

Deadline to Local VFW Post: October 24th

Amount up to \$30,000. The Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ (VFW’s) premier scholarship program. It’s open to all high school student, **grades 9th-12th**. Each student competes by writing and recording a 3 to 5-minute audio essay on the annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?” Please turn in all entry forms, essays, and audio recordings (flash drive) to the Guidance Office by the deadline.

More Information: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Application Entry Forms can be picked up in the Guidance Office.

Elks National Foundation: Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Deadline: November 13th

Amount: \$1,000-\$7,500. Any high school **senior** may apply and doesn’t have to be related to an Elk’s member. Students must be active in school and community activities, recognized as leaders by your peers, and need financial assistance to attend college. You must take either the ACT or SAT before November. Must also write an essay of no more than 500 words on a specific topic.

Apply Online: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

University of South Carolina Alumni Scholarships

Deadline: November 15th

Amount: \$8,000 x 4 years. This scholarship program is highly competitive; there are a limited number of these scholarships awarded. This award is exclusive to high school **seniors** graduating and entering USC in the Fall. To be considered for the Alumni Scholarship, you must apply for admission to the South Carolina Honors College and complete an application for general admission. Awardees must attend the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina. Maintain a 3.0 GPA & be enrolled full-time and the scholarship will automatically renew.

Apply Online: <https://www.uofscalumni.org/scholarships>

SC Teaching Fellows, Deadline: December 1st (Opens October 1st)

Amount \$6,000. **Senior** students must major in teaching, must agree to teach in SC public schools one year for each year the scholarship is received, and attend one of these Teaching Fellows institutions: Anderson Univ., Charleston Southern, Clemson Univ., College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina, Francis Marion Univ., Lander Univ., USC-Aiken, USC-Columbia, USC-Upstate, Winthrop Univ. Notify the counselor, Donna Phillips at donna.phillips@cherokee1.org, once you have completed your application online and she will review your application. A completed application includes: answer all mandatory questions, high school transcript, ACT/SAT, and two references.

Apply Online: <https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows.html> Opens October 1st!!!!

Ron Brown Scholar Program

Deadline: November 1st

Amount \$10,000 (for 4 years). For African American college bound high school **seniors**. Scholarship dedicated to empowering and supporting them to achieve their potential within their chosen academic disciplines and into the workforce. Must excel academically and show exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need.

Applications can be picked up in the Guidance Office or <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/>

The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

Deadline: TBA (Opens October 5th)

Amount: Up to \$55,000 per year. The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available for high-achieving high school **seniors** with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. **Apply Online:** <https://www.jkcf.org/>

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Deadline: December 1st (Opens September 1st)

Amount up to \$1,200. A nationwide four-year need-based merit scholarship for high school **seniors**. Student must have a 3.5 GPA. Applicant's adjusted household income must not exceed \$85,000. **Apply Online:** www.hsfmo.org

The Navy ROTC \$180,000 Scholarship Program

Deadline: December 31st

Amount: Tuition and other financial benefits worth up to \$180,000 for 4 yrs. Be a high school **senior** & U.S. Citizen 17-23 years of age by September 1st of the year starting college. Test Scores Required (ACT: Math 21 & English 22; SAT: Math 540 & Critical Reading 550). Have no criminal record, be physically/medically qualified by Navy standards, and be admitted to an approved NROTC college or university.

Application Instructions and Checklist are printed in the Guidance Office.

Apply Online: <https://www.navy.com/start> /You can start your application the 2nd Semester of your Junior Year in High School

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program for 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities

Deadline: TBA (check website for updates)

Amount: Full Tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years. This program is available to high school **seniors** pursuing a bachelor's degree who exhibit leadership and community service, and desire to attend one of (19) 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, scores of a 1080 SAT, or a composite score of 21 ACT. Must submit a 500 to 800-word essay describing: 1) my interest in USDA, 2) how I envision the scholarship will impact me personally and my future as a public servant, and 3) my experiences and perceptions about agriculture, food, and natural resource sciences. **Application is currently being developed into an e-application.**

Please see more information at: <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars>

Harry Hampton Scholarship**Deadline: TBA**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/> **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

Thomas Webster Hardwick Jr. Scholarship**Deadline: TBA**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/> **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

Wallace F. Pate Scholarship**Deadline: TBA**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/> **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

David M. Cline Scholarship**Deadline: TBA**

Amount \$1,000. **Senior** students who are planning to pursue a degree in law enforcement/criminal justice/forensic science. Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/> **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

James O. Thomason Scholarship**Deadline: TBA**

Amount \$2,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must declare a major in electronic, print, or photo journalism, advertising, public relations, or mass communications. Must write a 1,200word (approximate) essay on the following topic: "What are the risks and potential impacts to this important area and what might developers do to reduce those impacts?" Student must also write a personal autobiography to include a description of their career ambitions.

Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/>

Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.

Hessie Morrah Horticulture Scholarship**Deadline: February 1st via Email to the GCSC Scholarship Chairman, Sandra Barker, sandrabarker13@yahoo.com**

Amount \$2,000. For **senior** students planning on attending an accredited institution- Technical/College/University. Must have a GPA of 3.0 on the 4.0 scale. This scholarship encourages the study of agriculture, agronomy, botany, city planning floriculture, land managements, landscape architecture, plant pathology, historic preservation or related majors.

Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.

Air Force ROTC Scholarship**Deadline: January 31st (May make changes to your online application to this date)**

Amount up to Full-Tuition (based on type of scholarship received). **Senior** student must be planning to graduate in the Spring, must have SAT 1240 and ACT composite of 26, GPA of 3.0, must complete the PFA (Physical Fitness Assessment). Air Force ROTC will contact you periodically about your status and you can track your application status online.

Apply Online: <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/>

Spartanburg Community College Scholarships**Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Spartanburg Community College.

<https://www.sccsc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/index.php>

Limestone University Scholarships**Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Limestone University.

<https://www.limestone.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants>

Spartanburg Methodist College Scholarships**Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Spartanburg Methodist College.

<https://www.smcsc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships/>

Imagine America Scholarship for Career Schools**Deadline: Spring Semester**

This scholarship is for high school **seniors** or recent graduates planning to attend a career school participating in

The Imagine America Scholarship Program (Participating career schools are listed at www.imagine-america.org/ourschools.) To qualify, applicants must graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above and enroll in a participating career college. Applicants may also be requested to demonstrate commitment to community service and/or financial need.

Apply Online: <https://www.imagine-america.org/applyforscholarships/> , <https://www.imagine-america.org/colleges-scholarships-high-school-seniors/> , <https://www.imagine-america.org/students/scholarships-education/highschoolscholarships/>

KNOW (2) Cherokee Scholarship with Spartanburg Community College**Deadline: Spring Semester**

Amount vary based on specific industrial program. **Senior** students interested in attending Spartanburg Community College after graduation may apply. Senior must have a high school diploma or GED and enroll within one academic year after completing high school. Student must enter specific industrial programs to receive scholarship: • Automated Manufacturing Technology/ Robotics • Automotive/Manufacturing Production Technology • Electronics Engineering Technologies • Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) • Industrial Electricity and Electronics Repair • Machine Tool Technology (CNC) • Mechanical/Mechatronics • Welding

Information available in the Guidance Office or Contact Amanda Painter at SCC Cherokee County Campus. <http://www.know2cherokee.com/>