

# Scholarship Guidelines and Strategies



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2023-2024

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# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES and STRATEGIES

2023-2024

This booklet lists scholarship information received by the VCHS Counseling Center. Application deadlines may change from year to year, so check the VCHS daily bulletin often for the newest scholarship details.

Online databases with additional scholarship opportunities are also listed on the last page. Other scholarship information is available at the VCHS Resource Center, public library, and at college websites. Your family should check with employers for awards available to children of employees, and with area fraternal, professional and community service organizations for their scholarship opportunities. No list is complete, so check a variety of sources.

When looking for scholarship information, do not limit yourself to a specific major, but also check related areas. For example, majors related to business could include accounting, banking, finance, economics, business administration, or marketing.

Use these guidelines when applying for scholarships:

1. Make sure you meet the scholarship requirements.
2. Apply early so you will not miss the deadline.
3. Read all the directions before you begin.
4. Complete the forms neatly. Type the application if possible. Neatness does count.
5. Check your work for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Correct errors neatly.
6. Have your work proofread.
7. When asking for a written recommendation, allow plenty of time for your writer. Also give your writer the scholarship criteria and a summary of your activities.
8. Ask your writer if their recommendation may also be used with other scholarship applications.
9. Include all necessary materials with the application. If you include copies of newspaper articles, awards, or other materials, they should be of good quality.
10. Keep a copy of your application information to use as a reference for additional scholarships.

## NOTE: Scholarships are coded to this Key:

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| 1 - Based on academics or GPA           | 6 - Based on financial need                 |
| 2 - Based on ACT or SAT score           | 7 - Based on volunteer community service    |
| 3 - Based on major or program           | 8 - Based on special abilities              |
| 4 - Based on membership in organization | 9 - Based on written essay                  |
| 5 - Based on college selected           | 10 - Based on other criteria                |
|   | 11 - Also available for students in college |

## SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

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- 1 Key 5 **GREAT CLIPS** – Awards up to \$5000. Students must plan on pursuing a career in cosmetology or barbering in North Dakota or western Minnesota. (<https://jobs.greatclips.com/schools>)

## OCTOBER DEADLINES

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- 14 Key 1,8 **YOUNG ARTS** (Grades 10-12) - Competitive scholarships in visual, literary, & performing arts. Awards range up to \$10,000. (<https://www.youngarts.org/apply>)
- 23 Key 1,4 **U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM** (Grades 11-12) - Must be Student Council or class officer. Trip to Washington, D.C. and \$10,000 award. (<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/parentscommunity/united-states-senate-youth-program>)
- 30 Key 10 **US BANK** – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize award: \$5,000; Grand Prize award: \$10,000. Open and offered to legal residents of the 50 US and the District of Columbia who are at least 16 years of age or older, and are enrolled as an Undergraduate student (for at least 6 credit hours per semester) as of Sept 1, 2022 at an eligible, Accredited two or four year US brick and mortar college or university (specifically excluding trade, Vocational and online only schools). (<https://www.usbank.com/financialiq/manage-your-household/student-center/enter-to-win-the-student-union-scholarship.html>)
- 31 Key 1,6,7 **COCA COLA SCHOLARS** - Award of up to \$20,000 given for leadership, academic achievement, community service/ volunteer activities, & employment during school year. (<http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply>)

## NOVEMBER DEADLINES

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### DECEMBER DEADLINES

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- 1 Key 1,6,10 **HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** - nationwide need-based merit scholarship designed to help rural students graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides up to \$48,000 over four years to attend college and other benefits. Recipients must graduate from one of over 6,300 eligible public high schools. [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org)
- 1 Key 9 **ND SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATION** - Essay contest. (2) \$1,000 award **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 18 Key 7 **EQUITABLE EXCELLENCE** - recognize students who show potential by demonstrating the qualities of leadership, determination, and resilience as critical enablers of their future success. (<https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship>)
- 31 Key 9 **ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST** – Grades 11 & 12(Sponsored by Rotary District 5580) \$1,250 top award plus six \$150 regional awards. Any topic for the essay can be chosen that will utilize the Rotary 4-Way Test: <https://rotary5580.org/sitepage/four-way-essay>  
1) *Is it the truth?*  
2) *Is it fair to all concerned?*  
3) *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*  
4) *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

## JANUARY DEADLINES

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- 4 Key 1,6,7 **GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION** – \$10,000 award based on leadership, drive, integrity, citizenship, academics & need. Renewable for up to \$40,000 per student. (<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs>)
- 10 Key 1,6,10 **JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION** - Award of up to \$35,000/four years to minority student based on community service, leadership potential, ACT score of 21, and financial need. Must attend 4-year college. (<https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply>)
- 11 Key 1,3 **AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW AG LEADERS** - \$1,500 award. Applicants do not need to be FFA members. Must have minimum 2.5 GPA and be endorsed by 2 farmers. Must intend to pursue a degree related to agriculture and major in a field such as science, technology, business, or communications. (<https://www.ffa.org/scholarships>)
- 12 Key 9 **JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE** (Grades 9-12) - Awards of up to \$10,000. Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born.

Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level.

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>

- 19 Key 2, 6, 7, 9 **ND JCI Senate/Lisa Burdolski Memorial Scholarships** – (4) \$300 awards. Scholarships are to be used at the winner’s discretion at an institutional school of higher learning of the winner’s choice.  
[www.usjcisenate.org](http://www.usjcisenate.org)
- 15 Key 9 **MENSA FOUNDATION (ND)** - \$500-\$5,000 award. Based on an online essay of 550 words or less describing academic/career goals.  
<http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarship-process>
- 25 Key 6,10 **ALEXANDER HAMILTON CITIZENSHIP AWARD** - \$500 award. Need to be a junior in high school, high achieving and service focused, have demonstrated need, live in the US, be college bound to a US-based institution, be committed to participating in the 5 year curriculum, and be able to attend New York Leader Week. <https://www.hamiltonscholars.org/eligibility>
- 26 Key 1,6,7 **KIWANIS** - \$700 award. Must attend college in ND, SD, MN or Superior, WI. Based on grades, need, and seriousness of purpose. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 26 Key 3,9 **KAY WILLSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR ELEMENTARY/SPECIAL EDUCATION** – Two \$500 awards given each year, one to a senior planning to major in elementary education, and one to a senior planning to major in special education. GPA is **NOT** a requirement for the scholarship. Applicants must write an essay on how they want to impact their students’ lives. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 31 Key 3,4,11 **ND FARMERS UNION** - \$500 award. Student or parent must be Farmers’ Union member. Must pursue career important to rural America, but not limited to agribusiness, farm operation or production agriculture. <http://ndfu.org/youth/scholarships>
- 31 Key 1,4,11 **ND CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION** - \$1,000 award. Based on academics and activity participation. Must be child of a current ND Corn Growers Association member. Online application.  
[www.ndcorngrowers.org](http://www.ndcorngrowers.org)

## **FEBRUARY DEADLINES**

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- 2 Key 9 **LEONARD BEAL** – Three awards of \$500 each for Seniors. Based on written essay. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 14 Key 1,3,5 **BEK TECHNOLOGY** (VCSU only) - \$1250-\$2,500 award. Awarded to a student who will be working toward a technology-related degree at VCSU. Must currently receive BEK fiber-based services. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and must plan to enroll or be enrolled on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 college credits). <https://www.bek.coop/coop/scholarships/>
- 15 Key 4,5,11 **ND CROP IMPROVEMENT & SEED ASSOCIATION** - \$1,000 award. Must attend a North Dakota school, and must be member (or parent must be member) of County Crop Improvement Assoc.  
<https://www.ndcropimprovement.com/north-dakota-college-scholarships-awards/>
- 16 Key 4,10 **FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE** - \$2,500 award. Must receive local telecommunication service from NTCA member and have interest to return to rural community after college/training program.  
<https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships>
- 19 Key 9 **SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS** (Grades 9-12) - Win award of up to \$1,000 for writing an essay on an assigned topic.  
<http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/high-school-essay-contest>
- 28 Key 4 **NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association)** - \$1,000 award. Must have participated in two sports for two years, earned one varsity letter, and must have B+ average & ACT of 24. <https://members.niaaa.org/page/StudentScholarship>
- 28 Key 4,7 **EAGLES** - Local awards for youth who best exemplify good citizenship. Additional award is given to one girl selected as “Miss Eagles” 2192 to represent the Eagles in various summer community events (parent or grandparent of “Miss Eagles” must be Eagle or Auxiliary member). **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**

- 28 Key 3 **ESSENTIA HEALTH** - \$1000 award to a student who is planning to continue their education in a healthcare related field (whose major interest is in the field of science and/or medicine.) **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 28 Key 1,7 **HEARTLAND CHEVY** - \$5000 scholarship based on community involvement, academics, extracurricular activities, and volunteer work. <http://Heartland.chevyscholars.com>
- 29 Key 3,9,11 **ND CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ASSOC.** - \$1,000 award for student pursuing conservation education (agricultural/natural resource management/environmental or related field). Must write an essay on a topic chosen by the NDCDEA. <http://ndcdea.com/resources.html>
- 29 Key 3,11 **SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS** - Various scholarships. Must enroll in engineering or related science. Scholarships are also available for the remaining three undergraduate years and any graduate/doctorate years. <https://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships>

## **MARCH DEADLINES**

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- 1 Key 6,7,10 **AMERICAN LEGION-CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP** – (15) \$5,000 scholarships. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons of veterans show served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion. Volunteer service is required. (<http://www.alaforveterans.org>)
- 1 Key 4,9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS** – (5) \$5000 scholarships. Must be a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA. (<https://alaforveterans.org>)
- 1 Key 4,9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP** – (10) \$2500 scholarships. Must be a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA. (<https://alaforveterans.org>)
- 1 Key 4,9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** – (5) \$2000 scholarships. Must be a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Must also be a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some point of time in which their formal education was interrupted or beginning their education at a later point in life. (<https://www.alaforveterans.org>)
- 1 Key 1,3,6,7 **AG COUNTRY FARM CREDIT SERVICES** - \$1,000 award for student from actively farming/ranching family, or student pursuing a farming or agriculture-related career (ag-extension, ag-education, soil conservation, farm/ranch management, ag-finance, veterinary medicine or agri-business). ([www.agcountry.com/scholarships](http://www.agcountry.com/scholarships)) **Application submitted online.**
- 1 Key 4 **DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS** - \$500 award. Must receive TV, telephone or internet service from Dakota Central. (<http://www.dakotacentral.com/scholarships>)
- 1 Key 4,5 **ND 4-H FOUNDATION** – Awards of \$150 to \$1,000. Ten different scholarships available, some of which may have special eligibility or selection requirements. Must be a current or former 4-H member for at least a year and be accepted at a post-secondary school. (<https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/4-h-foundation-scholarships>)
- 1 Key 1,3,4 **ND STOCKMEN'S FOUNDATION** – Awards of \$500-\$1000. Five separate scholarship types available. Student (or parent/guardian) must be member of foundation, or student must major in beef-related field (Animal Science, Range Science, Pre-Vet, Agribusiness, Ag Communications, or Farm & Ranch Management). (<http://www.ndstockmen.org/foundation/foundation-scholarships/>)
- 1 Key 1,6,10 **NDSU FARMHOUSE FRATERNITY BUILDER OF MEN** – (6) \$3,300 award to any male high school graduates who are incoming freshman planning on enrolling at NDSU during the fall of 2024. Qualified candidates must adhere to the FarmHouse Fraternity values (intellectual, spiritual, social, and moral characteristics) Application available at [www.ndsufarmhouse.org](http://www.ndsufarmhouse.org).
- 1 Key 4 **NORTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU**- Scholarships that support students pursuing an Agriculture related degree. <https://ndfb.org/edusafe/scholarships>

- 5 Key 1,7 **BANK FORWARD/INSURE FORWARD** - \$500 award based on academics, extracurricular activities & community involvement. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center**
- 9 Key 4 **BEK COMMUNICATIONS** – Up to nine \$500 scholarships available for students planning to pursue studies at a college/university. Must currently receive BEK fiber-based services.  
(<https://www.bek.coop/coop/scholarships/>)
- 8 Key 1,4,7 **DACOTAH BANK** - \$2,000 award. Family must have account with Dacotah Bank, Dacotah Insurance, Dacotah Trust, or Investment Centers of America located at Dacotah Bank. Application available on [www.dacotahbank.com/scholarship](http://www.dacotahbank.com/scholarship).
- 15 Key 4,11 **FARMERS UNION CO-OP HOUSE (NDSU only)** - You/your parent must be Farmers Union member, member of cooperative, or be relative of past Co-op- House member. Must pursue career important to rural America, but not limited to agri-business, farm operation or production agriculture.  
(<http://ndfu.org/youth/scholarships>)
- 15 Key 3,4 **HESS CORPORATION** – Award of 8 scholarships in the amounts of (3) \$10,000 scholarships & (5) \$2,000 scholarships. Must be current members of either 4H or FFA organizations.  
[www.ndstatefairfoundation.com/scholarships/](http://www.ndstatefairfoundation.com/scholarships/)
- 15 Key 1,3 **MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES** – Up to (5) \$1,000 award. Based on academics, leadership, activities, work experience & unusual circumstances. Students planning to train as electrical line worker, electrical engineer or in related field are encouraged to apply. (<https://www.mrenergy.com/services/scholarships>)
- 15 Key 4 **FIRST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION** - Awards of up to \$4,000. Student or parent/guardian must become FCCU member by February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to apply. Based on academics, achievements, activities, volunteer work, job experience, & essay. <https://www.myfccu.com/services/member-benefits.html>
- 22 Key 4 **RICHARD BRONSON** - \$1000 award. Must be son/daughter of a full-time employee of a firm that is a member of the North Dakota Grocers' Association or must be a part-time employee who worked an average of 10 hours per week at a firm that is a member of the North Dakota Grocers' Association.  
(<http://www.ndgrocers.com/?id=38>)
- 29 Key 5,7,9 **GREAT RIVER ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP**--\$1,000 award. Must plan to enroll in a full-time course of study at a ND college, university, or vocational/technical school. Based on involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, and jobs held. Must write an essay on North Dakota's energy industry and how your career could play a role in the future of the energy industry. There is a **GUARANTEED** award winner from VCHS. <https://greatriverenergy.com/educational-resources/>
- 30 Key 10 **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS–VC** - Eleven individual scholarships, all \$500 awards unless otherwise indicated. Some scholarships have multiple winners, depending on chapter funds:  
1) *Alliance Pipeline* - Must have school & community involvement & academic achievement.  
2) *Aubrey Mae Brush Brooks* - Preference to those who have not received other awards.  
3) *Cass County Electric* – \$1,000. Must enter technical program.  
4) *Dacotah Bank* - Must pursue education in business or financial services field.  
5) *Dollars for Scholars* - General requirements  
6) *Dollars for Scholars Letterwinner* - Must letter in an extracurricular activity.  
7) *Jack & Vi Egan Family Scholarship* – Must be planning on majoring in science, math, or technology.  
8) *Ken & Jan Reid Scholarship*  
9) *Sanford Health* – Must plan on majoring in health/medicine, nursing, biology, or chemistry/physics.  
10) *Valley City Eagles Scholarship*  
11) *Valley City Lions* – Must plan on attending a post-secondary college or university  
(<https://valleycity.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=776>)
- 31 Key 7 **REACH (Religious Educators Advancing Christian Heritage)** - Two \$250 awards regardless of religious affiliation. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 31 Key 1,2,7,9 **QUENTIN N. BURDICK MEMORIAL** - Approximately \$900 award. Based on academics, community service, & essay on how you hope to become involved in public service.  
(<https://www.areafoundation.org/students/fmaf-scholarships>)

## **APRIL DEADLINES**

- 1 Key 4,7 **BARNES COUNTY 4-H** - Two \$250 awards based on 4-H activities & community involvement.



- 1 Key 4,7 **BARNES COUNTY HOMEMAKERS OF TODAY** - \$200 award. Must be child or grandchild of Barnes County Homemakers of Today member.
- 1 Key 1,4,10 **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS-ND - Seven individual scholarships:**  
 1) Brad and Julie Burgum Community Service Scholarship: \$1000 award to a high school senior or returning college student in honor of Brad Burgum's years of service he gave to Central Cass Dollars for Scholars.  
 2) Dr. Fradkin Community Service/Volunteer Scholarship: \$500 award, must excel in community service.  
 3) JoAnn Link Hetzel Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarship: \$1000 award, must attend vocational or technical/trade school.  
 4) Mallie Ann Breuer Scholarship: \$500 award, must be enrolling in a nursing program, preference given to students graduating from Wahpeton High School. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.  
 5) Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS Scholarships: \$2500 awards, available to students who took a TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) course and will be attending a ND college/university. Preference may be given to one of the following: students going into a computer science program, female, middle income/middle GPA.  
 6) Midwest AgEnergy Scholarship: \$1000 awards available to seniors who plan to pursue a degree that supports the energy and/or agriculture industries.  
 7) Military Scholarship: \$1000 awards to dependents of members of a ND military unit/installation.  
<http://www.northdakota.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=788>
- 1 Key 10,11 **DUSHINSKE & JAMISON WATER RESOURCES** - \$1,500 award. Must attend a ND college. Preference given to, but not limited to, student studying water-related field & whose family has taken an active role in state water resource management.  
<https://www.ndcf.net/receive/scholarships/dushinskejamison.html>
- 1 Key 3 **REUBEN T. GUENTHER** – \$500 award. Must have completed at least one Career & Tech Ed course (Vo-Tech, Business, Marketing, Foods, or Tech Ed). Must have been active in SkillsUSA or DECA, & must enroll in a 2-year ND college.  
<https://www.nd.gov/cte/students/RTGScholarship.html>
- 1 Key 9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION-PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** – (1) \$500 scholarship. Must be a graduate of a ND high school or home school and must be a child, grandchild, great-grandchild of an active-duty military or an honorably discharged veteran who is living or deceased. <https://www.ndala.org>
- 1 Key 9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION-PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY GRACE HOLMES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** – (1) \$1000 scholarship. Must be a graduate of a ND high school or home school and must be a child, grandchild, great-grandchild of an active-duty military or an honorably discharged veteran who is living or deceased. <https://www.ndala.org>
- 1 Key 6,9,10 **AMERICAN LEGION-DEPARTMENT OF ND EDUCATION PROGRAM** - \$500 scholarships. Assists students pursuing a degree in the field of their choice. Need is an important factor in determining the recipient of the scholarships. <https://www.ndala.org>
- 1 Key 4,11 **FARMERS UNION HUBERT K. & JOANN SEYMOUR**- \$2,000 award. Based on academics, community activities, and must write essay on significance of rural values in America and in your life.  
<http://ndfu.org/youth/scholarships>
- 1 Key 4,11 **NATIONAL FARMERS UNION FOUNDATION STANLEY MOORE** – \$1,000 award. Can attend either 2 or 4 year-college. Based on academics, community activities, essay & phone interview.  
<http://ndfu.org/youth/scholarships>
- 1 Key 9 **NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST** (Grades 9-12) - Win awards of \$1,250 to \$2,500 for writing an essay with a predetermined prompt, which is published in the fall. <http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest>
- 4 Key 1,2,5 ,11 **AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION FUND** – Awards up to \$2,000. Must be Native American or Alaska Native descent. Must attend a 2- or 4-year college/university/tech school. Requires minimum GPA of 2.0, and a minimum ACT of 14 is desirable. Scholarships are renewable, and graduate scholarships are also available.  
[http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief\\_services\\_scholarships](http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_services_scholarships)
- 5 Key 3,11 **DSG (DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP)** - Must plan to get a degree in a trade or trade-related profession (Electrician, Plumber, HVAC Technician, Utility Worker, Communications Technician, Automation Control/Electronics, etc.).<https://www.findingmytrade.com>
- 8 Key 3,11 **CHI MERCY HEALTH** – 2 separate scholarships:



- 1) **Nursing Advancement** – Must enroll in an accredited Registered Nursing program  
 2) **General Medical Education** – Must seek to complete a program in the medical field: technician programs, certificates, 2- and 4-year degrees.  
[\(https://www.mercyhospitalvalleycity.org/scholarships/\)](https://www.mercyhospitalvalleycity.org/scholarships/)

- 15 Key 3,11 **ERNEST SWINNEY MASTER MECHANIC** - \$1,000 award to student pursuing mining-related technical, maintenance or field mechanics. Must have “C” average or higher.  
 [\(https://www.rmma.org/scholarship\)](https://www.rmma.org/scholarship)
- 15 Key 4,5,9 **TODD HECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Two \$750 scholarships available for 2 Hi-Liner athletes. Must be involved in athletics and must plan on attending college after graduation. Must write a 500-word essay on “What does being a Hi-Liner Athlete mean to you?” **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 15 Key 1,6,10 **RUTH WHITAKER** - Three awards of \$500 each. General requirements. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 15 Key 1,3 **AGNES EVENSON** – Two \$500 awards. Must enroll in an education program to become a teacher. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 15 Key 1,9 **GLOBAL LIFT EQUIPMENT** – \$500 award based on a GPA of 2.5 or higher and written essay.  
 [\(www.usedforklifts.ca\)](http://www.usedforklifts.ca)
- 19 Key 3,5,11 **BISMARCK CANCER CENTER Foundation Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship** – (2) \$1,000 awards for students committed to oncology nursing and who will pursue nursing degree through a Bismarck college.  [\(https://www.bismarckcancercenter.com/education-and-outreach/scholarship\)](https://www.bismarckcancercenter.com/education-and-outreach/scholarship)
- 23 Key 10 **STUDENT VIEW** - Awards of up to \$5,000. Random drawing. Must plan to attend college, community college, or career school, & must complete online survey.  
 [\(http://www.student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html\)](http://www.student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html)
- 24 Key 3,5,11 **ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF ND** - Three awards for students pursuing a career in construction: Bismarck State College (*Construction Technology, Welding Technology, Other Construction Related Degrees*) = \$500 award, ND State College of Science (*Civil Engineering & Surveying Technology, Building Construction Technology, Architectural Drafting & Estimating Technology, Diesel Technology, Welding Technology*) = \$500 award, and ND State University (*Construction Management or Construction Engineering*) = \$1500 award.  
 [\(www.agcnd.org/scholarship\)](http://www.agcnd.org/scholarship)
- 25 Key 3 **AMY FOELL HARBAUGH MEMORIAL** - \$1000 award to student pursuing career in the health field. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**
- 30 Key 5 **GREAT CLIPS** – Awards up to \$5000. Students must plan on pursuing a career in cosmetology or barbering in North Dakota or western Minnesota.  [\(https://jobs.greatclips.com/schools\)](https://jobs.greatclips.com/schools)
- 30 Key 1,3,6,7 **SPRING CREEK AG SCHOLARSHIP**- One \$300 award. Awarded to a student pursuing a degree in the agricultural sciences, including but not limited to, farming, ranching, agronomy, agricultural engineering, agricultural systems management, diesel technology, veterinary sciences, etc. Students pursuing a biological degree may also qualify with preference given to the agricultural sciences. Any student who is from an actively farming family, will also be considered. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**

## **MAY DEADLINES**

- 1 Key 5 **BARNES COUNTY WILDLIFE** - \$250 award. Must attend VCSU.
- 1 Key 4,5 **BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT** - \$500 award. Must pursue an agricultural-related program or an environmental science program at a two- or four-year college. **Application located in the VCHS Counseling Center.**

## **JUNE DEADLINES**

- 1 Key 4 **ND COUNCIL OF ED LEADERS-ESAND Educational Scholarship** –\$500 given to applicant after successfully completing their freshman year. <https://www.ndcel.us/page/scholarships>
- 5 Key 10,11 **ND ACADEMIC or CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION** - \$750 per semester, renewable up to \$6,000 if 2.75 GPA is maintained in college. Based on specific high school course requirements.

- 4 Key 4,9 **ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES** - \$2,000 award to a child or grandchild of a county employee or county official. Based on work experience, volunteerism, awards/recognition, and an essay.
- 19 Key 9 **BIG SUN ATHLETE** - \$500 award. All student athletes are eligible. Must write short essay on the following two prompts: "How did your participation in sports during your high school years influence you?" and "Has your participation influenced your career goals?"  
(<http://www.bigsunathletics.com>)

## **JULY DEADLINES**

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- 31 Key 3,9 **ASPIRING FASHION PROFESSIONAL** - \$1,000 award. Must pursue fashion or fashion related career.  
(<http://www.fashion-schools.org/aspiring-fashion-professional-scholarship-program>)
- 31 Key 1,10 **ND JUVENILE COURT ASSOCIATION** - \$500 award. Must have been supervised by a Juvenile Court Officer within the ND Juvenile Court at some point in his/her childhood, successfully completed probation and/or drug court, and have a 2.5 GPA.

## **OTHER or ASAP (ApplyAsSoonAsPossible) DEADLINES**

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- ASAP Key 9 **ALERT** - \$500 award. Essay contest about someone's encounter with drug and/or alcohol abuse & how it was dealt with.  
(<http://www.alertmagazine.org/scholarship.php>)
- ASAP Key 10 **AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOC OF ND** - \$1,500 in scholarship awards, plus \$20,000 student loan repayment program. The employee or potential employee must be enrolled and accepted in a higher education curriculum, which is approved by the dealer principal as training applicable training program and becoming a full-time employee, participating auto dealerships will make yearly payments on the employee's student loan.  
([http://www.ndida.com/adand/career\\_center/scholarship\\_program.php](http://www.ndida.com/adand/career_center/scholarship_program.php))
- ASAP Key 10 **BANK OF ND DUAL CREDIT ASSISTANCE** – Financial help for tuition, fees or books for up to two dual credit courses per school year if you are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch. Applications are considered by admission dates.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR JUNIORS**

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- Jan 18 Key 5 **COOLIDGE SCHOLARSHIP** – The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room/board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study and leadership training. The scholarship money can be used by recipients at an accredited U.S. university. [www.coolidgescholars.org](http://www.coolidgescholars.org)
- Mar 15 Key 1,6,10 **HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION** - \$10,000-\$25,000 award. Must show integrity & perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Will have to provide income verification.  
(<https://scholars.horatiaoalger.org>)
- 27 Key 6,10 **ALEXANDER HAMILTON CITIZENSHIP AWARD** - \$500 award. Need to be a junior in high school, high achieving and service focused, have demonstrated need, live in the US, be college bound to a US-based institution, be committed to participating in the 5 year curriculum, and be able to attend New York Leader Week.
- July 1 Key 1,4,7,9 **ND STATE FAIR FOUNDATION** - \$1000 award. Based on academics, leadership potential, character, participation in school and community activities, achievements, involvement in the ND State Fair, and a typed narrative.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 9-12**

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- Oct. 14 Key 1,8 **YOUNG ARTS (Grades 10-12)** - Competitive scholarships in visual, literary, & performing arts. Awards range up to \$10,000. (<https://www.youngarts.org/apply>)
- Nov. 10 Key 7 **PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY (Grades 5-12)** - \$1,000 and a trip to Washington DC in May. Based on volunteer activities. (<https://spirit.prudential.com>)
- Oct. 23 Key 1,4 **U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM (Grades 11-12)** - Must be Student Council or class officer. Trip to Washington, D.C. and \$10,000 award.  
(<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/parentscommunity/united-states-senate-youth-program>)

- Dec. 31 Key 9 **ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST (Grades 11 & 12)** - Sponsored by Rotary District 5580 \$1,100 top award plus six \$150 regional awards, and a \$100 local award. Any topic for the essay can be chosen that will utilize the Rotary 4-Way Test:  
 1) *Is it the truth?*  
 2) *Is it fair to all concerned?*  
 3) *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*  
 4) *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*
- Jan. 12 Key 9 **JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE (Grades 9-12)** - Awards of up to \$10,000 plus \$500 grant for nominating teacher. Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or International level. (<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>)
- Feb. 19 Key 9 **SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS (Grades 9-12)** - Win award of up to \$1,000 for writing an essay on an assigned topic. (<http://jea.org/home/awards-honors/high-school-essay-contest>)

## REDUCED TUITION

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**MIDWEST STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM** - Reduced tuition for North Dakota resident students if they meet eligibility requirements in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.  
 (<http://msep.mhec.org>)

**MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA Tuition Reciprocity Program** – Must meet residency requirements at public institution to receive reduced tuition reciprocity fee for course work.  
 (<http://www.oh.state.mn.us/hesod/NDReciprocity/apply1.cfm>)

**WUE - WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE** – Reduced tuition for North Dakota resident students if they meet eligibility requirements at two- or four-year college programs in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.  
 (<http://www.wiche.edu/wue>)

## SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES

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[www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

[www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com)

<https://www.cappex.com>

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