

# SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship  
<http://www.chci.org/>
2. Dell Scholars Program  
<http://www.dellscholars.org/>
3. Coca Cola Scholars Program  
<http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/>
4. Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) U.S Scholarships  
<http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>
5. Walmart Foundation Scholarship Programs  
<http://walmartstores.com/communitygiving/8736.aspx>
6. Irene S. Wischer Scholarship  
<https://www.frostbank.com/wischerscholarship/Pages/default.aspx>
7. Buick Achievers Scholarship Program  
<http://www.buickachievers.com/home>
8. TG's Charley Wootan Grant Program  
<http://www.aie.org/wootan/index.cfm>
9. TADC (Texas Association of Developing Colleges) Urban Scholarship Fund  
<http://www.txadc.org/index.php?pr=Scholarships>
10. Texas Student Housing  
<http://www.texasstudenthousing.net/index.php?ln=en&pg=home>
11. Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund  
[http://apiasf.org/scholarship\\_apiasf.html](http://apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html)
12. Texas Legislative Black Caucus Conference Scholarship  
<http://texaslegislativeblackcaucus.com/2010/10/2011-tlbc-scholarship-information/>
13. STARS Scholarship Fund – Deadline March 31, 2016  
<https://www.starsscholarship.org/>
14. Questbridge—Deadline: Sept. 27, 2017  
<http://www.questbridge.org>
15. STISD Foundation Scholarship  
<http://www.stisdeducationfoundation.org/scholarships>  
OPEN: Varies DEADLINE—March 2018
16. Church's Scholars Program  
Open: January 2018 DEADLINE: February 15, 2018



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As early as possible during high school you should start looking for scholarships to help pay for college.

## WAYS TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS!

### The Internet

Free Scholarship Search [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

University Websites

### The Public Library

The reference section of the library is an excellent place to begin.

There you'll find books such as the Annual Register of Grant Support and other scholarship reference books.



As you begin your scholarship search, keep the following areas in mind:

1. **Talents/Abilities.** These include academic, athletic, musical and other talents. Many scholarships are awarded based on these factors.
2. **Activities/Honors.** Any awards you have received pertaining to your interests—from trophies to certificates of merit—count here. You'll be better off if you become very involved in a particular on-campus club, by organizing the group's activities.
3. **References.** You'll need to obtain these from your counselor, teachers, community members, or other professionals who know you well (but not family members).

**Essay.** For a scholarship competition, you probably will have to write a one-to two-page essay. Be sure to answer the particular question posed on the application form; don't bring up unrelated subjects or use a generic essay. Before you turn in your essay, have a teacher proof read it.

The scholarship process requires time, work, and dedication on the part of both students and parents. Your responsibilities include:

1. Investigating scholarships via books, the Internet (see "Useful Web Sites" in this handout), or computerized scholarship search programs.
2. Contacting the Financial Aid Officer (s) of the colleges you are considering attending.
3. Listening carefully to announcements made via the intercom & school emails, then sharing that information with your parents and investigating applicable scholarships—noting deadlines for applications, procedures, and all necessary information.
4. Requesting letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, counselors, employers, and other qualified adults in a timely manner (**at least** 2 weeks in advance).
5. Requesting a copy of your transcript in a timely manner (**at least** 1 week before you need it).
6. Completing applications in a timely manner.
7. Submitting your completed scholarship applications to the University and/or Organization at least 2 days before the application deadline. This will ensure proper processing and record keeping.

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1. **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**— critical financial need(\$55,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided). Involvement in extra-curricular and community activities. Demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and a United States Citizen.

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

**DEADLINE: October 25, 2017.**

2. **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship**—US Citizens, US Nationals; US Permanent Residents; ); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian entrants; or Humanitarian Paroles. Minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Applicants may not be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or subsidiaries.

[www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

**DEADLINE: October 31, 2017**

3. **Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships (VAMOS)** - Applicants must be of **Hispanic heritage**, a **US citizen** or **legal permanent resident** with a permanent resident with a social security number. Be a high school senior graduating from a high school in **Hidalgo, Starr, or Cameron County**, Texas. Must be a resident of the county for at least 5 consecutive years prior to application. Rank in the Top 30% of the high school graduation class. Have a minimum **cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 80 on a 100 scale**. Meet minimum ACT/SAT requirements established by the college/university of your choice. **MUST** apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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

**DEADLINE: April 1, 2018**

4. **Hispanic Scholarship Fund—General College Scholarship Fund**— Applicants must be of **Hispanic heritage**, a **US citizen** or **legal permanent resident** with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551 (not expired). Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. **MUST** apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Be pursuing **first** undergraduate or graduate degree.

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

**Opens: January 2018**

**DEADLINE: April 2018**



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5. **Gates Scholarship**— The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. OPENS: July 14, 2017  
DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2017.

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6. **UT Austin**—Apply with scholarship link on Apply Texas. Scholarships have varying requirements. <https://admissions.utexas.edu/afford/undergrad-scholarships>

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

7. **Texas A&M University**—College Station: Apply with scholarship link on Apply Texas. <https://scholarships.tamu.edu/FRESHMEN/How-To-Apply#0-CompletingtheApplyTexasScholarshipApplication>

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

8. **UTSA Scholarships**—Apply for the General Scholarship application through Apply Texas link.

**DEADLINE:** January 1, 2018

**Top Scholar Scholarship**—apply at [www.topscholar.utsa.edu](http://www.topscholar.utsa.edu)

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

**Terry Scholarship**— Application available through Honors College

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

**Rising Roadrunner Scholarship**—Apply through <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships/93566-new-student-admissions-rising-roadrunner-scholarship>

**DEADLINE:** January 1, 2018

9. **STARS Scholarship Fund**—Be a **US Citizen** or **legal permanent resident** with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I551, be a **permanent resident (5 or more consecutive years)** of and have a permanent South or West Texas Address in one of our **31 counties**, **have earned/completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours** at a US accredited college or university before applying for the scholarship, Have a **minimum college GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale**, have completed a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to the Fall of the new academic year, and be enrolled in a US accredited 2yr or 4 yr university seeking a degree.

**Website:** [www.StarsScholarship.org](http://www.StarsScholarship.org)

**Email:** [info@StarsScholarship.org](mailto:info@StarsScholarship.org) or [helpdesk@StarsScholarship.org](mailto:helpdesk@StarsScholarship.org)

**OPENS:** January 1, 2018 **DEADLINE:** March 31, 2018

10. **Texas Tech University**—Apply for General Scholarships through Apply Texas link.

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

Freshman Scholarships—Apply at [www.scholarships.ttu.edu](http://www.scholarships.ttu.edu)

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2017

11. **Texas State University**—Highly competitive, apply through the Apply Texas Link.  
**DEADLINE:** Must be admitted to Texas State by December 15, 2017