

2025-2026

 Scholarships

Hello Seniors!

Please remember to check this document regularly for new and updated scholarship opportunities. If you have any questions or need help printing materials, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Wishing you all the best in your scholarship search — you've got this! 🎓

P.S.

I encourage all of you to search for other scholarships. www.fastweb.com is a great resource.

Also check out:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-fams/mi-scholarship-search>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?lang=en&>

<https://www.mometrix.com/blog/scholarships-for-college/>

- Be sure to check the financial aid webpages of the colleges and universities that you have applied to.
- Many scholarships require you to have a FAFSA completed. Complete your FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- Please utilize this [new scholarship search tool](#) the State of Michigan has released to help seniors find scholarships. Click the link and select which Michigan county you live in to view the available scholarships for that location. Use the 'Generate PDF' button to export a list of your results that you can save to your device.

[College Board/Big Future Scholarships](#)

Please sign-in to your College Board account and follow the qualifying steps to apply for scholarships.

[Community College Guarantee](#)

The Michigan Achievement Scholarship is designed to help students pursue their dreams, goals, and aspirations in the Mitten State! Graduating high school seniors are eligible to earn a skill certificate or degree at their [local community college](#) tuition-free just by filling out the new and simplified FAFSA.

Beginning Fall 2024, students from the **Class of 2023 and beyond** may be eligible for the Community College Guarantee, which includes:

- In-district tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees.
- An additional \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Bonus award for Pell-eligible students, which can be used toward additional college costs.

[DAR Scholarship](#)

Applicants must be citizens of the United States to apply for one of the national scholarships offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee. Applicants must also attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required, however, applicants may want to reach out to a DAR chapter in their area for help with their applications.

Applicants should submit their scholarship applications using the DAR's online process from November 1 through **January 31 at 11:59 pm** (Hawaii Time).

[Elks Scholarship](#)

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Scholarships are available only to students who enroll in four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited U.S. American colleges or universities.
- **Scholarship deadline: November 12**

[Hagan Scholarship](#)

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides \$2,000 to help pay for essential items to attend college and up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters. Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Hagan Scholars have attended 745 colleges and universities located in 50 states and the District of Columbia and have studied abroad in 58 countries.

Deadline: December 1

[Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#)

To receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, students must:

- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma, a certificate of completion, or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after (proof of high school completion is required).
- File a current year [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#): Completed (submitted, completed, and verified).
- Demonstrate financial need by having an SAI of 30,000 or less.
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- For dependent students, parent must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Be an undergraduate student.
- Enroll as an undergraduate student at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Be enrolled full-time as determined by the participating institution.
- Be attending an eligible Michigan postsecondary institution.
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

[The Elks Trade School Scholarship Application](#)

Available to all high school seniors in Cass County who are planning to pursue a career in the trades.

If you'd like to apply for this scholarship, please pick up a paper application from Mrs. Kulka's office. **Deadline: November 30**

Pay It Forward Scholarship

If you'd like to apply for this scholarship, please pick up a paper application from Mrs. Kulka's office.

Available to Marcellus High School seniors with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher. Enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college or university or trade school for Fall 2026. Application may be turned in as hard copies to Mrs. Kulka in the office. Essay Requirement.

Deadline: April 17, 2026