



SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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This newsletter will be published on a bi-monthly basis. Hard copies are available in Guidance. All scholarship information can be found under the 'School Counseling' link on the CATA homepage, which will have the most updated scholarship information.

*****Remember to report all scholarship awards you are OFFERED to your school counselor, even if you do not accept the scholarship*****

College/University Scholarships

As you apply to colleges, please be sure to check the school's website for a listing of scholarships and deadlines (either on the Admissions website or Financial Aid website). You should also research deadlines for applications, FAFSA information, and check to see if they require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile.

Do not be intimidated by the high costs of private colleges; they will usually offer more scholarship money that helps offset the cost!

Scholarship Search Engines and Resources

www.CFNC.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.fastweb.com
www.collegeanswer.com
www.scholarships.com
www.scholarshipamerica.org
www.findtuition.com
www.studentscholarships.org
www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/
www.scholarshippoints.com
www.cappex.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.collegeprowler.com/scholarships
www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory
www.schoolbound.com
www.scholarshipmonkey.com
www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.brokescholar.com
www.petersons.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov

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April 15 – CJ Pony Parts Scholarship Video Contest
April 15 – Catching the Dream Scholarship
April 15 – Fleet Reserve Association Scholarship Program
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April 28 – *Atlas Shrugged* Essay Contest
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April 30 – All About Education Scholarship
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March and April Scholarship Information

LIFE Lessons Essay Contest

Amount: \$5,000-\$15,000

Criteria: Must be between the ages of 17-24 and have suffered the death of a parent or guardian. Must be a legal U.S. resident and been accepted to a college, university, or trade school. Must submit a written essay of up to 500 words OR a short three-minute video essay about how the loss affected them emotionally and financially. The essay should indicate whether having (or not having) life, health and other forms of insurance helped stabilize family finances and cover college costs.

More Information: <http://www.lifehappens.org/life-lessons-scholarship-program/>

Deadline: March 1, 2017

NC Alpha Delta Kappa Student Achievement Scholarship

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue a degree at a school of higher learning. To be eligible, applicants must have a weighted GPA of 2.5 to 3.5 and an SAT score (including Math, Verbal, and Writing) in the range of 1020-1290 OR an ACT composite score between 20 and 24. Students with a lower or higher GPA/test scores will NOT be considered. Applicants are also judged based on their service to school, community, and church, as well as their integrity and leadership potential.

More information: Email Patricia Jones at patricia.jones@ucps.k12.nc.us, or visit http://files.nccommunityfoundation.org/NCCF_Scholarship_Application.pdf

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Criteria: Open to high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college or university to pursue a degree in one of the following areas: engineering, computer science, CIS or certain business programs. Applicants must demonstrate leadership in their school or community; must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher; and must have a need for financial assistance.

More information: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx>

Deadline: March 1, 2017

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Scholarships

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: The NANBPWC awards the National Scholarship to a female African American graduating high school senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher. An essay is required.

More information: <http://www.nanbpwc.org/PDF/National%20Scholarship%20App%20Revised%20Nov%202013.pdf>

Deadline: March 1, 2017

M. Wayne Mangum Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Criteria: This \$500 scholarship is available to students in pursuit of a higher education in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, home economics, or related areas such as forestry, ag-mechanics, welding, and child-care. Preference will be given to Future Farmers of America members and Future Homemakers of America members. Applicants must be seniors or past graduates of Union County Public Schools.

More information: Applications can be found in the guidance office.

Deadline: March 1, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen Scholarship

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's scholarships are for children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen pursuing a post-secondary education at any accredited school, whether it's a career training or trade school, community college, or four-year university. There are financial need scholarships and award scholarships for every eligible applicant.

More information: www.mcsf.org/cte

Deadline: *For students pursuing a career/technical education program that is less than 12 months long, the application is open year-round. For students pursuing career/technical education programs that are longer than 12 months the deadline is March 1, 2017.*

10th Annual Create-A-Greeting-Card Contest

Amount: up to \$10,000

Criteria: Students could win up to \$10,000 for creating a greeting card. All you have to do is submit an original photo, artwork or computer graphics for the front of a greeting card. Students must be at least 14 years old at the time of entry, a legal U.S. resident, and be enrolled in a high school or college/university.

More information: <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm>

Deadline: March 2, 2017

The Rotary Club of Charlotte Public Safety Scholarship Fund

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: This fund provides scholarships for children of Mecklenburg County police, fire, MEDIC, and sheriff first responders. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, financial need, and community service. The applicant's parent must be a full-time employee of the Charlotte Fire Department, CMPD, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, or MEDIC, with at least one year of service. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year school upon graduating high school.

More information: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>. You will need to enter the name of the scholarship in the search box.

Deadline: March 3, 2017

Blumenthal Performing Arts Gordon Hay Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to one senior who plans to pursue a non-performing career in the performing arts field. Applicants must meet the following criteria: 1). Excellent academic performance; 2). Aims for personal excellence; 3). Committed to school and community engagement; 4). Yearns to enrich other's lives through performing arts; 5). Potential for career success in a non-performance area of performing arts which is evidenced by a portfolio and references; and 6). Proof of enrollment/acceptance at a four-year accredited college or university for a non-performance area of performing arts, such as Music Composition or Musical Direction; Orchestration; Choreography; Play Writing; Set, Costume, Lighting or Sound Design; Arts Administration; Stage Management; Production Management; Technical Direction. Financial need will also be considered. In addition to completing an application, students must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a one-page essay (topic found on the website below), two references from two performing arts teachers, and a copy of their high school transcript.

More information: <http://www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/gordon-hay-scholarship>.

Deadline: March 9, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Criteria: To be eligible, you must be a current high school (or home-schooled) senior who attends school in Union County, who has been accepted to or has plans to attend a four-year university, and has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. All applicants must submit a single package with following items included: (1) Scholarship application that is typed or neatly printed (**forms can be found in guidance**), a recent photo must be attached with the form, (2) a presentation (video/PowerPoint/brochure/website/essay) that encourages fellow teens to abstain from underage drinking and driving and/or highlights the dangers of drinking and driving, (3) official or unofficial high school transcript (must include class rank, size, and test scores), (4) SAT/ACT scores (if not included in transcript, a printout from CollegeBoard.com is acceptable), (5) and two letters of recommendation (from school, club, or community leaders) that assess the applicant's academic potential, his/her progress and academic achievements, community/school involvement, or volunteer activities. All of these items must be turned in at the same time. Items submitted separately will not be accepted.

More information: See Ms. Cole in guidance for more information on how to apply for this scholarship.

Deadline: March 10, 2017

Edward D. Hendrickson/SAE Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000 (renewable)

Criteria: To be eligible, students must be a U.S. resident; have a minimum 3.75 GPA; rank in the 90th percentile in both math and critical reading on SAT I or composite ACT scores; and plan to pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/hendrickson/>.

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Dan and Vicky Hancock Scholarship for Mechanical Engineering Excellence

Amount: \$5,500

Criteria: To be eligible, students must: 1). Be a U.S. resident; 2). Plan to major in Mechanical Engineering; 3). Have a minimum 3.5 GPA; and 4). Have an ACT Composite of 24 and/or SAT score in Math - 600 or above and in Critical Reading - 550 or above. Students should submit an official high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, SAT/ACT scores, a completed FAFSA application, and an essay that outlines your financial need and career interest. Please note: preference will be given to Kettering University students.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/hancock/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

BMW/SAE Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500 (renewable)

Criteria: To be eligible, students must be a U.S. resident; have a minimum 3.75 GPA; rank in the 90th percentile in both math and critical reading on SAT I or composite ACT scores; and plan to pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/bmw/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Fred M. Young Sr./SAE Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: To be eligible, students must be a U.S. resident; have a minimum 3.75 GPA; rank in the 90th percentile in both math and critical reading on SAT I or composite ACT scores; and plan to pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/young/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Tau Beta Pi/SAE Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: To be eligible, students must be a U.S. resident; have a minimum 3.75 GPA; rank in the 90th percentile in both math and critical reading on SAT I or composite ACT scores; and plan to pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/taubetapi/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Donald and Barbara Mozley Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Criteria: To be eligible, students must: 1). Be a U.S. resident; 2). Have a minimum 3.5 GPA; 3). Have an SAT I math score of 600 or above and critical reading score of 550 or above, and/or an ACT composite score of 27 or above; and 4). Demonstrate financial need. Student will need to submit one letter of recommendation and their completed FAFSA form.

More information: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/mozley/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Youth Free Expression Film Contest

Amount: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and a \$5,000 scholarship to the New York Film Academy for first place winner

Criteria: To enter, students must submit a four-minute film on this year's theme: "Watch What You #Tweet! How free should social media be?" In addition to the film, students must also submit an application and a report that explains the intent of the film, the creative process, and technical accomplishments. This report should be approximately 250 words in length. To be eligible, students must be younger than 19 years old and reside in the United States.

More information: <http://ncac.org/project/film-contest/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Amount: \$2,500 over two academic semesters

Criteria: The Ulman Cancer Fund assists students that have been diagnosed with cancer, or who have a family member diagnosed with cancer, with paying for post-secondary education. Several scholarships are available, and most of them have specific criteria. As a general rule, students must have been at least 15 years old at the time of diagnosis to apply. Scholarships will be awarded for \$2,500 over two academic semesters. Students only need to complete one application and will be considered for all scholarships in which they meet the criteria. Please note: Scholarship recipients **are obligated to organize and run a bone marrow registry drive with the support of Delete Blood Cancer and There Goes My Hero.**

More information: <http://ulmanfund.org/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 15, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

North Carolina Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarships:

The Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: Open to young women planning to enroll in a four-year college or university in North Carolina next fall. To be eligible, applicants must: 1). Have submitted an application to their college of choice; 2). Be ranked in the top 10% of their senior class; 3). Have a minimum 1220 SAT score or minimum 20 ACT composite score; 4). Participate in extracurricular activities in the school and community; and 5). Demonstrate good character. Financial need is not a primary consideration. Along with the application, students must submit a high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. Applications are available in the Guidance Office

Deadline: *March 15, 2017*

The Mary Rolls Mills-Linda Ranking Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: open to any student who is planning to enroll in a four-year college or university in North Carolina next fall. To be eligible, applicants must: 1). Have submitted an application to their college of choice; 2). Be ranked in the top 10% of their senior class; 3). Have a minimum SAT score of 1290 or ACT composite score of 22; 4). Participate in extracurricular activities in the school and community; and 5). Demonstrate good character. Financial need is not a primary consideration. Along with the application, students must submit a high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Deadline: *March 15, 2017*

The Clare Johnson Marley-Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: open to any student who is planning to enroll in a four-year college or university in North Carolina next fall and plans to declare a major in the fine arts. To be eligible, applicants must: 1). Have submitted an application to their college of choice; 2). Be ranked in the top 20% of their senior class; 3). Have a minimum 1650 SAT score or minimum 20 ACT composite score; 4). Participate in extracurricular activities in the school and community; and 5). Demonstrate good character. Financial need is not a primary consideration. Along with the application, students must submit a high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a CD/DVD demonstrating proof of talent. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Deadline: *March 15, 2017*

The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$10,000

Criteria: To be eligible, students must: 1). Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher; 2). Have financial need; 3). Demonstrate an interest and ability in one or more areas of performing arts; 4). Plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, arts administration or teaching; and 5). Be able to provide proof of acceptance to a college or university with a performing arts program with the intentions to enroll full-time. In addition to completing and submitting an application, applicants must: 1). complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); 2). Complete a one-page essay entitled, "Why I Am the Right Choice for the Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship"; 3). Provide a reference from at least two performing arts teachers; 4). Provide an official transcript; 5). Provide a copy of your 2017-2018 Student Aid Report (SAR); and 6) Include a copy of a college acceptance letter and any financial aid reward letters received. All application materials must be mailed in one packet to the provided address.

More information: <http://www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/mary-doctor-scholarship>

Deadline: *March 16, 2017*

March and April Scholarship Information

NC Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA) Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Criteria: To be eligible, students or their parents must be employed by a NCRMA member company now and at the time winners are selected. Applications and transcripts must be postmarked by the deadline. Applicants will be considered based on: academic records, test scores, extracurricular activities, employment, recommendations, and career path.

More information: <http://retailpaysforcollege.org/ncrma/>

Deadline: *March 20, 2017*

Kiwanis Club of Monroe Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: Eligible applicants will possess a strong sense of character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college. Students must turn in an application packet consisting of: the application form, high school transcript, three letters of recommendation (one from a community leader, two from a counselor, teacher, coach, or principal), and an essay chosen from the list of topics. All documents need to be mailed in one packet. Please see Ms. Cole for more information.

Deadline: *March 20, 2017*

Rosa L. Poston and Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarship

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: The Union County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be awarding two scholarships to high school seniors in Union County. Applicant must submit an acceptance letter from at least one accredited four-year college or university, they must have a GPA of at least 3.0, they must have the potential for post-secondary education (academic performance and/or SAT/ACT scores), they also must have leadership potential as evidenced by their school or community activities. Applicants must submit the completed application packet along with two letters of recommendation (one from a school official and one from an adult who is not a relative), a sealed official transcript, and a copy of the most recent SAT/ACT scores, a typed essay of no more than 250 words stating why you are applying for the scholarship, your qualifications, and your educational and career goals. Finalists will have a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee of Delta Sigma Theta. Please see Ms. Cole in guidance for an application packet or for more information.

Deadline: *March 20, 2017*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee Scholarship

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: Eligible applicants need to complete the application packet and include the following documents: Official high school transcript, copy of acceptance letter from an accredited college/university or community college, three letters of recommendation (two from school personnel and one from a community representative), and a completed essay. Application packets can be picked up in guidance. Applications need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by the deadline.

Deadline: *March 21, 2017*

March and April Scholarship Information

Quest Bridge College Prep Scholars Program

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: This program helps high-performing low-income high school juniors get an early advantage in college admissions by connecting them with full four-year scholarships or generous financial aid to attend Quest Bridge's college partners. Juniors who are eligible are typically in the top 5-10% of their class, earning mostly A's in their challenging coursework, whose family earns less than \$65,000 annually (for a typical family of four) with minimal assets. See Ms. Cole if interested.

Deadline: March 22, 2017

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Criteria: To be eligible, students must: 1). Be of Hispanic Heritage; 2). Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; 3). Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited not-for-profit, 4-year university in the fall; 4). Be a U.S. citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); and 5). Complete the FAFSA. All majors of study will be considered, but there is an emphasis on students majoring in STEM fields.

More information: <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

Deadline: March 30, 2017

National High School Poetry Contest

Amount: \$100-\$500

Criteria: To enter, students must submit unpublished poems of 20 lines or less. Entries can be mailed or emailed. To be eligible, students must be current high school students and reside in the U.S.

More information: http://www.highschoolpoetrycontest.com/to_enter

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Automotive Aftermarket Scholarships

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: Scholarships are available for students training to become automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians, and to students in business, marketing, engineering, or other major courses of study. The Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) and more than 30 additional organizations award automotive scholarships. All you need to do is complete one application and you will be considered for all scholarships in which you meet the eligibility criteria for. In addition to your application, you will need to provide: a one page essay stating your career goals, one letter of reference, and your high school transcript. There is no minimum GPA requirement.

More information: http://www.automotivescholarships.com/apply_online.cfm

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Superpower Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Criteria: Students should use their imagination to become a superhero or supervillain and think about how you would use your powers for a day. In 250 words or less, students should answer this question: "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?" To be eligible, students should be at least 13 years old, a legal resident of the United States, and be planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution by the fall of 2023.

More information: https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship?utm_source=unigo_members&utm_medium=email&utm_content=text&utm_campaign=3.8.16_monthly_scholarship_co_unselor

Deadline: March 31, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Veterans of Foreign Wars Creative Patriotic Art Awards

Amount: 1st place: \$10,000; 2nd place: \$5,000; 3rd place: \$2,500; 4th place: \$1,500; 5th-8th place: \$500.

Criteria: Applicants must express patriotism in art form. The contest rules are: Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used. Digital art and photography are not accepted. Do not frame your artwork. Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use other color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8"x10" but no larger than 18"x24", not including mat. Be sure to complete the entry form and attach to back of entry. You must be sponsored by a VFW Auxiliary. Entry may be signed by the student. If you use an American Flag in the entry, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code. Entry must have been done during the current school year. You must have your teacher's or supervisory adult's signature. Each student may submit only one entry. Eligible students must be in grades 9-12 and must attend a school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Students must be no older than 18 years at the time of entry. You must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

More information: Chick Earley (704) 219-0733. Applications in guidance office.

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Winchester Alumni Association Scholarships

Amount: \$500

Criteria: Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, three letters of recommendation, documentation of community services, copy of transcript, recent photo, and an interview (this will be scheduled by the interview committee after the application is submitted). Applicants must also have knowledge of the person after whom the scholarship is named. Either the Professor J.W. Graham Scholarship, the Aurelia Harris Williams Scholarship, or the Rep. William "Pete" Cunningham Scholarship. Information about each person is attached in the scholarship packet, which can be found in the guidance office. For more information please see Ms. Cole.

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Minuteman Scholarship

Amount: Full tuition and fees (uncapped) OR room and board (capped at \$10,000/year) a monthly stipend (\$300-\$500), an annual \$1,200 book stipend, and monthly E5/Cadet Drill Pay through Army ROTC Simultaneous Membership Program.

Criteria: To be eligible, general qualifications include: being a U.S. citizen, having the ability to pass physical fitness tests, proof of acceptance into a participating University and ROTC program, and a minimum score of 19 on the ACT or 920 on the SAT.

More information: <http://www.usar.army.mil/Featured/Resources/Educational-Benefits/Minuteman-Scholarship/>

Deadline: April 1, 2017

ESA Foundation Computer & Video game Scholarship Program

Amount: \$3,000

Criteria: Minority students pursuing computer and video game art degrees qualify for this award. High school seniors interested in the field are also eligible.

More information: <http://www.esafoundation.org/scholarship.asp>.

Deadline: April 1, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Union County Antique Tractor and Power Club Scholarship

Amount: Not specified

Criteria: This scholarship is available to students who will be studying in the field of Agriculture or an Agriculture related field. The amount awarded will be contingent upon available funds. Applicants will be judged on their academic achievement, must have at least a 2.5 GPA their involvement in extracurricular activities, their financial need, and their education/career goals. Applicants will need one letter of recommendation from a school official (principal, teacher, or school counselor), two letters of recommendation from someone other than a relative or school official, a copy of your current transcript, and a 100-200 word essay describing your ambitions and goals and what you hope to contribute to society through your educational training. Applications can be found in guidance. Applications must be sent to Union County Antique Tractor and Power Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1281, Monroe, NC 28111-1281.

Deadline: April 1, 2017

Everett & Trudy Suddreth Scholarship of Excellence

Amount: \$2,500

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to 40 students who, at a minimum, are a part-time employee of a Carolinas Food Industry Council (CFIC) Retail, Wholesale, or Supplier Member Company. Student must be employed for at least six-months as of 1/1/17. Students who also have parent that is a permanent, full-time employee of a CFIC Retail, Wholesale or Supplier Member Firm are also eligible. The parent must be employed for at least one year as of 1/1/17. The food industry employee must work at a Retail, Wholesale or Supplier Member Company location in North or South Carolina, and must be employed at the time the winners are selected. Qualified scholarship recipients may attend a college located in any state. Seniors enrolling for the 2017 fall semester as college freshmen are eligible.

More information: <http://www.cficweb.org/awards/scholarship>

Deadline: April 3, 2017

North Carolina Bar Association Endowment Fund

Amount: \$1,500-\$4,500

Criteria: The North Carolina Bar Association is offering a \$1,500-\$4,500 scholarship to high school seniors and college aged students who are children of North Carolina law enforcement officers who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

More information: <http://www.ncbar.org/members/divisions/young-lawyers/>

Deadline: April 3, 2017

American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) High School Senior Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: To apply, students need to read 'How Does a Sprinkler System Work' located on the AFSA website, then take an 8 question quiz (in addition to completing an application). To be eligible, students must be a high school senior planning to enroll in a college/university or trade school in the United States in the fall. Applicants must also be either a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

More information: <https://www.afsascholarship.org/high-school-contest/hsstep1/>

Deadline: April 7, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship

Amount: Dell Inspiron 15 3000 Series Laptop with Microsoft Office Student Edition and McAfee Antivirus.

Criteria: This scholarship is open to high school seniors. Seniors do not have to be attending a 2 or 4-year higher education institution in the fall of 2017. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior at each of the following schools (CATA, Cuthbertson, Forest Hills, Marvin Ridge, Monroe, Parkwood, Sun Valley, Union Academy, and Weddington). Applicants must write a 2 page, double spaced essay with 1 inch margins and size 12 font describing why they deserve the Computer Scholarship. Applicants will also describe any life challenges or hardships they or their family have been through. Applicants will need to incorporate this phrase from the Optimist Creed in their answer "To be strong..." Include your full name, date, high school, and school counselor's name in the essay's header. Turn in to Ms. Cole via email or hard copy

Deadline: April 10, 2017

Union County Association for Educators and Union County Retired Educators Scholarship

Amount: \$1,750

Criteria: This scholarship is open to seniors who are interested in majoring in education. To apply, fill out the application form and write an essay answering the question "Why do you want to become a teacher?" Application forms can be picked up in the guidance office.

Deadline: April 11, 2017

Signet Classics Student

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: Open to high school juniors or seniors to be used toward their higher education. The student will also receive a Signet Classics library for their school. Essays must be submitted by a high school English teacher on behalf of the student. The essay must be written on one of the five topics provided for *The Tempest*.

More information: <http://www.penguin.com/services-academic/essayhome/>

Deadline: April 14, 2017

CJ Pony Parts Scholarship Video Contest

Amount: \$500

Criteria: CJ Pony Parts is offering two \$500 scholarships to students who plan to enroll in a post-secondary institution next semester. Students must be U.S. residents. All fields of study/majors are welcome. To enter, students must create a video that is under three minutes on one of the following topics: Your first memory of a Mustang; How a Mustang relates to your field of study; How do you see autonomous/self-driving cars changing the automotive industry; Where do you see yourself in 30 years; or Who is most influential in your life and why? Winners will be selected based on creativity and content rather than video editing skills or how many views the video receives.

More information: <http://www.cjponyparts.com/cj-pony-parts-scholarship-video-contest>

Deadline: April 15, 2017

Catching the Dream Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$5,000 per academic year

Criteria: Applicants must be one quarter or more Native American and be an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe. Students must be either enrolled or must plan to attend an accredited U.S. college or university on a full-time basis.

More information: <http://catchingthedream.org/category/scholarship-requirements/>

Deadline: April 15, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

Fleet Reserve Association Scholarship Program

Amount: up to \$5,000

Criteria: The FRA Education Foundation offers numerous scholarships for people who are affiliated with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, or U.S. Coast Guard through their own service or that of a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be given. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and plan to be full-time students at an accredited U.S. college/university. Applicants will complete one application and will be considered for all scholarships in which they are eligible.

More information: http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Fra_Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600

Deadline: April 15, 2017

The Fountainhead Essay Contest

Amount: \$50-\$10,000

Criteria: Awarded to juniors and seniors based on a submitted essay about Ayn Rand's novel *The Fountainhead*. Students will choose one of three topics and write an essay of no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length and double-spaced. No application is required.

More information: <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#overview>

Deadline: April 26, 2017

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

Amount: \$50-\$20,000

Criteria: Awarded to seniors based on a submitted essay about Ayn Rand's novel *Atlas Shrugged*. Students will choose one of three topics and write an essay of no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length and double-spaced. No application is required.

More information: <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#overview>

Deadline: April 28, 2017

County Office Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: To enter, students will need to submit a 500-1,500 word essay on the following prompt: "Describe how one of the local government offices (or type of office) listed on our website has improved your own life and/or the lives of people around you." Students must be current high school seniors that are at least 16 years old.

More information: <http://www.countyoffice.org/> (Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Learn About the CountyOffice.org Scholarship")

Deadline: April 30, 2017

All About Education Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Criteria: To enter, student must submit a 250 word (or less) essay answering the following question: "How will a \$3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?" To be eligible, students must be at least 13 years old, a legal U.S. resident, and planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution by 2023.

More information: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship>

Deadline: April 30, 2017

March and April Scholarship Information

CARiD Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria: To enter, students need to create a photo inspired by any aspect of the automotive industry and email it to scholarship@CARiD.com. They are looking for creativity! To be eligible, students must: 1). Be between 16 and 20 years old; 2). Be enrolled in post-secondary education the upcoming semester, and 3). Must not be a CARiD employee or be related to a CARiD employee or their partners.

More information: <https://www.carid.com/scholarships.html>

Deadline: April 30, 2017

