



December 2015 Scholarship Newsletter

2015-2016 test dates

SAT		ACT	
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>
October 3	CLOSED	October 24	CLOSED
November 7	CLOSED	December 12	CLOSED
December 5	CLOSED	February 6	January 8
January 23	December 28	April 9	March 4
March 5	February 5	June 11	May 6
May 7	April 8		
June 4	May 5		

Students who receive free or reduced lunch may receive fee waivers to take each test two (2) times free of charge. These waivers also make you eligible for college application fee waivers. See your counselor for more information.

To sign up for the SAT: www.collegeboard.com / To sign up for the ACT: www.actstudent.org

*Remember to bring Ms. Bimson your acceptance letters and scholarship notifications as you receive them!
YES, we want copies of them even if you aren't going to go there or accept that scholarship.*



means that this is a NEW scholarship listing for this month

WACE National Co-op Scholarship Program

Amount: \$6,000 per year at applicable colleges and universities

Criteria: These scholarships are available to high school seniors who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of the partner institutions: Clarkson University, SUNY Oswego, Drexel University, University of Cincinnati, Johnson and Wales, University of Mass at Lowell, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology or Merrimack College. Applicants must have a min. 3.5 GPA, be accepted to one of the institutions listed above, and complete an essay.

To apply: <http://waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html>

Deadline: Varies based on college but begins November 1, 2015-February 2016. Early applications are encouraged.



West Teaching Scholarship at the Catawba College Academy for Teaching

Amount: \$2500 renewable annually

Criteria: Students planning to attend Catawba College and major in education may apply. Selection criteria include: high academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community involvement & commitment to teaching.

To apply: Visit www.catawba.edu/academyforteaching

Deadline: Varies

North Carolina High School Athletic Association Endowed Scholarships

Criteria: The NCHSAA offers a variety of scholarships, four of which are listed below.

To apply: For more information about each and to apply to any of them, visit: <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

Deadline: Varies

1. Wilburn Clary Student Medal

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Awarded to one male and one female graduating senior student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity sport team during senior year. Athlete must have participated on at least two sanctioned varsity sports during his/her high school career.

2. Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Criteria: This scholarship honors student-athletes who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity and returned to excel beyond expectations in their sport.

3. Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Criteria: There will be two winners of this scholarship – one male varsity wrestler and one female varsity cross country runner.

4. Pat Gainey Student Award:

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Two student-athletes with a focus on need-based applicants. Applicants must be a Senior, male high school athlete participating on a *varsity baseball team* or a Senior, female student participating on a *varsity sports team*.

North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Criteria: The student must be a natural or adopted child of a veteran, who was born in N.C. and has been a continuous resident of N.C. since birth. The veteran's qualifying criteria must have occurred during a period of war (with some specific exceptions). For information contact your local Veterans Service Office or call 844-NC4VETS or log on to www.NC4VETS.com

To apply: visit <http://www.nc4vets.com/education> and click on Scholarships for more information

Deadline: December 1, 2015



Varsity Tutors College Scholarship Contest

Amount: \$1,000 towards tuition, books or supplies, new scholarship and essay prompt each month.

Criteria: Students submit an essay in response to a prompt (available on the website).

To Apply: Submit an essay in response to the prompt, "Where do you see yourself in 10 years? How will your education help you get there?" Visit: <http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship>

Deadline: December 15, 2015

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Amount: Each state will have one \$10,000 winner.

Criteria: Any high school senior planning on attending two or four year college next year. Applicants should demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities.

To apply: for more information and to apply, visit <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

Deadline: December 15, 2015 (apply early – applications will be cut off after 10,000 are received)



Burger King BK Scholars program

Amount: \$1000

Criteria: High school seniors, Burger King employees, and children of Burger King employees are eligible to apply. Recipients are selected based on their GPA, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service.

To apply: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>

Deadline: December 15, 2015

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Amount: ranges from \$1,000 to \$15,000

Criteria: NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards are open to any graduating high school senior who owns and operates his/her own small business. Additionally, the student must enter his/her freshman year at an accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute in Fall 2016.

To apply: visit www.NFIB.com/YEA

Deadline: December 18, 2015

UNC-G Teacher Education Fellows

Amount: \$20,000 over four years

Criteria: Students must be North Carolina residents with a 3.8 weighted GPA and min. SAT 1100 or ACT 24. Students must plan to major in elementary education, middle grade education, special education, dual (elementary & special) education, or Secondary Education with a concentration in one of several majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information and to apply visit: <http://oss.uncg.edu/teaching-fellows/>

Deadline: January 1, 2016

JFK Profiles in Courage Essay Contest

Amount: National winner gets \$10,000; regional and runner ups can get \$500-\$1000

Criteria: In 700-1,000 words, write an essay describing and analyzing an act of political courage by a U.S. official who served during or after 1956. Contest is open to students in grades 9-12.

To apply: For full details, visit: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest>

Deadline: Postmarked by January 6, 2016



The Gates Millennium Scholars

Amount: One thousand scholarships will be given nationwide, that cover the full cost of unmet tuition, room and board, and fees for four years at any college or university of your choice.

Criteria: Must be African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islanders, or Hispanic American. Must be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States. Must have an unweighted 3.3 GPA, be enrolling for the first time in college in the fall of 2016. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities. Must meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility.

To apply: <http://www.gmsp.org/>

Deadline: January 13, 2016



Meredith Teaching Fellows Program

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Female students must have applied and been admitted to Meredith College, must plan to pursue a teaching license and must complete an essay, resume and reference form. Financial benefits of the program include a yearly stipend, travel abroad stipend and other institutional scholarships averaging \$14,000. Additional benefits include a mentorship, travel opportunities and monthly seminar series.

To apply: Print off an application at:

http://www.meredith.edu/images/uploads/Teaching_Fellows_Freshman_Application.pdf or see Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office to get an application.

Deadline: January 15, 2016

NCSHP's 2015-2016 NC Hispanic College Fund

Amount: \$500-\$2,500 per year

Criteria: Scholarship applicants must be Seniors of Hispanic background with a min. 2.5 GPA planning to enroll in a degree or certificate program at a community college or a 2 or 4 year college/university and be committed to public service and community development. Application includes 2 letters of recommendation and an essay.

To apply: For full details and to apply, visit: <http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/>

Deadline: Postmarked by January 15, 2016



Grissom Scholarship

Amount: \$200,000+ (four years of full tuition plus \$5,000 in summer enrichment funds to attend Centre College)

Criteria: Applicants must be the first generation in their family to attend a four-year college or university. Strong applicants will have proven academic success, high moral character, exceptional potential for leadership, and significant involvement in extra-curricular activities. Preference is given to applicants with substantial financial need.

To apply: Apply online to Centre College by January 15. Apply at this link: <http://www.centre.edu/admission-aid/apply-to-centre/> . Talk to Ms. Grant or Ms. Bimson for details.

Deadline: January 15, 2016



Renaissance Scholarship at Marlboro College

Amount: full tuition, room and board at Marlboro College offered to students from NC.

Criteria: Marlboro offers this full tuition scholarship to students who they anticipate will contribute greatly to campus life.

To Apply: Submit a regular application for admission and an additional application for the scholarship at"

<https://www.marlboro.edu/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/types/renaissance/application>

Deadline: January 15, 2016



Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships

Amount: \$1,000 and up towards tuition

Criteria: Applicants must be a graduating senior with a 2.7 minimum GPA planning on attending a 2 or 4 year college or university. Selection is made based on financial need, community involvement, a short essay, and academic achievements and records. You will be considered for one of four possible scholarship categories: RMHC/Scholars (all students eligible), RMHC/Asia (applicants must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific Heritage), RMHC/African American Future Achievers (must have at least one parent of African American/Caribbean Heritage), or RMHC/HACER (applicants must have at least one parent of Hispanic Heritage).

To apply: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

Deadline: January 20, 2016

NROTC Scholarship

Amount: up to **\$180,000** for 4 years of college educations

Criteria: The NROTC Scholarship provides money for college tuition and fees for students interested in the Navy, Marines or Navy Nurse Corp. A four year commitment as a Navy officer or Marine Corps officer is required after graduation. You must pass a physical fitness test as well. Minority students and females are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and to see varying requirements

visit: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx>

To apply: Speak with Commander Duclos (ROTC).

Deadline: January 31, 2016.

NCAE Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Amount: varies

Criteria: Applicants should be a NC resident enrolled in public high school and should have a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5. Application includes extracurricular activities, honors and accomplishments, a one-page essay on why you deserve the scholarship and a one-page essay on Dr. King's influence on your life. Based on financial need and academic achievement. You will also need two letters of recommendation.

To apply: <http://www.ncae.org/wp-content/uploads/MLKscholarship1516.pdf>

Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2016.

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program

Amount: multiple **\$1,500** scholarships available

Criteria: Students must reside in an eligible county (Union County qualifies), have a 2.5 GPA, and be planning on majoring in an agricultural or agriculturally related program at a two year or four year college. You will need 3 farmers to endorse your application. You do not need to be an FFA member to apply.

To apply: www.growagleaders.com

Deadline: The application opens November 15, 2015. **All applications are due by February 1, 2016.**



SportsQuest Playing with a Purpose Program

Amount: Four **\$2,000** scholarships will be awarded

Criteria: Christian Student Athletes who are in 10th-12th grade, maintain a "C" grade average or higher and play at least one varsity level sport are eligible to apply.

To apply: Visit <http://www.allamericanaward.org/index>

Deadline: February 1, 2016



NCSEAA Jagannathan Scholarship

Amount: Variable

Criteria: Given to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of N.C. and will attend one of the UNC system schools. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement (usually a 3.5 GPA or higher and SAT scores of 1100 or above), documented financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. Must have taken the SAT and filed the FAFSA.

To apply: You will need a copy of your transcript, SAT scores, an essay, and a letter of reference. You must apply through your CFNC account at www.cfnc.org/jag

Deadline: You must complete the electronic application AND submit your FAFSA by **February 1, 2016.**

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Scholarships

Amount: Varies

Criteria: The National Society of DAR has multiple scholarships available. Criteria for each scholarship differ but may include GPA, financial need, and college course of study. Some of the specific areas of study include: American History, American Government, Historic Preservation and Medical & Nursing. There is also a scholarship awarded to Native American students.

To apply: For full details on any of these scholarships and to apply, visit: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info>

Deadline: Postmarked by February 10, 2016



Elon University Watson Scholars Scholarship

Amount: Fourteen \$21,000 scholarships are awarded

Criteria: These scholarships are geared towards students who will bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to Elon. Applicants should be first generation college students, have achieved success despite hardship or unusual challenge, have not have the opportunity for enriching educational or personal experience due to personal circumstances or socioeconomic factors, and have excellent potential to benefit from an Elon education. Students should have strong academic and leadership potential. For more information visit: http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/FinancialAid/watson_odyssey.xhtml

To apply: Complete your application for admission to Elon University by January 10, 2016 www.elon.edu/apply
Complete your Watson and Odyssey Scholarship Application at the same website.

Deadline: Apply to Elon by January 10th; complete Watson Scholars application by February 10, 2016

Create a Greeting Card Scholarship Competition

Amount: \$10,000

Criteria: Browse their website for examples. Submit any photo, artwork, or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card. Photo, art, or graphic must be your own original creation. Only 1 entry per person. National winner gets \$10,000.

To apply: <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

Deadline: February 25, 2016



North Carolina Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Scholarship Program

1. Community College Scholarship

Amount: Two scholarships for \$1,000 per year for 2 years will be awarded.

Criteria: Any current high school senior who is going to attend community college to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally related field. Student should demonstrate financial need, satisfactory grades, an evident understanding of the agricultural and/or agribusiness community, and leadership potential. Preference is given to Farm Bureau members.

To apply: Applications available online at: <http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/R-Flake-Shaw-Scholarship>

Deadline: March 4, 2016

2. University/College (4-year) Scholarship

Amount: Six scholarships for \$4,000 per year for 4 years will be awarded.

Criteria: Any current high school senior who is going to attend a 4-year college/university to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally related field. Student should demonstrate financial need, satisfactory grades, an evident understanding of the agricultural and/or agribusiness community, and leadership potential. Preference is given to Farm Bureau members.

To apply: Applications available online at: <http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/R-Flake-Shaw-Scholarship>

Deadline: March 4, 2016

NC Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Criteria: There are three scholarships available. The information is below:

1. **The Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship** is open to any **female** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. Students must have already applied to the college of their choice, rank in the top 10% of class, min. ACT score of 20 or SAT of 1650, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities.
2. **The Mary Rose Mills-Linda Rankin Memorial Scholarship** is open to **any** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. Students must have already applied to the college of their choice, rank in the top 10% of class, min. ACT score of 22 or SAT of 1700, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities.
3. **The Clare Johnson Marley-Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship** is open to **any** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. and **declares a major of the fine arts**. ACT score of 20 or SAT of 1650, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities. Students must also submit a CD/DVD demonstrating proof of talent or ability in the fine arts.

To apply: Applications available with Ms. Bimson

Deadline: March 15, 2016



The Gordon Hay Scholarship Fund (Blumenthal Performing Arts)

Amount: \$5000 (for non-tuition expenses)

Criteria: Open to students who show exemplary academic performance, strong pursuit of excellence, community & school involvement, acceptance into a four-year college to study a career in a non-performance (technical) area of the performing arts. Applicants must submit FAFSA, essay, references and transcript. Portfolio presentation will be April 2.

To apply: Visit Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 18, 2016



The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship (Blumenthal Performing Arts)

Amount: Two \$10,000 annually renewable scholarships

Criteria: Open to students who show above-average ability and who will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a field directly related to the performing arts. To be eligible applicants must have a min. weighted 2.5 GPA, financial need and acceptance into a four-year college. Essay, references, transcript, and SAR are needed. Auditions/ portfolio presentations will be held April 16.

To apply: Visit Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 24, 2016.



HSF (Hispanic Scholarship Fund) General Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Criteria: Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage, U.S. Citizen, DACA or eligible non-citizen (as defined by FAFSA) or permanent legal residents. Applicants should have a 3.0 unweighted GPA, plan to enroll full-time in a 4-year university and complete the FAFSA or Dream Act (if applicable).

To apply: Visit <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

Deadline: March 30, 2016

The NC Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA) Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Criteria: This scholarship is open to any senior who works for a CFIC member or whose parent works for a CFIC member (if you need to verify that an employer is a member, you can call (919) 832-0811. Most retail companies are members!). Scholarship winners will be chosen based on academic record, test scores, and extracurricular activities.

To apply: www.retailpaysforcollege.org

Deadline: A complete application packet must be received or post marked by **April 4, 2016**.

Sun Trust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes

Amount: \$500 (two winners every two weeks from Oct-May)

Criteria: High school seniors planning to attend a two year or four year public or private college. Fifteen drawings will be held and one winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 30, 2015 through May 13, 2016.

To apply: Registration begins September 14th at <http://www.suntrustededucation.com/sweeps/>

Deadline: May 2016

CFNC Financial Literacy Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Criteria: Anyone who completes the Financial Basics course on CFNC is entered for an opportunity to win this \$500 scholarship.

To apply: <https://basics.financialliteracy101.org/> Complete the Financial Basics course and you will automatically be entered in a \$500 drawing. You will have to log in with your CFNC account.

Deadline: June 2016

Art Institute Scholarship Competitions

Amount: varies

Criteria: The Art Institute offers LOTS of scholarship money through their scholarship competition programs in a variety of areas (Photography, Teen Chef, Fashion Design). Each has their own requirements and deadlines, so check their website for detailed information!

To apply: Visit their website at: <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/high-school.aspx>

Deadline: Varies

SPCC Scholarships

- SPCC has a single form that is used to apply to all of their scholarships. Applications can be found online at www.spcc.edu. Any student who applies to SPCC and fills out the common scholarship application, and completes a FAFSA will be considered for any scholarship for which they qualify.

National Database of Nursing Scholarships

- The National Database of Nursing Scholarships has over 1,700 nursing programs to research, and over 10,000 nursing scholarships listed. To apply, students must visit <http://www.free-4u.com/nursing/>.
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THIS IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LISE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

To search for other scholarships, you can use the websites listed below. It is also a good idea to look at the financial aid portion of the website of the schools to which you are interested in applying – they often have specific need- and merit-based scholarships just for their applicants. Churches, community groups, your employer or family members' employers are also great resources for potential scholarships.

HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

www.cfnc.org	www.srnexpress.com	www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.fastweb.com	www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com	www.finaid.org
www.schoolsoup.com	www.scholarshipplus.com	www.cappex.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov	www.collegeboard.com	www.actstudent.org
www.myrichuncle.com	www.scholarshiphelp.com	www.scholarships.com
www.wiredscholar.com	www.salliemae.com/scholarships	www.studentawardsearch.com
www.scholarshipprovider.net	www.freecollegescholarships.net	www.collegeboard.org
www.hispanicfund.org	www.thencshp.org/resources/for-students/ (information for Hispanic students)	