Scholarships for High School Students

The scholarships below are national scholarships. However, scholarships are also available on the local level. At the local level, the scholarships are less competitive because there are fewer applicants. Organizations that may award scholarships include places of worship (churches, mosques, etc.), local chapters of sororities and fraternities, local chapters of national organizations related to your field of interest, community organizations, your parents’ employers, and any other organizations.

- **Gates Millennium Scholars.** This scholarship covers the unmet need in your financial aid package. The recipients must financially qualify for a federal Pell Grant. The application is due in January. [http://www.gmsp.org/]
- **Ron Brown Scholarship.** A 4-year renewable $10,000 scholarship offered to ten – twenty students annually. Based on merit and financial need, application due in January. [www.ronbrown.org]
- **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship.** A 4-year renewable $7,500 scholarship. Based on merit, community service, and financial need. Due February 15. [http://www.jackierobinson.org/]
- **AXA Achievement Scholarship.** Both state and national scholarship awards are available. These are one-time awards. Recipients are students who demonstrate ambition and self-drive. 2 different scholarships: AXA Achievement Scholarship - Due December 1, $10,000 award and AXA Achievement Community Scholarship - Due February 1, $2,000 award. [http://www.axa-achievement.com/]
- **UNCF – United Negro College Fund.** The scholarships available are targeted toward students of their 39 member universities. The list in on the website. There is also a scholarship search function that produces good results. [http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarships.asp]
- **NAACP – the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** offers scholarships in conjunction with the UNCF. The student must be a member of the NAACP. [http://www.naacp.org/page/s/scholarship2]
- **Congressional Black Caucus Scholarship.** Applicants must reside in or attend school in the congressional district of a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. In PA, the applicable representative is Chaka Fattah (PA-2) There are multiple scholarships with varying due dates listed. [http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships.html]
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities.** There’s RHMC Scholars and specific scholarships for African American, Hispanic, and Asian students. The scholarships are $1,000 per student, they are a one-time award. Due January 20, 2014. The qualifications are academic achievement, community service, and financial need. [http://www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/]
- **School District of Philadelphia Scholarship Clearinghouse.** List of scholarships that Philadelphia public school students are eligible for, sorted by month due. [http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/c/ccawareness/programs--services/scholarship-search/scholarships]
• **LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens)** National Educational Service Centers. Scholarships are offered to Hispanic students. There are links to other Hispanic organizations. [http://www.lnesc.org/site/296/Scholarships](http://www.lnesc.org/site/296/Scholarships)

• **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.** $2,500 one-time scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and financial need. Due April 16, 2014. [http://www.chci.org/scholarships/](http://www.chci.org/scholarships/)

• **Fastweb.** A scholarship search engine. Scholarships are selected for you based on your profile, which compiles information from many sources. [http://fastweb.com/](http://fastweb.com/)

• **Black Excel** – Multiple lists of scholarships are available on the website. The comprehensive lists of scholarships are geared toward Black students but there is information for all minorities. There is also information about the college admission process and summer programs. [http://www.blackexcel.org](http://www.blackexcel.org)

• **The Last Dollar Scholarship**- A need-based “gap filling” scholarship for students in designated college access and partner high schools in Philadelphia. To see if you attend one of the schools and meet eligibility requirements visit: [http://philaedfund.org/programs/supporting-students/philadelphia-scholars/last-dollar-scholarship](http://philaedfund.org/programs/supporting-students/philadelphia-scholars/last-dollar-scholarship)

• **Dunkin Donuts Scholarship Program.** Scholarship recipients will be selected from eligible high school seniors who demonstrate "well-rounded" character: positive academic record, demonstrated leadership, commitment to school and community activities, and experience in a work environment. [http://www.dunkindonuts.com/content/dunkindonuts/en/scholarship.html](http://www.dunkindonuts.com/content/dunkindonuts/en/scholarship.html)

• **CORE offers promise scholarships to Philadelphia high school seniors, planning to pursue an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree at a participating college or university.** [http://www.corescholars.org/core-scholarships/](http://www.corescholars.org/core-scholarships/)