

Scholarship Bulletin

September 29, 2017

Important: Before starting work on scholarships, please read the information on the bottom for helps & hints that may ease your efforts and increase your return.

FAFSA HELP!!!! *College Goal* is at various locations throughout the state. The closest state-wide location for most VHS students is UW Manitowoc on **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 6PM**. Bring your tax forms and information and get help with the FAFSA. Info online for other dates <http://collegegoalwi.org/> Attend for a chance to win a scholarship. You MUST bring financial and other items with you. Check the website for what to bring!

DEADLINE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP
Varied	Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) A tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. http://msep.mhec.org
Employment Scholarship	Holy Family Scholarship Program offers scholarship per semester for technical, state, or private college respectively to students for tuition in high-demand medical programs and who are willing to make an employment service commitment. 3.0 GPA https://www.hfmhealth.org/scholarships
Various	Daughters of American Revolution DAR provides a legitimate site for a variety of scholarships in various fields for high school seniors, undergrads and graduate students. http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#history
Various	The Christian Connector, Inc. offers a scholarship drawing and information for select/participating Christian Colleges. www.ChristianConnector.com
Accepting 2017-18 applications.	Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing renewable scholarships for their children under age 26 at time of application and are a high school senior or currently enrolled as a full-time undergrad student. Students must be dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine AND whose military parent meets one of the following: has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident; OR, has been KIA; OR, has been classified as MIA; OR, has been classified a POW. www.FAScholarship.com

- October 25, 2017
NEW!
There are MULTIPLE Opportunities w/one Application!
- Horatio Alger Scholarship** is available to seniors enrolling in college in fall and who demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income) and who has display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity is involved in co-curricular and community service activities, is a US citizen and who maintains GPA of 2.0. <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>
- October 31, 2017
NEW!
- Coca-Cola Scholarship** is open to high school students with 3.0GPA and planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institution. <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/>
- November 1, 2017
NEW!
- PEO Star Scholarship** will provide scholarship for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the US or Canada in the next academic year. (Local PEO Chapter connection with this scholarship; Valders women are encouraged to apply.) <http://www.peointernational.org/star-eligibility-requirements>
- November 3, 2017
NEW!
- Kohl Excellence Scholarship.** Valders Area High School may forward the name of one student to be recommended for the 2018 Kohl Scholarship. Therefore, students **should NOT submit** the three required *Letters of Recommendation* until/unless they have been notified of advancement in the process. Kohl Scholars are graduating students who are WI residents in good standing who intend to enroll in post-secondary education and who have demonstrated a probable success through leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement. Application and information available at: <http://www.kohleducation.org/studentexcellence/> To be considered for advancement, a completed scholarship (without the recommendation letters) is due to Student Services by 4:00 PM on the required- due date, November 4.
- March 1, 2018
NEW!
- Schneider-Emmanuel Scholarships** are awarded to students that best meet criteria and who have participated in at least one American Legion sponsored activity* and have family ties to a living relative that is currently a member of The American legion or Auxiliary or who themselves are members. (**Students who when sophomores took the County Government Test in Mr. Lemberger's class ---this counts as your activity!*) <http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards>
- April 15, 2018
NEW!
- UW Manitowoc Scholarship:** Incoming high school senior/freshmen <http://manitowoc.uwc.edu/community/foundation/foundation-scholarships>

Scholarship Nuts & Bolts: How do I write scholarships and get the scholarship applications to work for me? How can I type right into a pdf file? How will I get my money?

INFORMATION FOR PDF FILES or paper copies!!

Students should not manually type or handwrite any pdf document or paper copy.

If the document is a pdf file on this bulletin, (we suggest using Google chrome) open and download the document by doing a “save as” Next, click on “sign” on the upper right hand corner. Then, click on “Add Text” or “Fill & Sign”. You will not be able to do this directly from the browser...do a save as. If you need assistance, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East. (Hint: You can always sloppy copy at home and then type at school if having difficulties.) Additionally, if you only have access to a paper copy or pdf file of a scholarship not listed on this bulletin—SEE MRS. WILHELM. She can save you time and effort and scan and email you the scholarship from the big copier so that you can then enter your information on it. Don’t handwrite things! ☺ Good luck and if ?’s see us!

- **Keep a copy** of every scholarship that you submit, whether you submit it or Student Services submits it. In the event you are awarded the scholarship, you will be responsible for contacting the agency/person who awarded the scholarship to you and follow their directions to collect your money. Local scholarships may have instructions on your awards certificates. Keep them handy!
- Start the application process early. Don’t procrastinate.
- Read & **FOLLOW the instructions**. Don’t hesitate to ask questions.
- Highlight the deadlines – note who the deadline is TO (Student Services or the organization).
- Allow ample time for mailing the scholarship or transcript if needed. (Official transcripts are mailed from Student Services to the organization and not given to Students. We will mail your scholarships if a transcript is needed. You mail your scholarships when transcripts are NOT needed.)
- Write and rewrite the essay – remove the “fluff,” provide solid reasons. –
- Computer generate or type everything -- typed applications make it to the top.
 - Hint #1: See above on how to scan and convert pdf to an editable format.
 - Hint #2: OR, use a pdf-to-word converter available on line.
- Do not use acronyms or abbreviations – spell everything out.
- Be professional, check for grammar, and check for spelling errors.
- Be neat – no whiteout, erasures, or paper smudges.
- Take responsibility for your application. Does it need to be signed or have other documentation submitted with it? Submit all materials together. Keep a copy for your records.
- Scholarships collected in Student Services are due on the due date by 4:00PM (Hard & Fast Rule) unless noted on the scholarship bulletin above.
- Please note: You may access scholarships using either *Internet Explorer or Google Chrome from home. If you have difficulty accessing local scholarship web links, check your browser to see that it is up to date and in-sync. If still having difficulty, you can also try to save it to your desktop (see below * if you have an older version of IE or Windows). From school, use only the Google Chrome browser. These files should open; we do test them; however, if you ever note difficulty and have tried these methods, **please let us know**.
- Attention all students who have *Internet Explorer AND Windows XP (or older version) of Microsoft Word: there is a KNOWN **Microsoft error**. If you have IE, you may want to use Google Chrome or try this wrap-around fix: Open the file. **Choose “SAVE.”**When it states the file name, it will have “.zip” after it. Change this “.zip” to “.docx” and save it to your home computer drive. You can then open the document from your drive. If you have any questions or would like to be shown what to do, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East.

Where do I get more information & how do I find other scholarships?

- **Get Started Here:** Federal Student Aid An Office of the Dept. of Education
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- Don't forget to periodically check the High School Announcements for information on contests open to HS students that could **net you money for college!** <http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/announce/hmessage.htm>
- **UW System SCHOLARSHIPS.** Students attending any UW System campus need to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines and processes. UW information is in one location:
<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/pay-for-college/financial-resources/> *Hint: For UW Manitowoc, look under "UW Colleges" Due April 15th!*
- **LTC Foundation:** <http://gotoltc.edu/foundation/scholarship/> Please note that LTC Foundation has several full-tuition scholarships for specific programs in addition to the general new high school student scholarship. Due mid-to end of April.
- **TIP Grants.** To be considered for the TIP grant a student must meet two criteria. The majority of dependent students who qualify have a parent contribution below \$200 (EFC on the FAFSA; **Check your EFC on your SAR report!**) and are first generation. First generation means neither parent graduated from a four- year college. See Student Services with questions or if you think you may qualify or need assistance. This grant is open until funds are exhausted. <http://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant>

Free Scholarship Search Engines

- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- <http://www.finaid.org/>
- www.fastweb.com;
- <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/>
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>;

Military Scholarships and Benefits

Every branch is different in the amounts and types of educational benefits and scholarships they offer. There is a difference between National and Wisconsin Army Guards as well. Ensure you check out ALL your options if interested in funding your education with a military career. A few places to get started:

- <http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc?source-id=ROTC&content-id=+rotc&medium-id=BMM&campaign-id=G> Military Training Programs BMM
- <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships>
- <http://www.airforce.com/benefits/enlisted-education/>
- <http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education>
- <http://www.goarmy.com/benefits/education-benefits.html>
- <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>
- <http://www.marines.com/being-a-marine/benefits/education>
- <https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc>
- <http://www.navy.com/joining/benefits/education-opportunities.html>
- https://www.uscg.mil/hr/cgi/active_duty/pay_for_college/ta/default.asp

- **FinAid.org: This award-winning site includes a comprehensive database of scholarships, student financial aid information, tools and advice including:**

Lessons Learned: Apply for every scholarship for which you are eligible, no matter how small (or how large). Every dollar you win in scholarships is a dollar less you have to borrow. Your chances of winning a small scholarship are greater than your chances of winning a more lucrative scholarship because they are less competitive. But winning several small scholarships can add up to big money. It also gives you practice for the bigger awards and provides you with credentials to add to subsequent applications. Essays can often be reused on multiple scholarship applications with slight tweaks, saving you a lot of time. Winning a scholarship is a mark of excellence, indicating that someone thought it worthwhile to invest their money in your future.

Be thorough in searching for scholarships. Besides the free online scholarship matching services like FastWeb, ask every organization with which you are associated whether they offer scholarships. These include you and your parents employers, unions and fraternal organizations, religious organizations, ethnic groups, cultural organizations, volunteer groups, clubs, your local PTA and your high school. Ask local businesses, such as community banks, grocery stores, bowling alleys and any other business that is not part of a national chain, whether they sponsor scholarships for local students. The chamber of commerce might have information about local businesses that award scholarships. Also ask your high school guidance counselor and the financial aid administrators at nearby colleges about small local awards.

Additional information for colleges, technical colleges, specialty schools, scholarships, FAFSA, ACT & financial aid are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/valdershighstudentservices/>

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL AID.

- **Fast Tip:** Applying for financial aid should never cost more than a postage stamp!
- **Bonus Tip:** An upfront fee is not needed for scholarship or loan applications!
- If you have questions about financial aid, see the counselor.
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- **UW Help Online** <http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>
- **If you do not have access to a computer at home and do not have study halls to access a school computer, feel free to see Student Services for assistance.**

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