**Some Scholarships are open to all high school grades and some are "grade" specific**

**\*\*\*Please read the requirements carefully as to what grade(s) the scholarship requires\*\*\***

**August DEADLINES**

**'You Deserve it' Scholarship - $1,000**

**Deadline: August 29, 2017  
Requirement:** You must be 16 years of age or older. A one-time, $1,000 scholarship and one (1) month of free access to [**https://scholarshipowl.com/**](https://scholarshipowl.com/)

**Apply Online:**

[**https://scholarshipowl.com/awards/you-deserve-it-scholarship?transaction\_id=102ba949098d35a4f048f1eabc158b&offer\_id=24&affiliate\_id=1085&aff\_sub=&aff\_sub2=&aff\_sub3=&aff\_sub4=&aff\_sub5**](https://scholarshipowl.com/awards/you-deserve-it-scholarship?transaction_id=102ba949098d35a4f048f1eabc158b&offer_id=24&affiliate_id=1085&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&aff_sub3=&aff_sub4=&aff_sub5)**=**

**SP Scholarships - $10,000**

**Deadline: August 31, 2017**

**Requirements:** You must be at least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US. The ScholarshipPoints program was created in 2006 to help students win scholarships without the hassle of filling out paper applications and writing dozens of essays. ScholarshipPoints.com is owned and operated by Edvisors, a company dedicated to helping students plan and pay for college. To date, Edvisors has given away more than $650,000 through the ScholarshipPoints program.

**Apply Online:** [**https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff\_sub=&aff\_sub2=&transaction\_id=1023490048c1dc747a80f3c43e1b6b&utm\_source=&utm\_medium=Affiliate&utm\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&**](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=2361&aff_sub=&aff_sub2=&transaction_id=1023490048c1dc747a80f3c43e1b6b&utm_source=&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPA)&)

**VIP Voice $5,000 Scholarship**

**Deadline: August 31, 2017**  
**Requirements:** Must be at least 13 years of age or older. Once you confirm your registration, you will be eligible to begin taking surveys. For each survey you complete, you will earn VIP points. With our tiered rewards program, the more surveys you take the more points you earn. You must take at least two surveys to be eligible to enter our $5,000 Scholarship Sweepstakes. The more surveys you take the better your chances are to win! You can submit multiple entries by following the instructions on the sponsors website.

\*PLEASE ENSURE AFTER APPLYING YOU CLICK ON THE CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM NPD or YOUR APPLICATION WON'T BE ACCEPTED

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.vipvoice.com/Toluna.MR.TrafficUI/MSCUI/Page.aspx?bid=101&pgtid=12&transid=10288863c0534a2bd7df60df0884c7&rcid=&rsid=1426&subid=&aff\_sub4=&utcoffset=4**](http://www.vipvoice.com/Toluna.MR.TrafficUI/MSCUI/Page.aspx?bid=101&pgtid=12&transid=10288863c0534a2bd7df60df0884c7&rcid=&rsid=1426&subid=&aff_sub4=&utcoffset=4)

**September DEADLINES**

**Siemens Competition in Math and Science**

**Deadline: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 by 11:59pm E/T**

**Requirements:**The Siemens Foundation established the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology in 1999. The Competition is the nation’s premier science research competition for high school students and seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines. Scholarships for winning projects range from $1,000 to $100,000.

**For additional information:**

[**https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/**](https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/)

**Don’t Text and Drive Scholarship - $1,000**

**Deadline: September 30, 2017**

**Requirements:**You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college or graduate school student of any level. Home schooled students are also eligible. There is no age limit. You must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Complete the application form online including a 140-character message about texting while driving. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving.

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship**](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship)

**My Projector Lamps Scholarship**

**Deadline: September 30, 2017**

**Requirements:**Our scholarship contest challenges entrants to create a one page essay detailing your ideas about the use of multimedia and data visualization in K-12 classrooms. Explore modern teaching methods and propose specific ideas for visual and interactive presentation in K-12 classrooms for improved knowledge retention**. Include one printed image of the multimedia used in your classroom.** Must be a minimum age of fourteen years (to date) or older and must follow or ‘LIKE’ the MyProjectorLamps Facebook page. See the official website for additional requirements and application:

[**https://www.myprojectorlamps.com/scholarships.html**](https://www.myprojectorlamps.com/scholarships.html)

**October DEADLINES**

**Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award**

**Deadline I (SENIORS): October 2, 2017**  
**Deadline II: January 8, 2018  
Deadline III: March 5, 2018**

1.     Requirements: Classical instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers (ages 8-18) who have not yet graduated high school.

2.     Applicants must be interested in performing on From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley, and demonstrate (in order of importance): exceptional musical achievement, unmet financial need, solid academic achievement, and strength of character.  Applicants must have strong musical ability and a willingness to perform on our NPR show. All recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award must also perform on From the Top and play at the same musical level as other young performers on the show.

**3.     \*Please note that high school seniors must apply by the October 2 deadline to be eligible.**

**Apply Online at:**

[**https://www.fromthetop.org/apply/scholarship-opportunity-jack-kent-cooke-young-artist-award/**](https://www.fromthetop.org/apply/scholarship-opportunity-jack-kent-cooke-young-artist-award/)

**National Young Arts Foundation Scholarship**

**October 13, 2017 at 11:59pm EST**

**Requirements:** Each of the 10 disciplines (cinematic arts, dance, design arts, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice, and writing) has specific requirements for the audition portfolio. Once you open the application, the requirements will be listed. Must be between the ages of 15 and 18 by December 1st.

Scholarship Amount: up to $10,000

**Apply online at:**

[**http://www.youngarts.org/**](http://www.youngarts.org/)

**College JumpStart Scholarship - $1,000**

**Deadline: October 17, 2017**

**Requirements:**The College JumpStart Scholarship is an annual, merit-based competition -- financial need is not considered -- that is open to 10th-12th graders, college students and non-traditional students. The main requirement is that you are committed to going to school and can express your goals for getting a higher education. You must be a high school 10th, 11th or 12th grader -OR- you are an undergraduate college student or non-traditional student. There are no age limits. You must be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community.

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/**](http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/)

**Thorp Poetry Contest - For SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR GIRLS only**

**Deadline: October 31, 2017**

**Requirements:** Hollins University creative writing program is nationally recognized as one of the best in the country. **They are looking for high school sophomore and junior girls to submit a maximum of 2 poems for the contest.**

**Apply online at:**

[**http://www.hollins.edu/academics/english/thorp.shtml**](http://www.hollins.edu/academics/english/thorp.shtml)

**November DEADLINES**

**2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award  
Deadline: November 7, 2017  
Eligibility Requirements:**  Young volunteer’s grades 5-12 complete the online application and submit them to your school principal or the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or affiliate of HandsOn Network.  
**Scholarship Amount:**$5,000  
**Apply online at:**

[**https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply**](https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply)

**MaryKnoll Essay Contest**

**Deadline: November 10, 2017**

**Requirements:** We invite students (grades 6-12) to write an essay citing examples of violence and tell what actions they are taking or could take to promote peace. Students in grades 6–8 (Division I) and grades 9–12 (Division II) qualify. Entries should be 500–750 words. Students may submit essays online (if 13 or older) or by mail. Mailed essays should be typed or neatly handwritten in ink and stapled. Note: Spelling and grammar count.

**Apply Online at:**

[**http://www.maryknollsociety.org/index.php/articles/2-articles/2-maryknoll-essay-contest-rules**](http://www.maryknollsociety.org/index.php/articles/2-articles/2-maryknoll-essay-contest-rules)

**The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists**

**Deadline: November 15, 2017**

**Requirements:**Founded in memory of James Alan Cox, a television photojournalist, The James Alan Cox Foundation for Student Photojournalists aims to provide financial support to student photographers of high school and college age. Through a variety of funding, including equipment purchases and scholarships for college and technical school classes, the foundation’s mission is to expand educational and developmental opportunities for student photographers demonstrating interest, talent and financial need.

**Student Must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th Grade**

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/application.php**](http://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/application.php)

**The Students of the Year Campaign**

**Nominees for the 2018 campaign must submit an application by November 15th, 2017**

A seven-week initiative in which nominated high school students participate in a fundraising competition to benefit the life-saving mission of LLS: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

The top fundraising candidate or team of students at the end of the seven-week challenge earns the title “Students of the Year” as well as a $2,500 scholarship to the college or university of his/her choice.

**Scroll to the bottom to download both the informational flyer and overview page with deadlines.**

**To nominate a candidate, join a team, or learn more, vist:**

[**http://www.studentseries.org/high-schools/students-of-the-year**](http://www.studentseries.org/high-schools/students-of-the-year)

**December DEADLINES**

**Americanism Essay Contest: What Memorial Day Means to Me**

**Deadline: December 1, 2017**

**Requirements:** Open to grades 7 through 12. Write an essay in 350 words or less on: “What Patriotism means to me.” The grand-national winner will receive $5,000, with additional prizes for the top three essays in each grade category ($2,500 for first place, $1,500 for second place, and $1,000 for third place).

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events\_and\_Programs/7\_12th\_Grade\_Essay\_Contest/Web/Content/Essay\_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a**](http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a)

**Innovation Scholarship Essay Contest - 1st Place – $2,500; 2nd Place – $1,500; 3rd Place – $1,000**

**Deadline: December 1, 2017**

**Requirements:**The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors, and students currently enrolled in 2-year or 4-year colleges or universities in the United States. We believe that getting an education is the best hope for young people to attain a rewarding career in the 21st century. We are proud to offer assistance with scholarship prizes to help further your education.

**To enter, students should write a 600+ word essay on the following topic:**

**What kind of effects do you believe we will face as self-driving cars become more prominent on the roads.**

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.herrmanandherrman.com/scholarship/**](http://www.herrmanandherrman.com/scholarship/)

**Full Scholarship to Study Abroad for a Year in Germany – Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship**

**Deadline: December 12, 2017**

Funded by the U.S. Congress and German Bundestag. Each year, 50 scholarships are awarded to American high school students to live in Germany on a one-year full scholarship. The program aims to foster cultural understanding and diplomacy, while promoting the learning of the German language by direct cultural immersion. Previous knowledge of German language is NOT required. You must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and be between the ages of 15 and 18 and 6 months (18.5) at the start of the program (August 2018). Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholars are considered youth ambassadors of the U.S. and are expected to learn more about the political systems of their country and Germany. The program is approximately 10.5 months, with departure in August 2018 and return in June 2019.

**Apply online at:**

[**http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/app/**](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/app/)

**National WWII Museum Essay Contest**

**Deadline: December 29, 2017, 5:00pm CT**

**Requirements:** Contest is open to all high school students (9th through 12th grade) in the United States, United States Territories, and military bases. Your essay must be 1,000 words or less. Only one essay per student may be submitted. See website for essay topic.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-students/essay-contests/high-school.html**](http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-students/essay-contests/high-school.html)

**Gen and Kelly Tanabe $1,000 Scholarship**

**Deadline: December 31, 2017**

**Requirements:** 9th through 12th grade high school, college, or graduate student including all adult students. Must be a legal resident of the U.S. and currently be in school or planning to start school within the next 12 months.

**Apply Online at:**

[**http://www.gkscholarship.com/**](http://www.gkscholarship.com/)

**NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest**

**Deadline: December 31, 2017  
Eligibility Requirements:** The contest is open to all students enrolled, or who will be enrolled, in an elementary, junior high, or high school during the 2017-2018 academic year, including homeschooled students in an equivalent grade level, who have not previously received a prize in their category. The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund sponsors a scholarly writing contest for grades K-12. The theme for the essay is "What Does The Second Amendment Mean to You?"

First place cash prizes are $1,000, $600 for second place, $200 for third place, and $100 for fourth place.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx**](http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx)

**UNIGO $10,000 Scholarship**

**Deadline: December 31, 2017**

**Requirement:** Surprise! You just got elected president. What’s your first tweet? Candidates must be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application, be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia, be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2023) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education.

**"Surprise! You just got elected president. What’s your first tweet?" (140 characters or less, including spaces)**

[**https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship)

**January DEADLINES**

**The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest"**

**All post contests must be completed by January 24, 2018**

**Requirements:** Open to all 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program “A Constitutional Speech Contest” is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

**Click here for contest rules brochure:** [**http://www.scarolinalegion.org/view/document/2018\_sc\_orat.\_contest\_rules\_brochure\_-\_ledger.pdf**](http://www.scarolinalegion.org/view/document/2018_sc_orat._contest_rules_brochure_-_ledger.pdf)

**For additional information:**

[**http://www.scarolinalegion.org/page/content/programs/hw-dare-maness-high-school-oratorical-contest**](http://www.scarolinalegion.org/page/content/programs/hw-dare-maness-high-school-oratorical-contest)

**2018 Profile in Courage Essay Contest**

**Deadline:  January 4, 2018  
Eligibility:** The contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools; U.S. students under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories; and U.S. citizens attending schools overseas. Past winners and finalists are not eligible to participate.  
**Requirements:** Essays can be no more than 1,000 words but must be a minimum of 700 words. Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count.

* Essays must be the original work of the student.
* John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Edward M. Kennedy are not eligible subjects for essays.
* Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level. See [Contest Information and Topic Guidelines](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Contest-Information-and-Topic-Guidelines.aspx) and [Helpful Tips for Writing Your Essay](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Prepare-Your-Essay/Helpful-Tips-for-Writing-Your-Essay.aspx)for more information.
* Essays about [past recipients of the *Profile in Courage Award*](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Events-and-Awards/Profile-in-Courage-Award/Award-Recipients.aspx) will be disqualified unless they describe an act of political courage other than the act for which the award was given.
* Essays must have a minimum of five sources.

**Amount:**a first-place prize of $20,000 **Apply online:**

[**https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Registration-and-Submission.aspx**](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Registration-and-Submission.aspx)

**ABPA Harrington-Arthur Memorial** **$1,000 Scholarship Essay Competition**

**Deadline: January 31, 2018 11:59 PM (EST)**

**Requirements:** The ABPA Harrington-Arthur Memorial Scholarship Essay Competition was established to reward students that seek to increase their knowledge and understanding of how Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention help ensure safe drinking water. Backflow Prevention is designed to prevent dangerous - and sometimes fatal - bacteria, chemicals and other harmful agents from entering the local water supply systems. Backflow Prevention programs are essential to ensure that the water that reaches your home, school or place of business is as safe and pure as it was when it left the water treatment plant. The competition is open to all persons of high school age (at least age 13 and no older than age 19 as of December 31, 2017), and legal residents of the United States or Canada.

**2017 - 2018 Essay Contest Topic:**

Explain the relationship between lawn irrigation systems and backflow prevention. How can these irrigation systems be a threat to potable water supplies, and how can the water supplies be protected? (700 – 1200 words)

**Apply Online at:**

[**http://www.abpa.org/?page=Scholarship**](http://www.abpa.org/?page=Scholarship)

**SEMPER FIDELIS ALL-AMERICAN PROGRAM**

**Deadline: January 31, 2018**

The title of United States Marine is earned, never given. The same is true of a Semper-Fidelis All-American. Becoming an All-American puts you in elite company and allows opportunities that will open the doors to future success. Proudly presented by the United States Marine Corps, the Semper Fidelis All-American Program recognizes high school students who face life’s battles with the conviction and determination to succeed. These students embody the same fighting spirit that Marines stand for by taking on the challenges of succeeding academically while bettering their communities and excelling in athletics and extracurricular activities. They have turned obstacles into victories through drive and passion and will be recognized for their achievements at the exclusive Battles Won Academy.

**STUDENTS MUST MEET THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION:**

• Be a Junior in High School

• Have a 3.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent

• Be active in community service

• Play a competitive team sport

• Hold a student or community leadership position

As a celebration of their success, selected Semper Fidelis All-Americans will receive an all-expenses paid trip to attend the four-day Battles Won Academy, held in Washington D.C. in July 2018. There they will participate in daily workouts, an immersive Marine Corps experience on base in Quantico, a community service event, teambuilding outings, and a tour of our Nation’s Capital

**For information & application:** [**https://sfaap.marines.com/**](https://sfaap.marines.com/)

**February DEADLINES**

**2018 Drive2Life Student PSA Contest**

**Deadline: February 2, 2018**

**Requirements:** Help Prevent Speeding for students in grades 6–12. Each participating student must create a storyboard or written script for a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) to help prevent speeding.

**One Grand Prize winner will win $1,000 and a trip to NYC to have his or her PSA filmed professionally.** Plus, the winner and his or her PSA video will be featured on Teen Kids News and in select Scholastic magazines!

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.scholastic.com/drive2life/contest/**](http://www.scholastic.com/drive2life/contest/)

**We the Students Essay Contest**

**Deadline: February 5, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT**

**Requirements:** The Contest is open to all United States citizens or legal residents who are students who are no older than 19 and no younger than 14 as of the end of the Contest Period who (1) attend school in the United States, one of its territories or districts, or an American Armed Forces School Abroad, and (2) who are in grades 8 -12 attending public, private, religious, or charter schools, or (3) are enrolled in a GED or correspondence school program, or (4) are attending a home school program..

Essay Question: To what extent in the U.S. does the government–federal, state, and local–have the duty to monitor internet content? In your answer, incorporate Constitutional principles and specific examples (including current events) that support your conclusion.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/**](http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/)

**Courageous Persuaders – Make a Commercial and win Scholarship Money**

**Deadline: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

**Requirements:** Create a TV commercial (must be 30 seconds long or less) targeted at middle school students to warn them about the dangers of underage drinking or the dangers of texting while driving. Students can enter separate videos in both categories. Middle School classrooms are your target audience. Videos will be judged on originality, creativity and persuasiveness. Win scholarship money and trophies, have fun, and gain valuable experience. Open to all high school students in grades 9-12 - not only those taking video production. Winners will be selected based on ideas. And you all have great ideas.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.courageouspersuaders.com/**](http://www.courageouspersuaders.com/)

**Pet Lifestyle And You (P.L.A.Y) Scholarship**

**Deadline: February 15, 2018 by 11:59pm PT**

**Requirements:** Are you a student that loves to help animals? **All participants must be enrolled as full-time high school juniors or seniors**. Entries are limited to one submission per person. Immediate family members of P.L.A.Y. employees are excluded from this contest. To apply, students will submit an essay with 2-3 photos of their volunteer efforts to help animals in need and how that involvement has changed their lives or shaped their perceptions on the importance of animal welfare.

**First Prize: $1,000 Scholarship**

**Apply Online at:**

[**http://www.petplay.com/scholarship/**](http://www.petplay.com/scholarship/)

**The Christopher’s Poster Contest for High School Students**

**Deadline: February 19, 2018**

**Requirements:** High school students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to enter our annual Poster Contest for High School Students by creating a poster interpreting the theme One Person Can Make a Difference. See Flyer: [**https://www.christophers.org/document.doc?id=1061**](https://www.christophers.org/document.doc?id=1061)

**PRIZES:** First Prize - $1000**;** Second Prize - $500**;** Third Prize - $250**;** Up to five Honorable Mentions of $100 each.

**For additional contest rules and entry application link go to**: [**http://www.christophers.org/page.aspx?pid=274**](http://www.christophers.org/page.aspx?pid=274)

**Toyota Teen Driver Video Contest**

**Deadline: February 28, 2018**

Learning to drive is one of the coolest times for a teen. But facts have shown it can be extremely dangerous. You have the power to inspire your fellow teens, maybe better than a teacher or a parent can, because you know what messages will be the most powerful. Create a 30-60 second video for your fellow teen drivers that highlights the importance of safe teen driving and you could win $15,000, or one of 14 other prizes!

**All students 9th through 12th grade can apply!**

**1st Place**: $15,000 and the chance to work with a Discovery film crew to reshoot your video into a TV-ready PSA; **2nd Place:** $10,000 and a behind-the-scenes trip to a Velocity show taping; **3rd Place:** $7,500

**People's Choice:** $5,000 and a behind-the-scenes trip a Velocity show taping; **4th Place - 10th Place**: $2,500

**Four Regional Winners**: $1,000

**See website for contest rules and information.**

[**http://www.teendrive365inschool.com/teens/video-challenge**](http://www.teendrive365inschool.com/teens/video-challenge)

**March DEADLINES**

**Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest**

**Deadline: March 9, 2018**

**Requirements: Any high school student graduating in 2018 or 2019 (juniors & seniors) is eligible to enter the contest. There is no religious requirement. Entries must be mailed and postmarked by March 9, 2018.**

Students can win up to $2,000 for college by writing an essay discussing whether public school calendars should accommodate religious holidays in the 2018 Religious Liberty Essay Scholarship Contest. To enter, students must write an 800-1,200 word essay responding to the following prompt:

In most public high schools, certain days are marked as religious holidays on the school calendar, and the schools are closed on those days. As public schools become more diverse, some students’ religious holy day(s) are not days that the schools are closed, resulting in absences for those students.

In an essay, discuss whether public school calendars should accommodate religious holidays.

Consider how school administrators should determine if, or which, religious holy days are included in the school calendar, or if any school policies should be changed to better accommodate students’ religious exercise. Be sure your essay identifies how the First Amendment supports your position.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://bjconline.org/contest/**](http://bjconline.org/contest/)

**American Foreign Service - National High School Essay Contest $2,500**

**Deadline: March 15, 2018**

**Requirements:** This is the 20th year of this prestigious contest, which encourages high school students **(9th through 12th grade)** to think about important international issues and learn about one of America's best kept secrets: The United States Foreign Service. The United States has many tools to advance and defend its foreign policy and national security interests around the world—from diplomatic approaches pursued by members of the Foreign Service, to the range of options available to the U.S. military. In countries affected by or vulnerable to violent conflict, peace-building tools are important additions to the national security toolkit.

In such complex environments, cooperation across agencies and approaches is challenging, but it can also blend knowledge and skills in ways that strengthen the overall effort to establish a lasting peace. On the other hand, lack of coordination can lead to duplication of effort, inefficient use of limited resources and unintended consequences.

In a 1,000-1,250-word essay, identify two cases—one you deem successful and one you deem unsuccessful—where the U.S. pursued an integrated approach to build peace in a conflict-affected country. Analyze and compare these two cases, addressing the following questions:

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest**](http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest)

**April DEADLINES**

**E-Waste Scholarship - $1,000**

**Deadline: April 30, 2018**

**Requirements:** You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college or graduate school student of any level. Home schooled students are also eligible. There is no age limit. You must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Complete the application form below including a 140-character message about e-waste. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about e-waste.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship**](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship)

**May DEADLINES**

**American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program**

**Deadline: May 1, 2018**

**Requirements:** Applicant must be currently enrolled as a High School Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior (2021, 2020, 2019, or 2018); and, must be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen. Relatives of the American College Foundation Staff are not eligible to apply. **Financial need is NOT considered; all income levels are encouraged to apply.**

**A 500-word, typed, double-spaced essay on "Why College is Important to Me"**

**Awards range from $1,000 to $5,000 each; with multiple winners to be selected.**

**Apply Online:** [**http://www.americancollegefoundation.org/college\_planning/visionary\_scholarship\_terms.aspx**](http://www.americancollegefoundation.org/college_planning/visionary_scholarship_terms.aspx)

**Quit Smoking Scholarship - $5,000**

**May 31, 2018 at 11:00 PM (PST)**

**Requirements**: Must be 14 years or older. Smoking is the #1 cause of preventable death in the world and it’s directly or indirectly responsible for over 480,000 fatalities in the United States alone. More than one billion smokers are struggling with this affliction currently, and, make no mistake, it is an affliction. Nearly 70% of smokers WANT to quit smoking and around 40% have tried to do that at least once during their smoking careers. Furthermore, the tobacco industry is devastating our eco-systems, poisoning our water and land, and turning fertile soil into a wasteland. Helping smokers quit by advocating sensible cessation solutions will benefit every single one of us if we’re successful.

**What we need from you is an essay between a 1,000 and 1,500 words that provides an answer to the following questions:**

* How is smoking hurting individuals and the society as a whole?
* Society takes a much stricter stance on a lot of less harmful substances – why is smoking still largely off the radar of most governments?
* How can we tackle the smoking epidemic? What would be our best course of action in the fight against smoking and why do you believe it would work
* How do you imagine a smoke-free world and how does it differ from the world we live in today?
* If you could offer current smokers one piece of advice, what would it be

**For additional information and application:** [**https://ecigarettereviewed.com/scholarship**](https://ecigarettereviewed.com/scholarship)

**TRIPLE-IMPACT COMPETITOR® SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Deadline: May 31, 2018**

**Requirements**: Must be any high school **Junior (class of 2019**) residing in the United States that plays a high school or club sport and maintains a GPA of 2.5 or higher. PCA awards scholarships of $1,000-$2,000 (depending on location) to high school athletes, based on their responses to questions pertaining to how they meet the standard defined in Elevating Your Game: Becoming a Triple-Impact Competitor by PCA Founder Jim Thompson. Must respond to all three prompts:

**A Triple-Impact Competitor® makes positive contributions on three levels:**

* Makes oneself better (Personal Mastery);
* Makes teammates better (Leadership); and
* Makes the sport better (Honoring the Game)

**For additional information and application:** [**https://positivecoach.org/awards-programs/triple-impact-competitor-scholarships/**](https://positivecoach.org/awards-programs/triple-impact-competitor-scholarships/)

**June DEADLINES**

**Digital Privacy Scholarship $1,000**

**Deadline: June 30, 2018**

**Requirements**: You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college or graduate school student of any level. Home schooled students are also eligible. There is no age limit. You must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Complete the application form including a 140-character message about digital privacy. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about digital privacy.

**Apply Online:**

[**http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/digital-privacy-scholarship/**](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/digital-privacy-scholarship/)