

SCHOLARSHIPS
RJ Reynolds High School
September 20, 2023

The RJR Scholarship Newsletter includes local, regional, and national scholarships, scholarships for which a school nomination is required, and a few scholarships specific to local colleges and universities. High School seniors will find that most scholarship opportunities will come from colleges and universities in the form of merit-based and need-based scholarships.

The RJR Scholarship Newsletter highlights a sampling of opportunities at individual colleges and universities but does not include the full scope of aid opportunities available. Please refer to the colleges and universities directly for a comprehensive list of scholarships and the procedures around applying for them.

Applying for scholarships and financial aid is an essential (and potentially stressful) part of the college planning process. While many students may receive merit scholarships, all students may receive financial aid based on family income and resources. In general, you must apply to be awarded merit-based scholarships, need-based scholarships, and financial aid.

For scholarships published in the RJR scholarship newsletter, please follow the information, procedures, and contact links for the individual scholarships. **As always, we are here to help!** Students should make an appointment to see their counselor if they have questions and need support.

Be Reynolds Ready – Create a FAFSA ID <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

The revised **2024–25 FAFSA** form will be available to upload in **December**. **The date is TBD.**
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

North Carolina A&T Honors Program Scholarships – 3 scholarship opportunities

Please see below for the criteria for the scholarships. Students may seek a school nomination or self-nominate for these scholarships. To be considered for a nomination, please **email** Mrs. Beale nbbeale@wsfcsk12.nc.us or your counselor by **October 25, 2023** and put "**Nominate for NCA&T Honors**" in the subject. You must use this link <https://applyhonors.ncat.edu/> to create an account to be considered for a nomination.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T HONORS PROGRAM CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: To be nominated student should be proficient in areas of both the arts and sciences, show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Average 4.00+ weighted cumulative GPA , ACT 28+, Average SAT 1280+ (optional for Fall 2023)

Awards: A fully funded 4 year scholarship

Deadline: November 15, 2023 **See nomination deadline above**

Contact: For more information <https://www.ncat.edu/honors/cheatham-white-scholars.php>

NORTH CAROLINA A&T HONORS PROGRAM DOWDY SCHOLARS

Criteria: Entering freshmen who have shown excellence in academics and scholarly leadership in high school; exceptional character and leadership; minimum weighted GPA of 3.75 to be nominated. ACT 27+, Average SAT 1270+ (optional for Fall 2023)

Awards: Full scholarship with additional programming

Deadline: November 15, 2023 **See nomination deadline above on page 1**

Contact: For more information: <https://www.ncat.edu/honors/dowdy-scholars-program/index.php>

NORTH CAROLINA A&T HONORS PROGRAM FEBRUARY ONE SCHOLARS

Criteria: Embody the characteristics of the A&T Four through exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Must pursue an undergraduate degree in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Education or the College of Health and Human Sciences. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale and a minimum score of 1270 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT (optional for Fall 2023).

Awards: Full scholarship with additional programming

Deadline: November 15, 2023 **See nomination deadline above on page 1**

Contact: For more information: <https://www.ncat.edu/honors/february-one-scholars-program.php>

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Be admitted as a freshman in the fall semester into a baccalaureate program at NCCU, show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Applicants must have a cumulative (weighted) grade point average of 4.0 or higher. SAT 1280+ or an ACT 28+

Awards: A fully funded 4-year scholarship (Reynolds had a winner in 2018)

Deadline: December 1, 2023

Contact: **Email** Mrs. Beale nbbeale@wsfcsk12.nc.us by **October 16, 2023** if you would like to be considered for this scholarship and put **“Nominate for NC Central Cheatham-White”** in the subject.
North Carolina Central Link <https://www.nccu.edu/usp/cheatham-white-scholarship-program>

JEFFERSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Criteria: Demonstrated uncommon academic abilities, exceptional leadership talents and an understanding of the broader community around them-LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, CITIZENSHIP (**one RJR senior** may be nominated to apply and will be selected by the RJR scholarship committee)

Awards: 4 years of tuition, fees, room & board, and expenses; extensive enrichment program (over \$346,500 for non-Virginians)

Deadline: December 1, 2023 is the deadline for submission of all forms.
If you are seeking the nomination, **October 16, 2023** is the deadline for completing the Senior Resume Google Form and upload all attachments (college essay and awards & activities documents)
To be considered, please **email** Mrs. Beale nbbeale@wsfcs.k12.nc.us and put **“Nominate for Jefferson”** in the subject.

Contact: Complete information available at www.jeffersonscholars.org

JOHN M. BELK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM @ DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Criteria: Seniors with the following attributes: intellectual depth and academic achievement, strength of character and integrity, global awareness, commitment to service, and leadership ability and potential for continuing impact (**RJR may nominate TWO seniors**)

Awards: Eight Belk Scholars will be chosen, each receiving an annually renewable scholarship equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees and special study stipends.

Deadline: November 1, 2023 for nomination deadline - November 15, 2023 for a completed admission application
If you are seeking a nomination, **October 16, 2023** is the deadline for completing the Senior Resume Google Form and upload all attachments (college essay and awards & activities documents)
To be considered, please **email** Mrs. Beale nbbeale@wsfcs.k12.nc.us and put **“Nominate for Belk”** in the subject.

Contact: Find more details at www.davidson.edu/Belk

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY WILSON COLLEGE OF TEXTILES SCHOLARSHIPS

- Criteria: To be eligible for any incoming first-year scholarship (Centennial, Textile Pioneer, NCTF or Prestige) Apply for fall 2024, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State by the Early Action deadline, **November 1st** At every stage of the selection process, the Scholarship Advisory Board evaluates candidates on the following criteria: academic achievement throughout high school, proven and potential leadership qualities, active participation in extracurricular activities, unique experiences and a passion for the textile industry.
- Awards: Various - see website for details
- Deadline: Any student who applies for admission by the Early Action deadline, November 1, and has selected a textiles baccalaureate undergraduate degree program for their first major choice will be endorsed and receive access to the scholarship application.
- Contact: For more information go to <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

GOODNIGHT SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Criteria: Be a NC resident, select a STEM career, and demonstrate a history of exceptional academic performance
- Awards: Scholarships valued at \$23,000 and are renewable for up to four years
- Deadline: Must submit general NCSU application for admission by November 1, 2023 Indicate a family income of less than \$120,000 on the NC State Application.
Self-nominations open November 1, 2023 and are due December 1, 2023.
- Contact: Find more information at <http://goodnight.ncsu.edu/>

THE ROBERTSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ UNC-CHAPEL HILL AND DUKE UNIVERSITY

- Criteria: Scholars that pursue a range of passions, academic interests, and personal and professional goals; strong applicants demonstrate purposeful leadership, intellectual curiosity, strength of character and collaborative spirit.
- Awards: Full merit scholarships
- Deadline: November 15, 2023
- Contact: Complete information available at www.robertsonscholars.org

THE THOMAS WOLFE SCHOLARSHIP @ UNC-CHAPEL HILL

- Criteria: Student writers who will apply to UNC-Chapel Hill for fall 2024; sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and Department of English, must agree to minor in Creative Writing
- Awards: One full 4 year scholarship
- Deadline: November 15, 2023 and UNC-CH admissions application must be completed by October 15, 2023
- Contact: Complete information at:
<https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-and-awards/the-thomas-wolfe-scholarship/>

HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION YOUTH AWARDS

- Criteria: Have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA, be of Hispanic Heritage, excel in the classroom and community, must enroll in an accredited higher education institution in 2024-25.
- Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze recipients are selected in each category (view website) and will receive a one-time grant up to \$4,000 to fund their college education.
- Deadline: November 13, 2023
- Contact: Apply at <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- Criteria: The Program which was named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences. Demonstrate financial need.
- Awards: Scholarships (\$10,000 per year for four years)
- Deadline: December 1, 2023
- Contact: Information and application available at: <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/>

ARMY ROTC

Criteria: Be a U.S. citizen, be at least 17, have a high school GPA of at least 2.50, have taken the SAT or ACT, meet physical standards, agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

Awards: Visit Website

Deadline: Varies

Contact: Complete information available at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html#>

AIR FORCE ROTC

Criteria: Competition is based on the whole-person concept (academics, demonstrated leadership, athletics), minimum GPA 3.0, SAT 1240 or ACT 26, meet physical requirements.

Awards: Visit Website

Deadline: December 31, 2023 to open an application and January 11, 2024 to complete.

Contact: Complete information available at <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>

MURRAY FAMILY ACCESS SCHOLARS PROGRAM (APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY)

Criteria: NC resident, first year – fulltime student, adjusted gross income cannot exceed 100% of federal poverty guidelines

Awards: Students receive an education at Appalachian debt-free for all four years.

Deadline: Submit the application for admission by November 1, 2023
Complete the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
Complete FAFSA in December 2023

Contact: Information / application <https://universitycollege.appstate.edu/access>

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Criteria: Students that will graduate in spring of 2023 with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need. Will consider participation in advanced courses and commitment to learning. Leadership, persistence and service to others. The average family income of Cooke Foundation scholars selected this past year was \$40,000

Awards: Various scholarships up to \$55,000 per year

Deadline: November 26, 2023 Student will apply through the Common App.

Contact: More information and online application at: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

UNCF: UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF)

Criteria: UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. Each year, they award more than \$100 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 students at more than 1,100 schools across the country, including our prestigious network of 37 HBCUs. They also manage a variety of scholarship programs, such as the [UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship](#) and the [UNCF/Koch Scholars Program](#). Each of these programs – as well as dozens of other internships, fellowships, and faculty development opportunities – comes with its own eligibility criteria, application requirements and deadlines.

Awards: Various

Deadline: Various

Contact: For information <https://www.uncf.org/scholarships>

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

Criteria: The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Awards: 150 scholarships of \$20,000

Deadline: **October 2, 2023**

Contact: Apply online at www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION “MOST VALUABLE STUDENT” SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria: High school seniors based on academics, leadership, service and financial need.
Awards: Local Regional, State, and National scholarships (500 four-year awards), ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, plus six local scholarships will be awarded
Deadline: November 13, 2023
Contact: Applications available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm (Carefully follow all directions and seek assistance from Mrs. Beale, if you have questions). Select our local lodge – Elks Lodge #449.
Questions email Scholarship@elks.org

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: High school senior and participating in a school curriculum that involves health care activities. It is not necessary that the student already be accepted for enrollment in a post high school nursing program but he/she must have made application. If the student is not accepted to or pursuing a qualified post high school program in nursing, the award is forfeited
Awards: Ten \$1,000
Deadline: December 8, 2023
Contact: Applicants must print the scholarship and mail to Elks Lodge #449, PO Box 25924, Winston-Salem, NC 27114. Application available at: <https://ncelks.org/programs/nursing-scholarship/>

WINSTON-SALEM / FORSYTH COUNTY EMANCIPATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Academic Excellence (at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale), character, service to the community, strength of essay, personal interview
Awards: \$1,000 (several)
Deadline: October 31, 2023
Contact: Application available on the RJR website in the Guidance tab:
<https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/124704>

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Criteria: 2023 Essay Title: With politics gaining the bulk of discussion, what can the younger generation do to ensure that elected leaders understand the impact of gaining their vote?
Awards: Four scholarships - \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000
Deadline: October 20, 2023
Contact: Application available on the RJR website in the Guidance tab:
<https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/124704>