

CASH FOR COLLEGE

Local Scholarships 2025-2026

A listing of scholarships available to students in Yavapai County pursuing their educational goals.

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This year marks our 10th annual Cash for College. The focus of the event remains the same: informing students about the opportunities for financial support in pursuing their educational goals. Whether you are attaining a secondary education at a university, community college, career/technical school, or are returning to school after a pause in your education, many opportunities await you!

We know you have a lot to think about as you plan your next steps. We hope you use this resource as you apply to colleges and career/technical schools. Keep the search going with platforms like [College Board](#), [FastWeb](#), and [Unigo](#), and never use a scholarship service that requires you to pay. Good luck as you apply for scholarships!

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PRESCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

Badger Student Body Boosters Scholarship

Available to Prescott High School seniors who complete the application and essay.

Award amount: Varies
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the Prescott High School Advisement Office for more information.

C. Derk Janssen Memorial Scholarship

Open to a Prescott High School graduate who is continuing their education after graduation which focuses on furthering reading, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving. Possible majors include English, environmental studies, and political science.

Award amount: \$2,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Denise Bussart-Walker Scholarship

Open to Prescott High School graduating seniors who plan to attend a two-year college, four-year college, or technical/vocational program. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Financial need will be considered.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: May 1, 2025
To apply: Contact Meghan Anderson at the PHS Advisement Office or visit the [PUSD Education Foundation website](#).

Dr. Kenneth and Iris Walker Scholarship

Open to a Prescott High School graduating senior who has an interest in pursuing post-secondary studies that will lead to a career in teaching and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater. Financial need will be considered.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: May 1, 2025
To apply: Contact Meghan Anderson at the PHS Advisement Office or visit the [PUSD Education Foundation website](#).

Gheral Brownlow Memorial Track Scholarship

Open to any Prescott High School graduate who participated in track and field or cross country. A letter of recommendation from a teacher is a requirement of the application.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Judge Rosenblatt Scholarship

Open to law school students at the University of Arizona who graduated from Prescott High School.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Prescott High School Alumni Half Century Club Scholarship

Open to any Prescott High School graduate who will continue their education within one year. A letter to the scholarship committee is a requirement of the application.

Award amount: Up to \$1,000
Deadline: April 15, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Prescott Unified School District Education Foundation Scholarship

Open to Prescott High School graduating seniors. Available to students planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, or technical/vocational program. GPA of 3.0 or higher. Financial need will be considered.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: May 1, 2025
To apply: Contact Meghan Anderson at the PHS Advisement Office or visit the [PUSD Education Foundation website](#).

COTTONWOOD/CAMP VERDE

Camp Verde Healing Arts Scholarship

Open to Camp Verde High School graduates to support their pursuit of a degree in veterinary sciences or medical sciences.

Award amount: Starting at \$2,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#).

Northern Arizona Scholarship Fund

Open to graduates of Mingus Union High School who have either received a scholarship from the Northern Arizona Fund of Mingus Connection in Cottonwood, AZ when they were a senior, plan to attend a two-year, four-year, or vocational school, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, demonstrate financial need, and submit an essay related to financial need on the ACF application.

Award amount: \$3,000
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more information.

PRESCOTT

Forrest Scholarship for Prescott Students

Open to any graduating senior from a public high school in Prescott who demonstrates financial need to pursue their secondary education at a two-year college, four-year college, or technical/vocational program.

Award amount: Starting at \$1,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

PRESCOTT VALLEY

Frank Oxborrow Memorial Youth Community Service Scholarship

Available to students attending an accredited vocational school or for enrollment at a college or university.

Award amount: Two \$1,000 scholarships available
Deadline: April 20, 2025
To apply: Visit [prescottvalleylions.org](#) to apply or email the [Prescott Valley Lions Club](#) for more information.

Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Offered to a graduating senior from a Prescott Valley school or who lives in Prescott Valley.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: April 19, 2025
To apply: Visit the Chamber’s [website](#) for more information or email [Marnie Uhl](#) for an application.

QUAD CITIES

Democratic Women of Prescott Area Scholarship

Open to any graduating high school senior from the Quad Cities area who is a registered Democrat (if 18-years-old) or has one parent or grandparent who is a registered Democrat, or is a DACA student. Students are asked to submit an essay on the topic “How I Would Change the World.”

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 10, 2025
To apply: Email the [College Scholarship Committee](#) or visit the [Democratic Women of Prescott website](#) for more information.

Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Offered via the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating Yavapai County Quad-Cities public high school senior. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, be a citizen of the U.S. and intend to continue their education following high school.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: April 11, 2025
To apply: Email the [League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County](#).

Findlay Auto Group Educational Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all graduating seniors in the Quad Cities area who will attend Yavapai College. Applicants need to demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, and a dedication to the community.

Award amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Ira & Mary Lou Fulton Moral & Ethical Leadership Scholarship

Via the Brigham Young University Management Society Prescott Chapter, this opportunity is open to students who will be attending any college or university full-time in the fall of 2025. Students must be from Prescott, Prescott Valley, or Chino Valley. Two essays and two letters of recommendation are required.

Award amount: \$500 - \$1,000
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [BYU Prescott Chapter website](#). For more information email the [Prescott Chapter](#).

Kiwanis Club of Prescott Community Service Scholarship

Two types of scholarships will be awarded. 1) Academic scholarship for high school seniors pursuing a secondary education. 2) Scholarship for student choosing to attend a local trade school. Applicants must provide written proof of community services with written explanation of your views on the importance of community service and a copy of the student’s unofficial academic transcript.

Award amount: Amount may vary for both types of scholarships
Deadline: April 14, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Kiwanis Club of Prescott website](#). Contact Jerry Mason at jltedc@gmail.com or John Rush at 6198951008@vzwpix.com for more information.

Mingus Mountain Law Group Scholarship

Open to a graduating senior from BASIS school, Prescott High School, Bradshaw Mountain High School, Chino Valley High School, Tri-City College Prep High School, or AAEC Prescott Valley who will be attending post-secondary education and has a background in volunteering and community service.

Award amount: 2 - \$1,500
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

My Kids’ Dentist Scholarship

Open to a graduating senior in the Quad-Cities area. Applicants must create and submit an original oral health project or promotion. Please keep written material under 300 words and audio/visual material under three minutes.

Award amount: \$1,000 to the student and \$250 to the student’s club or team of choice
Deadline: April 6, 2025
To apply: Visit the [My Kids’ Dentist website](#) or email [My Kids’ Dentist](#) for more information.

Prescott Palette Scholarship

Offered via El Gato Azul and Gato Community Gives, this opportunity is for students who possess a strong desire to pursue additional education in all areas with an emphasis on culinary, visual, or performing arts, and writing/communication. Candidates may be enrolled part or full-time in a college-level program with an emphasis on the above.

Award amount: \$250 - \$5,000
Deadline: February 28, 2025
To apply: Email [Barry Barbe](#).

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Educational Scholarship

Offered to a graduating high school senior in the Quad Cities area. Student must have applied to and have plans to attend an accredited college/university or career/technical school after high school graduation. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for the trade school application and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is required for the college application.

Award amount: \$1,000 (1 for trade school & 1 for college attendance)
Deadline: March 9, 2025
To apply: Visit the [St. Luke Episcopal Church website](#) or contact Trampus Tribbey at 928.533.4964 for more information.

SEDONA & THE VERDE VALLEY

Dr. Jay Fleishman Memorial Scholarship

Offered via the Fleishman Foundation is open to 2025 high school graduates from accredited public, charter, and private schools in Cottonwood, Camp Verde, and Cornville areas. Top 25% of class; attending an accredited community college or 4-year college/university, financial need is considered.

Award amount: \$500 per semester, up to \$4,000 over four years
Deadline: March 31, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Rotary Club of the Verde Valley website](#) or email the [club](#) for more information.

Helen Wolfe Scholarship

Open to a female who is a permanent resident of the Verde Valley. The student must have already been accepted to an accredited academic or career/technical institution, be a reentering student whose education has been interrupted, and exhibit financial need and academic merit.

Award amount: Up to \$3,500
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Sedona Women website](#). For more information, contact [Becky Griffin](#).

Lillian & Gordon Macgregor Scholarship Fund of Sedona

Supports tuition and books for all physical medical fields such as nurses, physical therapists, doctors, technicians, etc. for greater Sedona residents to attend colleges, public and private, in or out of state.

Award amount: \$2,500. Possible renewal up to four years.
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more info.

Mary Harbert Railsback Scholarship

Open to students who graduated from a high school in Sedona or the Verde Valley or a current resident of the area. Minimum GPA of 2.5. Preference for those studying art, but all majors will be considered.

Award amount: Varies and is renewable
Deadline: April 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more info.

Pat Marr Memorial Scholarship for Vocational Excellence

Open to students of all ages from Sedona or the Verde Valley for enrollment in a career/technical education program. Students pursuing certificates in a medical-related field are not eligible. A GPA of 2.5 or higher is required and preference is given to those with community involvement.

Award amount: \$250 - \$1,500
Deadline: Four awards per year; February, April, June, and November
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more info.

Pathway to Careers: a Sedona/Verde Valley Career and Technical Education Scholarship

Open to a high school or GED graduate from Sedona/the Verde Valley pursuing a career/technical education. A GPA of 2.5 or higher is required, and community involvement and an essay will be considered. Preference is given to students currently employed with a nonprofit, business entity, or governmental agency in Sedona/the Verde Valley.

Award amount: Multiple awards, with amounts ranging from \$2,000 - \$5,000
Deadline: Four times per year; February, April, June, and November
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more info.

Rotary Club of the Verde Valley Academic Scholarship

Open to any 2025 high school graduate from a Verde Valley high school or home schooled in the Verde Valley, not including Sedona. Applicants must be in the top 25% of their class and plan to attend a four-year college/university. Financial need is considered.

Award amount: \$500 per semester, up to \$4,000 over four years
Deadline: March 31, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Rotary Club of the Verde Valley website](#) or email the [club](#) for more info.

Rotary Club of the Verde Valley Vocational Scholarship

Supports Mingus Union High School graduates who plan to attend a vocational program at a technical/vocational school or community college for any vocational associate degree or career/technical certification program.

- Award amount: Up to \$3,000
- Deadline: Ongoing: must apply with 3 years of high school graduation
- To apply: Visit the [Rotary Club of the Verde Valley website](#) or email the [club](#) for more info.

University Women of Sedona Scholarship

The University Women of Sedona Scholarship is open to a female student who is a permanent resident of northern Arizona and is attending Northern Arizona University, Coconino Community College, or Yavapai College at the Verde Valley or Sedona campus. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and show financial need.

- Award amount: \$1,450 (full time student); \$800 - \$1,100 (part-time student)
- Deadline: April 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [University Women of Sedona website](#). Email [Debbie Nellis, Ed.D.](#) or call 954.803.6992 for more information.

YAVAPAI COUNTY

Bill Fain Memorial Scholarship

Open to a high school student in Yavapai County who has been accepted and will be attending the University of Arizona, while majoring in agriculture, finance, economics, or business.

- Award amount: \$2,000
- Deadline: March 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [Lisa Sahady](#) for more information.

Earn to Learn

Criteria varies with each college partner for this matched savings scholarship. This opportunity combines student savings with scholarships, financial training, and post-secondary education success coaching.

- Award amount: Student saves \$500 and recieves a \$4,000 scholarship.
- Deadline: Deadline was undetermined at the creation of this documnet
- To apply: Visit the [Earn to Learn website](#). For more information, contact [Courtney Fauss](#).

Gardner Family Teacher Scholarship

Available to a graduate of an accredited high school in Yavapai County or a resident of the county for at least one year and must be planning to teach grades K-12 in Yavapai County. Current GPA of at least 3.0 or your most recent transcript shows improvement. Displaced teacher may also apply whose position in the district/charter has been eliminated and you need additional coursework to continue employment. Planned coursework must lead to a teaching certificate.

- Award amount: \$2,500
- Deadline: March 3, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [Gardner Family Teacher Scholarships website](#), email [Jenn Nelson](#), or call 928.442.5138 for more information.

James A. Fortmann Scholarship

Open to all Yavapai County high school graduates who will be attending an Arizona community college, vocational school, or university. Requirements include: GPA of 2.5 or higher, US citizen, majoring in commercial art, fine art, art education, or art history, and have financial need.

- Award amount: \$5,000 and is renewable
- Deadline: May 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [ACF's Scholarship Team](#) for more information.

Javus B. Fortmann Scholarship

Open to all Yavapai County high school graduates who will be attending an Arizona community college or university. Requirements include: GPA of 2.5 or higher, pursuing a major in education, and have financial need.

- Award amount: \$5,000 and is renewable
- Deadline: May 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#). Email [ACF's Scholarship Team](#) for more information.

Mabel Frank Scholarship

Open to graduating high school seniors and adults returning to school who have been accepted by a postsecondary institution accredited by the US Department of Education. High school graduates need a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applicants need to demonstrate financial need.

- Award amount: Up to \$2,000 (multiple awards available)
- Deadline: March 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit the [Trinity Presbyterian Church Prescott website](#) or email the [Trinity Presbyterian Church Prescott](#) for more information.

Mountain Artists Guild

Open to any Yavapai County graduating senior seeking a degree relating to the visual arts. Applicants must have a current portfolio of visual artwork to submit with application.

Award amount: \$500 to \$1,000
Deadline: May 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Mountain Artists Guild website](#).

P.E.O. Scholarships for Women

Six P.E.O. Scholarships for Women are available. All applicants need to be recommended for a scholarship by one of the local chapters.

Award amount: Award amounts vary by scholarship.
Deadline: Scholarship deadlines vary.
To apply: Visit the [P.E.O. website](#) or [email P.E.O.](#) for more information.

Prescott Western Heritage Keeper Student Scholarship

Open to students between the ages of 16 – 21 years who have residency in Yavapai County, even though they may be studying somewhere else. Students must qualify under specific criteria that exemplify Western heritage.

Award amount: Up to \$2,000
Deadline: September 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Prescott Western Heritage Foundation website](#) to apply and for more information.

Street Dream Scholarship

Open to graduating high school seniors and adults returning to college who have been accepted by a community college accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Preference will be given to students entering public services careers. High school graduates need a GPA of 2.0 or greater.

Award amount: Up to \$2,000 (multiple awards given)
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Trinity Presbyterian Church Prescott website](#) or email the [Trinity Presbyterian Church Prescott](#) for more information.

SunUp Rotary College/University & Vocational Scholarship

Open to any Yavapai County graduating high school senior who will be attending college or vocational training.

Award amount: \$3,000 (several scholarships awarded)
Deadline: March 1, 2025
To apply: Contact Robert Keys at 562.505.8305 for more information.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Funding

Offered by Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), this opportunity is available to residents of Yavapai County per application process.

Award amount: Up to \$6,000
Deadline: Available year-round
To apply: Visit the [Yavapai@Work website](#). For more information contact 928.778.1442 (Prescott) or 928.649.6868 (Cottonwood).

Yavapai Symphony Association Music Scholarship

Open to graduating high school seniors who will be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning as a music-related major. All applicants must submit a 15-minute audition video.

Award amount: Award amounts vary by scholarship.
Deadline: March 15, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Yavapai Symphony website](#) for the scholarship application. Email [The Symphony](#) for more information.

STATEWIDE

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

The online application for ACF’s scholarships will open January 2025. Through ACF’s online system, high school seniors and college students alike complete one application and are automatically matched with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify.

Award amount: Award amounts vary by scholarship.
Deadline: Scholarship deadlines vary starting March 1, apply early to maximize opportunities!
To apply: Visit the [ACF website](#).

Arizona State University Scholarships

Arizona State University offers a variety of scholarships for students who plan to attend ASU.

Award amount: Award amount varies by scholarship.
Deadline: Priority November 1
To apply: Visit the [ASU website](#) for more information.

Dorrance Scholarship Program

Open to seniors who are Arizona residents; graduating from a public, private, charter, or home school who will be the first generation in their family to attend Arizona State University, (Tempe), Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff) or University of Arizona (Tucson); meet academic requirements, demonstrate financial need; and agree to live in on-campus housing during their freshmen and sophomore years.

Award amount: \$12,000 per year.
Deadline: February 5, 2025
To apply: Visit the [Dorrance Scholarship Program website](#) to apply and for more information.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Scholarship

These scholarships are open to students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Award amount: \$4,000 - \$24,000
- Deadline: Rolling application deadline.
- To apply: Visit [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s website](#) for more information.

GEM Environmental Scholarships

Available to students who: 1) have been or are currently enrolled in a S.T.E.M. related program offered by an accredited career/technical school, community college, or university; 2) are able to furnish transcripts for the school of which they were, or currently are, enrolled; 3) are considered “in good standing” with that school; 4) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher; 5) are over the age of 18 or have signed permission by a legal guardian; and 6) show cognitive retention of subject material in their respective fields via a submission essay.

- Award amount: \$500 (undergrad), \$1,000 (graduate or research assistant grant), \$1,500 (Veteran)
- Deadline: Quarterly with applications due in February, May, August, and November.
- To apply: Visit the [GEM Environmental website](#) for more information.

Grand Canyon University Scholarships

Grand Canyon University offers a variety of scholarships for students who plan to attend. Specific requirements for direct high school students and for transfer/gap year/international students may apply.

- Award amount: \$2,000 - \$8,000 (high school); \$2,250 - \$6,250 (transfer/gap year/ international)
- Deadline: Rolling application deadline.
- To apply: Visit the [GCU website](#) or [email Becca Thomas](#) for more information.

Murto Family Foundation Scholarship

Open to graduating high school seniors and adults reentering community college or career/ technical schools. A minimum 3.0 GPA and an interest in studying technical/trades, police, fire, medical, or emergency services are of preference.

- Award Amount: \$500 - \$1,000
- Deadline: April 1, 2025
- To apply: Visit [ACF’s website](#). Email [Shawn Watt](#) for more info.

Northern Arizona University Scholarships

Northern Arizona University offers a variety of scholarships for students who plan to attend.

- Award amount: Award amounts vary by scholarship.
- Deadline: Rolling application deadlines.
- To apply: Visit the [NAU website](#).

Prescott College Scholarships

Prescott College offers a variety of scholarships for students who are planning to attend. Specific scholarship opportunities for first-time students and transfer students.

- Award amount: \$2,000 - \$17,000 per year
- Deadline: Rolling application deadlines.
- To apply: Visit the [Prescott College website](#).

University of Arizona Scholarships

The University of Arizona offers a variety of scholarships for students who are planning to attend, and many specific to transfer students.

- Award amount: \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year from the Transfer Tuition Award or Phi Theta Kappa Award
- Deadline: July 1, 2025 for fall 2025
- To apply: Visit the [University of Arizona website](#).

Yavapai College Scholarships

Yavapai College offers a variety of scholarships for students who plan to attend. The 25-26 Yavapai College Foundation Scholarship application for new or continuing students will be available on the student portal in January 2025.

- Award amount: Award amounts vary by scholarship.
- Deadline: Rolling application deadlines.
- To apply: Visit the [Yavapai College website](#).