

Unusual Scholarships

To find other scholarships for students with specific interests or abilities, see the [profile-based aid section](#) of FinAid or search the [FastWeb scholarship database](#).

Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck at Prom Contest

The Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck on Prom Contest is open to students age 14 years or older who are attending a high school prom in the spring. US citizenship is required. Entrants must enter as an individual and attend a high school prom wearing complete attire or accessories made from duct tape. The submission must include a color photograph of the applicant at Prom. The first-place prize consists of a \$15,000 scholarship for the best dress and \$15,000 for the best tux. Runner up prizes for the best dress and tux are \$1,000 each. There will be ten \$1,000 Judges Choice award winners too. The Duct Tape contest web site includes photographs of the winning costumes. Go to www.stuckatprom.com.

Students for Organ Donation Youth Leadership Award

The Students for Organ Donation Youth Leadership Award is available to full-time high school or undergraduate college students. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Candidates must have made a commitment to raising awareness of organ donation and transplantation. Selection is based on effectiveness, leadership, creativity and sustainability of efforts. Applications may be based either on a report of previous events that have successfully raised organ donation awareness, or a detailed and realistic plan to raise donor awareness. (Receipt of the award is contingent upon confirmed execution of the plan.) The deadline is typically May 31. For more information, go to: <https://www.sodanational.org/scholarships>.

Illustrators of the Future Contest

The Illustrators of the Future Contest is open to artists from all nations. An entry consists of three black and white or color works illustrating a science fiction or fantasy story with no recurring theme. Entries may not have been previously published. \$1,500 in prizes each quarter. Additional information can be found on the website: <https://writersofthefuture.com/contest-rules-illustrator/>

Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contests

The Ayn Rand Institute sponsors several essay contests.

- The *Anthem Essay Contest* is open to high school students. It provides annual cash awards for short, original, unpublished essays on the philosophic themes in Ayn Rand's novel, *Anthem*. Prize is up to \$10,000.
- The *Fountainhead Essay Contest* is open to middle and high school students. It provides annual cash awards for short, original, unpublished essays on the philosophic themes in Ayn Rand's novel, *The Fountainhead*. The grant prize is \$25,000. The deadline is December 20, 2024.
- The *Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest* is open to all high school and college students. It provides annual cash awards for short, original, unpublished essays on the philosophic themes in Ayn Rand's novel, *Atlas Shrugged*. The grand prize is up to \$25,000. The deadline is December 27, 2024.

Essay topics and other information about these contests can be found at www.aynrand.org/contests. For more information, send email to essays@aynrand.org.

Little People of America Scholarship

The Little People of America (LPA) association offers the LPA Scholarship for members of its organization. LPA is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support to people diagnosed with dwarfism. The deadline for the LPA Scholarship is May 31, 2025. \$1,000 award will be given. Go to:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/little-people-of-america-scholarship>

LPA was founded by Billy Barty, the 3'9" actor who starred in Rumpelstiltskin and Willow. The Billy Barty Foundation also sponsors a scholarship for college students who have a medical form of dwarfism.

Tall Clubs International (TCI) Scholarship

Tall Clubs International (TCI) offers a \$1,000 scholarship for tall people, the Kae Sumner Einfeldt Scholarship. Individual chapters may also offer local awards. Women who are at least 5'10" and men who are at least 6'2" are eligible for the award. Candidates must be under 21 years old and plan to attend college in the fall.

<https://tallclubfoundation.org/scholarship/scholarship/>

American Welding Society Scholarships

The American Welding Society Foundation offers several scholarships, fellowships and loans for students enrolled in a welding-related educational or training program. The deadline is March 1. For more information, go to: <https://www.aws.org/career-resources/students/scholarships/>

Eileen J. Garrett Scholarship

The Eileen J. Garrett Scholarship is restricted to students attending an accredited college or university who are studying the science of parapsychology. The award amount is \$2,000. The deadline is July 1. Application forms are available on the web site: <https://parapsychology.org/about-the-scholarship/> .

American Society for Enology and Viticulture

The American Society for Enology and Viticulture awards several scholarships to students studying grapes or winemaking. Candidates must be pursuing a degree in enology, viticulture or other curricula emphasizing a science relevant to the wine and grape industry. The deadline is March 1. Amounts vary. Applications are available on the ASEV website at: <https://www.asev.org/scholarship-programs>

Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest

The Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest awards up to \$2,000 to the winner. The contest is open to any high school senior in the United States who can call ducks. Contestants have 90 seconds to use four calls (hail, feed, comeback and mating). Go to: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/chick-and-sophie-major-memorial-duck-calling-contest>

National Rifle Association Scholarships

The National Rifle Association (NRA) sponsors several scholarships for NRA Junior Members who are interested in shooting and preserving the 2nd amendment. For more information go to:

<https://awards.nra.org/scholarships/>

Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship

The Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG) offers six \$5,000 and one \$10,000 scholarships each year to graduating US high school seniors who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and communities. The application requires an essay about how the applicant promoted vegetarianism in their high school or community. The deadline is February 20. Applications are available on the VRG web site:

<https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

Evans Scholars Foundation

The Western Golf Association sponsors the Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. Scholarship for golf caddies. Scholarship is full-tuition and housing college scholarship for high achieving caddies. Caddies must rank among the top 25 percent of their high school class, have a superior caddie record for two or more years, demonstrate financial need, and have outstanding personal character. To apply, go to: <https://wgaesf.org/a-life-changing-opportunity/applying-evans-scholarship>. Another scholarship for golf caddies is the Francis Ouimet Caddie Scholarship at <https://www.ouimet.org/>.

US Bowling Congress Scholarships

US Bowling Congress sponsors several scholarships for bowlers' worth over 6 million dollars to youth bowlers based on academic, leadership, and on lane performances. For a full list of scholarships and deadlines, go to: <https://bowl.com/youth/scholarships-and-awards/usbc-youth-scholarships>