

# WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

## Scholarship Newsletter – 2026-2027 School Year August 2026

**Databases:** The databases below will allow you the opportunity to create a portfolio that will assist you in finding scholarships that fit your personal needs. It is important that you are as clear and specific as possible to ensure you find all potential scholarships.

**BigFuture Scholarships** – this site has information on scholarships, planning for college, and exploring career options. [BigFuture](#) is operated by [CollegeBoard](#).

**Fastweb**—This scholarship database features around 1.5 million scholarships worth over 3.4 billion dollars, and has been around 15 years. [Fastweb.com](#)

**Going Merry** – Build a profile and get matched with eligible scholarships! There is also an option to search the database

**Scholarships.com**—This free scholarship database has been around since 1999, and has around .7 million college scholarships worth more than 19 billion dollars.

**Sallie Mae.com**—This site provides a free search of 3 million scholarships totaling over 16 billion dollars.

**Wells Fargo Tuition Funding Sources**—This site has information on over 7 million scholarships worth \$41 billion. Visit [Tuition Funding Sources.com](#)

**DACA** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) Scholarship Information:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/>

<http://www.scholarshipsaz.org/>

### [Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships](#)

Scholarships available through the Arizona Community Foundation's General Application appear below. You can filter your search by financial need, course type, location, and/or status. Filling out the ACF General Application will match you with any of these scholarships for which you are eligible.

| <u><b>Deadline</b></u> | <u><b>Scholarship Opportunity</b></u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Deadlines Vary</b>  | <a href="#">Kids' Chance Scholarship</a><br>Students who have a parent who was injured while working. Student submits: proof of injury/death, letters of recommendation, high school transcript showing a 2.5 GPA, one-page letter explaining educational goals and need for financial assistance, and a copy of their FAFSA. Award amounts vary, no deadline. |
|                        | <a href="#">United Negro College Fund</a><br>A variety of scholarships. Students will need to share income and GPA. Amounts vary, deadlines ongoing.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                        | <a href="#">Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs</a><br>A variety of scholarships offered; Career & Technical Education, National, Targeted, and State Scholarships. Multiple scholarships for each category with a variety of deadlines.                                                                                                                        |
|                        | <a href="#">RSI (HVAC) Scholarships</a><br>A variety of scholarships for students interested in attending the Refrigeration School or another school focusing on HVAC. Award amounts and deadlines vary.                                                                                                                                                       |
|                        | <a href="#">Scholarship Points</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                  | <p>Edvisors owns ScholarshipPoints.com where a student can apply to multiple scholarship without submitting paper applications. Ten \$1,000 scholarships are awarded throughout school year. For information, go to scholarshippoints.com for more information.</p> <p><a href="#">National Youth Safety Essay Scholarship Contest</a><br/>Students must submit a written or video essay describing how the OSHA 10-Hour card has made an impact on recognizing hazards. Four winners will be chosen and will receive \$500 each. Four different deadlines throughout the calendar year.</p> <p><a href="#">Cappex Easy Money Scholarship</a><br/>Students needs to be 13 years or older, Cappex members, and planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution within the next four years. No GPA or essay required. Award amount is \$1,000.</p> <p><a href="#">Varsity Tutors Essay Contest</a><br/>Submit essays on different topics each month. \$200 is awarded monthly, this is an ongoing scholarship. Go to varsitytutors.com for more information.</p> <p><a href="#">NACME (National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering)</a><br/>Four different scholarships are offered for Freshmen – Seniors and are due at different times of the year. Student must enroll full time in a NACME Partner Institution with a major in engineering or computer science may apply. Create an account to register for the opportunity to win the scholarships.</p> <p><a href="#">Maricopa County Community Colleges Honors Program – Presidents' Honors Scholarships</a><br/>Students who are incoming, first-year college students meeting the assessment and pathway of required criteria. Student's unweighted high school GPA must be 3.25+ and must apply within one academic year of graduation from high school without having attended another accredited college or university. The scholarships covers in-state tuition up to 15 credit hours per semester, excluding summer sessions. Each community college has their own submission deadline.</p> <p><a href="#">Writers of the Future Contest</a><br/>Amateur writers only. Science fiction and fantasy story up to 17,000 words, review rules on the website. Awards are: \$500-\$1,000, there are four deadlines within a calendar year.</p> <p><a href="#">Illustrators of the Future</a><br/>New and amateur SCIFI and Fantasy Artists only. Review illustration requirements on website. Three prizes of \$500 each are awarded each quarter, plus a yearly grand prize of \$5,000. Check the website for deadlines.</p> <p><a href="#">Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarships</a><br/>Complete one application to apply for hundreds of scholarships! This page has many resources to help you gain a better understanding of scholarships, in addition to the application.</p> <p><a href="#">ASU Foundation Scholarships</a><br/>A search engine for ASU admitted students to apply for multiple scholarships. The types of scholarships vary from merit-based, need-based, college-specific, and specialized.</p> |
| <b>August 31</b> | <p><a href="#">Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship</a><br/>Applicants must be attending college or university full-time no later than January 2025, have</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                 | a 3.0 GPA, and be a U.S. citizen or Canadian resident. In less than 1,000 words an essay response must be submitted on given topic. Award amount: \$500, deadline to apply: August 31, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| September 1     | <a href="#"><u>The Andrew S. Mathers Scholarship</u></a><br>High school seniors may apply. School transcript, headshot, and employment history are required. A 500-word minimum essay on the value of hard work and what it has taught you must also be submitted. Award amount: \$1,000 and deadline: September 1, 2026.                                                                                                     |
| September 15    | <a href="#"><u>The Gates Scholarship</u></a><br>High school seniors who are Pell-eligible, a US citizen or permanent resident, part of at least one of the specified minority groups, and have at least a 3.3 GPA should apply. Recipients will receive money for tuition, books, room and board. Deadline: September 15, 2026.                                                                                               |
| September 15    | <a href="#"><u>Headway's Book Lovers Scholarship</u></a><br>Applicants must be US Citizens, seniors who are 16 years or older, have a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate leadership skills and are furthering their education after high school. An essay or video is required, along with short answer questions. Award amount: \$1,500, deadline is September 15, 2026.                                                                   |
| September 18    | <a href="#"><u>U.S. Senate Youth Program</u></a><br>Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. Student must show leadership skills, including holding a leadership position in 2026-27 in one of the organizations listed. All delegates must attend Washington Week in March; transportation provided. Applicant must review detailed instructions on website. Award amount: \$12,500, Arizona deadline: September 18, 2026. |
| September 20    | <a href="#"><u>Don't Text and Drive Scholarship</u></a><br>High school freshmen-seniors are eligible to apply. Completed application and 140-character message about texting and driving must be submitted. Ten finalists will be selected and asked to write an essay. Award amount \$1,000 and deadline to apply is: September 30, 2026.                                                                                    |
| September 30    | <a href="#"><u>Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation</u></a><br>Current high school seniors who are U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents/Refugees, and are on track to graduate this year with a 3.0 GPA may apply. 150 scholarships at \$20,000 each are awarded. Deadline: September 30, 2026.                                                                                                                                         |
| October 4       | <a href="#"><u>Lounge Lizard Web Design Scholarship</u></a><br>Student must be accepted to begin school at an accredited school of higher learning within 6 months of application. Award amount: \$1,000, deadline to apply is October 4, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 11      | <a href="#"><u>BBB Ethical Torch Essay Scholarship</u></a><br>Students in grades 9-12 will write an essay no more than 400 words about ethics and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                 | integrity in our community. Award amounts vary from \$500-\$1,500. Deadline: October 11, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| October 16      | <a href="#">Money Matters Scholarship</a><br>High school juniors and seniors are eligible. Applicants must study & understand the workbook described online. An essay of 1,000 words or less and a 1-2 minute video are required. Award amount: \$1,000-\$5,000. Deadline: October 16, 2026.                                     |
| October 30      | <a href="#">National Space Club Scholarship</a><br>High school seniors pursuing a career in STEM field and attending a college/university with a STEM degree focus should apply. Letters of recommendation, unofficial transcript, application, and video are all required. Award amount is \$50,000, deadline October 30, 2026. |
| October 31      | <a href="#">American Culinary Federation Scholarships</a><br>Students who have a 2.75 GPA or higher and have been accepted to an accredited institution with a culinary, pastry, or foodservice-related major may apply. Award amounts vary, deadline to apply: October 31, 2026.                                                |
| October 31      | <a href="#">VFW Youth Scholarship</a><br>This scholarship is a way for students to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Students in grades 9-12 can apply. Award amounts vary from \$500-\$5,000. Deadline: October 31, 2026.                                                      |
| November 30     | <a href="#">AWS Welder Training Scholarships</a><br>Students planning to enroll in a program up to 2 years that provides welding training. Award amount is \$800-\$1,000. Deadline: November 30, 2026.                                                                                                                           |
| November 30     | <a href="#">Education Matters Scholarship</a><br>Students must be a U.S. resident and at least 14 years old, pursuing a higher education after high school. Students must submit a written response in 250 words or less to the given prompt. Award amount is \$5,000 and deadline is November 30, 2026.                         |
| December 6      | <a href="#">American Rocketry Challenge</a><br>Students must be between grades 6-12 and be part of a team of three to ten students. Must build a model rocket following the rules and guidelines listed on the website. Award amounts vary between \$500-\$20,000 per team. Deadline to apply: December 6, 2026.                 |

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### **Miscellaneous Resources and Information**

**NAU Scholarship Estimator-** This is a great tool for students to use and see how much scholarships they can earn based on GPA, SAT, and ACT scores. (Please note this is just an estimate, and does not represent a final determination) [NAU Financial Aid/Net Price](#)

**University of Arizona and University of Arizona Scholarship Universe-** Offered merit scholarships include the Wildcat Excellence and National Scholars Award. The Wildcat Excellence Award is for students with high grades and ACT/SAT scores. This scholarship is offered to eligible students after admittance to school. Students can search other University of Arizona scholarships at [Scholarship Universe/Arizona](#)

**Maricopa Community College President Scholarship-** Students that score very well on the placement tests and graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA or better. This scholarship covers the tuition for a Maricopa Community College. For more information, go to Maricopa.edu website or see your counselor

**The American Legion Department of Arizona**—The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs. Students can visit [American Legion Scholarships](#) <https://denverscholarship.org/> – This site lists scholarships for grade levels 9 – 12; you do not have to be a senior to apply for scholarships! Click on the link and then what grade level you are for more information.

### **Polishing Your Scholarship Essays**

Scholarship committee readers do not know you, so you need to tell them “who you are, what your goals are for next 2-10 years, how you arrived at these goals, what influenced you, people and special experiences explain what is important to you and why”. Remember, neatness counts! Read ALL instructions before beginning. Follow the instructions EXACTLY, and type rather than write by hand. Make your application stand out, and be as creative as the instructions will allow. Allow at least 2 weeks for letters of recommendation to be written. Give the writer your resume, goal statement and any other information needed. Send a handwritten thank you note after receiving the recommendation. Have an adult read over the application and offer feedback.

### **Scholarship Tips**

- ✓ You should NEVER pay for free money. If you find a scholarship that is asking for a “small fee” it is most likely a scam
- ✓ DON'T skip the small scholarships as they can add up quickly
- ✓ When submitting an essay always have someone look it over FIRST
- ✓ Anything in BLUE is a link. By clicking on it you will be given more information

You can start applying for scholarships as early as 9th grade

### **Order a Transcript/Go Westview High School's website** [Westview High School](#)

Scroll down to the blue bars, click on “Transcript Request”. Fill out completely and submit. Please note the request must be made at least 5 days ahead of deadline.