

Warriors Scholarship Bulletin

October 2021



Feeling overwhelmed? *“Don’t wait until everything is just right..... There will always be challenges, obstacles, and less than perfect conditions. So what? Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident, and more and more successful.”* — Mark Victor Hansen This bulletin covers the first steps in applying to college and scholarships.

Steps in Applying to College:

1. Completely fill out the college application. (Most are online applications.)
2. Request that ACT or SAT send official scores to your school of choice.
3. Sign up at www.parchment.com to have official transcripts sent to your school of choice.

Reminders:

- In order to work on scholarships with your college or university, you may need to have applied and been accepted to the college or university
- Scholarship and Application deadlines for schools may be as early as November 1!
- A FAFSA Completion Workshop will be offered by SLU on October 27, 2021 starting at 6:00pm. This workshop will be held online using Zoom.

Scholarship Websites:

1. <http://www.fastweb.com/>
2. www.finaid.org
3. <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>
4. <http://www.scholarshiphelp.org/>

5. www.fafsa.ed.gov
6. www.grants.gov
7. <https://www.isac.org/e-library/applying-for-financial-aid/scholarship-searches.html>
8. <http://act.org>
9. www.ed.gov/finaid
10. www.collegeboard.org

10 Tips on Scholarships

1. SEARCH! Persistence is the key to getting a scholarship.
2. Be organized and prioritize.
3. Never assume: Don't believe that because you don't have straight A's and can't shoot a 3 pointer, there's nothing available to you.
4. Identify the goal of the scholarship and double check the eligibility requirements.
5. Be able to write about a variety of topics that may or may not be exciting to you.
6. Understand yourself well enough to create a compelling portrait of who you are. You must understand your audience well enough to be able to position your skills and strengths as deserving of their support. Demonstrate that you are a scholar or would like to be a scholar.
7. Use concrete examples in essays.
8. Watch deadlines like a hawk.
9. Apply early and for many scholarships.
10. Proofread your application one more time.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, DON'T GET SCAMMED!! "If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam."

These are Six Examples of Possible Scholarship Scams:

1. "This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
2. "You can't get this information anywhere else."
3. "May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?"

4. "We'll do all the work."
5. "The scholarship will cost some money."
6. "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship.", or "You're a finalist in a contest." (that you never entered)

OCTOBER

October 8, 2021 – Application Deadline

AES Scholarship Program (Essay)- Scholarships worth \$500 are available to students on the basis of character as determined by an evaluation of essays. Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Essay questions and additional information are available at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> .

October 15, 2021 – Application Deadline

Newcomer Funeral Service Group (Essay)- annually awards \$25,000 in scholarships to mortuary science students who demonstrate the core values of Excellence, Trust, Care, and Growth. Awards are for undergraduate study only and all institutions must be accredited with the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Scholarships range from \$500-\$3500. To complete the online application, please visit: www.NFSGI.com/scholarship.

October 15, 2021 – Application Deadline

Omega Psi Phi Essay Contest - The Nu Chi Foundation partners with the Nu Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in many of its community initiatives such as this year's Annual International High School Essay Contest. Each year, our Fraternity sponsors an Essay contest for African American students in the Metro East St. Louis community. The first-place winner will receive up to a \$500.00 scholarship in our local competition. The winner will have his/her essay forwarded to our District committee to compete in the District contest for another scholarship. A winning District essay will then be forwarded to the International High School Essay committee and compete for four college scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000. Apply at <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/4282>

October 19, 2021 – Application Deadline

Heisman High School Scholarship—If you're a high school senior dedicated to learning, leading, and performing, you have exactly what it takes to become a High School Heisman. Eligibility includes a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), being a proven leader and role model within your school and community, and performing in at least one school sponsored sport recognized by the Olympic Committee. Don't miss out on your chance to get \$1000, \$2000 or a \$10,000 scholarship. More information at <https://heismanscholarship.com>

October 30th, 2021 – Application Deadline for Corporate Scholarships (\$5000)

NACME is responsible for over \$3 million in scholarships awarded annually to underrepresented minority (URM) students. NACME expects to support approximately 1,000 underrepresented minority engineering and computer students annually. To be eligible to be named for any of the NACME administered scholarships students must either be a high school senior applying to an engineering or computer science program at a NACME Partner Institution, or be currently matriculating in an engineering or computer science program at a NACME Partner Institution, a US citizen or permanent resident, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8. NACME's mission is to increase representation of Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic-American and Native/American Indian in the fields of engineering and computer science. To apply go www.nacme.org

October 31, 2021 – Application Deadline

Coca-Cola Scholars Program--The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has provided over 6,300 Coca Cola Scholars with more than \$60 million in educational support. This is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors who have a minimum gpa of 3.0/4.0. Apply now at www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org

October 31, 2021 – Application Deadline

Voice of Democracy Program—Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 64,500 high school students compete to win a share of \$2.1 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme. Entry forms are available online on the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) website. Entries must be submitted to the local VFW Post at Granite City Post 1300, 3401 Century Dr., Granite City Il, 62040.

Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois – The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program encourages academically talented Illinois students, especially minority students, to pursue teaching careers, especially at high-need, hard-to-staff schools by providing tuition assistance at one of the participating colleges. You may qualify for up to \$2,500 as a freshman or sophomore, and up to \$5,000 as a junior or senior. Must have a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Information is available at website www.isac.org.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships—These scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA, demonstrate critical financial need and be involved in extracurricular and community activities to be considered. Scholarship information is available at www.scholars.horatioalger.org
Application deadlines may vary.

NOVEMBER

November 5, 2021 – Application Deadline

Greenhouse Scholar—Greenhouse Scholars provides a renewable, four -year need-based college scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year. They are looking for high-performing, under-resourced students who have already demonstrated true leadership and positive community contributions. Seniors with an unweighted GPA of 3.5/4.0 or higher and demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at www.greenhousescholars.org/apply. This is a four-part application process. Apply by November 5, 2021 to be eligible for part 2.

McKendree University

Honor's Scholarships—This scholarship, valued at \$17,000 per year, are awarded to first-year students at the time of admission that have a 3.75 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Visit www.mckendree.edu for more information. You may apply as early as August 1 2021.

Presidential Scholarship—This scholarship, valued at \$14,000 per year, are awarded to first-year students at the time of admission that have a 3.25 to 3.74 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Visit www.mckendree.edu for more information. You may apply as early as August 1 2021.

Dean's Scholarship—This scholarship, valued at \$10,000 per year, are awarded to first-year students at the time of admission that have a 2.75 to 3.24 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Visit www.mckendree.edu for more information. You may apply as early as August 1 2021.

DECEMBER

Southeast Missouri State University 2021-2022 Enhanced Scholarship Program

- **Cooper Dome Scholarship-** Freshman academic scholarships are awarded at the time of admission to students who meet the eligibility requirements (GPA 3.5) and apply to Southeast Missouri St by the scholarship deadline. The admission consideration and scholarship guarantee deadline is **December 1, 2021** (fall applicants). The value is \$1,000-\$5,000 eligible for renewal.
- **Resident Life Leadership Scholarship**—This scholarship will be available to students who live in the Resident Halls on Campus with a 18 ACT (960 SAT) and 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. Apply online at www.semo.edu/apply. Application deadline is **June 1, 2022**.

- **President's Scholarship**—This renewable scholarship will be awarded to students with a 31 ACT (1390 SAT) and a 3.75 cumulative GPA. The value is \$10,000. Apply online at www.semo.edu/apply. Application deadline is **December 1, 2021**.
- **Red Hawks Achievement award**- This scholarship is for Non-Missouri Resident (U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident) Freshman with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT and a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA. There is no Application deadline.

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

- **Cougar Pride Scholarship**—This scholarship is worth up to \$16,000 over four years. This is a competitive process, but all students who meet the criteria are encouraged to apply. For additional information, visit website www.siu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/?audience=undergraduate-domestic-freshman Preferential consideration will be given to students completing the applications for admission by **December 1, 2021**.
- **Johnetta Haley Scholarship**-This scholarship is worth up to \$8,000 over four years. This scholarship is for students who are underrepresented in their anticipated fields of study. For additional information, visit website: www.siu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/?audience=undergraduate-domestic-freshman Preferential consideration will be given to students completing the application for admission by **December 1, 2021**.
- **Meridian Scholarships**-There are a number of scholarships available at SIUE, with varying eligibility criteria. To be considered for the Meridian Scholarship students need to apply for admission and complete the Meridian Supplemental Profile by **December 1, 2021**. Information is available by visiting the website www.siu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/?audience=undergraduate-domestic-freshman
- **SIUE Grant**- Preferential consideration will be given to students applying for admission by **December 1, 2021**, and completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after **October 1, 2021 FAFSA School code 001759**. This award targets students above an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 and family income levels at or below federal poverty guidelines. Information is available by visiting the website www.siu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/?audience=undergraduate-domestic-freshman

- **AIM High Grant-** This renewable grant awards \$2,000-\$3,000 per year as long as you maintain a 2.5 GPA. Students are chosen based on FASFA Filing dates. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2021. More information is available by visiting the website www.siu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/?audience=undergraduate-domestic-freshman

December 5, 2021 – Application Deadline

Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships—These scholarships recognize and reward students who have made a significant impact in the fight against hunger. The scholarship recipients each receive \$5,000 for their education as well as a matching grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. For additional information and application visit website <http://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>

December 15, 2021 – Application Deadline

Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship—High school seniors, BURGER KING employees, their dependent children, spouses or domestic partners are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in scholarship awards. For more information and an application, visit www.bkmclamorefoundation.org . Application period for the scholarship begins on **October 15, 2021**.

JANUARY 2021

January 4, 2022 – Application Deadline

UMSL Opportunity Scholars Program—This program focuses on academically gifted first-generation college students who are underrepresented in the work force from certain academic fields. Students who are selected as scholars in the program will be awarded a scholarship to cover their full tuition, fees and books for up to four years. For eligibility and additional information, visit website www.umsl.edu/opportunitiescholars . Applicant must complete application for admission, have an ACT score of 26 and a GPA of 3.5 and be admitted to UMSL by December 2021. Two letters of recommendation are also due by January 5, 2021. Must submit FASFA (school code 002519) by February 1, 2022.

January 9, 2022 – Application deadline

Ron Brown Scholar Program—This program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Each year 45-50 students will receive \$10,000 annually for four years. For additional information, visit www.ronbrown.org . Application postmark deadline for early application is November 1, 2021 - January 9, 2022.

January 14, 2022 – Application Deadline

2022 Profile in Courage Essay Contest - This scholarship ranges in awards from \$100-\$10,000. Applicants must write an original and creative essay of 1,000 words or less that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F Kennedy in Profiles in Courage. For complete guidelines, visit the *Profile in Courage Essay Contest* at jfklibrary.org.

January 14, 2022 – Application Deadline

Eastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship- The Presidential Scholars Award is \$12,000 per year for four years, which is approximately the amount for tuition and fees for a full-time student taking 15 semester hours. The award is not limited to tuition costs however. Each freshman Honors College class will include approximately fifteen Presidential Scholars. This particular scholarship can't be combined with the Commitment to Excellence Award or Honors Award. Students may apply for this scholarship if they have a high school GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) or ranking in the top 10% of the graduating class. Apply at eiu.academicworks.com

January 15th, 2022 – Application Deadline for Bridge Scholarships (\$1000)

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GE-Reagan Foundation- High school seniors who demonstrate exceptional leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply for the 2022 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. This program annually provides college bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships. www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/ Application deadline date is coming soon!

Quest for Education Scholarship- Vantage Credit Union offers this scholarship opportunity to members. It consists of a student essay, resume, and two letters of recommendation. More information can be obtained by visiting <https://www.vcu.com/education/quest-for-education-scholarship>. Application deadline date is coming soon!

Vantage Credit Union QFE Scholarship- Vantage credit union is offering its twenty-fourth season QFE Scholarship. This year they will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships. As seniors, the only criteria for the scholarship is that you are an Vantage Credit Union member. Complete instructions, eligibility requirements and applications can be accessed and submitted at www.vcu.com. Application deadline date is coming soon!

Busey Bank Scholarship Program- (Essay)-The goal of Busey Bank's Community Scholarship Program is to assist graduating high school seniors in continuing their education beyond high school at a university, college, trade, or vocational school. The scholarship will be \$2,000 per year for up to four years of full-time enrollment per student. Applications and requirements for the scholarship are located in the Guidance office. Deadline to submit applications is coming soon!

KPMG Future Leaders Program- Funded by proceeds from the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and KPMG Women's Leadership Summit, the KPMG Future Leaders Program affords top female high school seniors across the country the opportunity to enhance their personal growth through college scholarships, a leadership development retreat at Stanford University, a mentoring relationship with a woman business leader, and an introduction to golf. The 2018 KPMG Future Leaders Program application – includes an overview of the program, instructions on how to apply and a list of specific criteria needed to qualify for the program. Applications can be accessed at <http://womensleadership.kpmg.us/charitable.html> beginning November 1, 2021 If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact KPMG directly by the following email: georgia@foresight-strategies.com

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution- offering the DAR Good Citizens award. This program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The scholarship is open to all senior class students. Students must demonstrate qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Applications are accepted November 1, 2021- January 31, 2022.** Go to www.dar.org for more scholarship info.

March 1, 2022 – Application Deadline

SWIC College Foundation Scholarships—More than 300 scholarships are available for Southwestern Illinois College students. Scholarships range from \$100-\$5,000 annually. Scholarships are offered based on a variety of career fields, interests and life circumstances. Eligibility requirements may be based on GPA, financial need or current major. For additional information apply at www.swic.edu/foundation. **Applications open January 1, 2022**

March 15, 2022 – Application Deadline

SAE International Scholarships Program—SAE International scholarships assist in developing the future engineering workforce by helping students achieve their dreams of becoming an engineer. These various scholarships encourage academic excellence. Applications and detailed scholarships eligibility information is available at website www.sae.org/scholarships . **Applications open January 4, 2022**