

STEM SCHOLARSHIP ADVOCACY

BDPA YOUTH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Thinking about college is an exciting time in your life, whether you are a high school senior or a non-traditional student thinking considering educational/career options. For many, **the cost of tuition can seem almost impossible, but it does not have to be.** If you are not a top-ten honors student or athlete, that's okay; there *are so many college scholarships available* for people of all lifestyles and occupations – single parents, average students, minorities, and more! There are literally thousands of organizations waiting for our students at BDPA's Technology Programs to apply! We aim to win as many scholarships as possible through all forms of competition; this year we will be champions in doing just that.

Did You Know? - *Implementing a SCHOLARSHIP SCHEDULE is KEY!*
 It may sound obvious but apply for as many scholarships as possible! Don't skimp. Searching and applying for scholarships should be a **REGULAR** part of your college preparation routine, much like standardized test prep. Carve out time to dedicate solely to scholarship applications, and even consider making a scholarship schedule. For example, every Monday, spend an hour searching and saving scholarship opportunities and every Wednesday, spend an hour applying to them. Choose what works best for you and stick to it. We're all busy, but if you make the time for scholarships, you'll be thankful later! **It is highly recommended that you apply to 10 scholarships per month to drastically increase your chances of winning scholarship money. That's 2 or 3 per week!**

SCHOLARSHIP HELP

There is so much scholarship information on the Internet that we will be streamlining and assisting with the process so that you stay encouraged and not completely overwhelmed. You will be provided with monthly scholarship information/facts and open opportunities. Please note that there are a few selected opportunities posted, but always feel free to use the links provided for many more!

\$2,000 Niche No Essay Scholarship Deadline: Oct. 31st	Open to all high school and college students. Simply log in or create a free account below to apply.	Total: \$2,000 # of Awards: 1	For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarship/no-essay-scholarship/?utm_source=Fastweb&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=FWnes
Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition Deadline: Oct 31st	The Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition is open to high school students. To enter, you must write and record a three-to-five minute broadcast script on the following theme: "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"	Total: Up to \$30,000 # of Awards: 500	The national first place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a Total: \$1,000 # of Awards: 1 minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to

			Washington, D.C. Read the rules and eligibility requirements, and download the 2020-21 entry form application at https://www.vfw.org/VOD/ , as all student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31.
<p>\$1,000 Easy Scholarship: Make a Plan to Vote!</p> <p>Deadline: Oct. 31st</p>	<p>Open to all students under the age of 26. Young people (Gen Z + Millennials) make up one third of the voting population this election, the largest single voting bloc.</p> <p>Your vote won't just help decide the next leaders. Your vote will help decide the next gun safety bill for your state. The next climate change policy for your community. The next affordable education plan for your school. This election isn't just about the candidates. It's about you, your vote, and your power to create a better future.</p>	<p>Total: \$1,000</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>Make a plan on how you'll vote in the 2020 election (you don't have to wait until November 3)!</p> <p>Make a plan to vote + upload a photo with your voting plan card by October 31st and you'll be entered for a \$1,000 scholarship.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/your-plan-your-vote?&utm_source=scholarship_featured&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=fastweb_featured_2020_10</p>
<p>Course Hero October Sweepstakes</p> <p>Deadline: Oct. 31st</p>	<p>Open to high school freshman through graduate school year 5. Win \$4,000 for college in 5 minutes. Just upload your best study docs to enter.</p>	<p>Total: \$4,000</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>Think about what kinds of study materials are helpful for you when you're studying. Here's a list of ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • class notes that you've taken • your test prep materials • original essays or lab reports • assessment study materials <p>You probably have some of these documents already, either from your current or previous classes!</p> <p>PS: Don't forget to tag your work to your school, professor, and class, so other students can navigate our library. Make sure you own whole the material you upload.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://students.coursehero.com/oct-sweepstakes-2020/?utm_source=fastweb&utm_medium=scholarship&utm_campaign=oct2020sweepstakes_seeding&utm_content=sweepstakes</p>
ARTBA Student	The American Road & Transportation Builders	Total: \$500	To submit an entry, visit the following link and complete steps as prompted:

<p>Transportation Video Contest</p> <p>Deadline: Oct 31st</p>	<p>Association (ARTBA) sponsors this award annually as a way to hear what American students truly think about the various debates concerning America's transportation needs and priorities. Students in elementary, middle, and high school may apply to category one, while college and university students may apply for category two consideration. This scholarship is available for U.S. students who submit a two to four minute video on current issues in American transportation. Group submissions are allowed.</p>	<p># of Awards: 2</p>	<p>https://www.artba.org/foundation/student-video-contest/submit-your-entry/.</p>
<p>DISRUPT RACISM Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Oct. 31st</p>	<p>Open to all students under the age of 26. The recent wave of worldwide protests sparked by the killings of-- George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, among others-- highlight the injustices, fear, and violence that Black Americans face on a daily basis because of white supremacy.</p> <p>Use our step-by-step guides to start a conversation with friends and family about how to actively be anti-racist and disrupt racism in your communities (or practice self-care if you identify as Black). You'll also get advocacy actions that can make an impact to protect Black lives.</p>	<p>Total: \$1,000</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>You'll be entered for a chance to donate \$1,000 to a DoSomething-approved Black-led organization of your choosing, plus a \$1,000 scholarship for yourself.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/anti-racist-conversations</p>
<p>Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarships</p> <p>Deadline: Oct 31st</p>	<p>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. With the 32nd class in 2020, the Foundation has provided over 6,300 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$72 million in</p>	<p>Total: Up to \$20,000</p> <p># of Awards: 250+</p>	<p>Applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current high school/home-schooled students attending a school in one of the 50 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, or select DoD schools who will graduate high school during the 2020-2021 academic school year • U.S. Citizens (not a Temporary Resident), U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees - based on the guidelines

	<p>educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. The application is open now!</p>		<p>utilized by U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ccsf</p>
<p>Nitro College Student Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Oct. 31st</p>	<p>The Nitro College Scholarship is available for U.S. high school students and college freshmen. This scholarship is offered every month. This \$2,000 award is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, age 17 or older at the time of entry.</p>	<p>Total: \$24,000</p> <p># of Awards: 12</p>	<p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.nitrocollege.com/nitro-scholarship-application?utm_source=cpc&utm_medium=unigo&utm_campaign=unigo_student_scholarshipmatch</p>
<p>Sportsmanship in eSports Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 2nd</p>	<p>The Sportsmanship in eSports Scholarship is available for current high school students who are active in video games and e sports such as League of Legends or Teamfight Tactics.</p> <p>High school eSports players across America register to compete throughout the school year in the regular season. Top teams then battle it out at championship events for their stake of millions in prizing.</p>	<p>Total: \$2,500</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>All high school students who play esports and competitive video games are eligible to apply for the Sportsmanship in eSports Scholarship, and extra consideration is given to students who play League of Legends and/or Teamfight Tactics. Scholarship selection will favor students who advance to the later rounds of competitive play, as well as players who demonstrate sportsmanship, honor, and integrity.</p>
<p>NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 5th</p>	<p>Open to female high school students (grades 9-12) with a 3.0 GPA or above. Applications are available online on the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) website. Applications are accepted between Sep. 1 and Nov. 5. The application must be completed online. As part of the application, the student will be asked to provide three short essay responses to the questions posed. Each essay is limited to 500 words or less. The student will also be asked to provide the name and contact information of her parent/guardian and an appropriate school official. The</p>	<p>Total: \$500</p> <p># of Awards: varies annually (32 last year)</p>	<p>Each qualified national award winner will receive the following: a \$500 cash award; a laptop computer (provided by Bank of America); an engraved award for both the student and the student's school; and a trip to attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will be held in Charlotte, NC, in March. The trip package includes airfare for non-local winners (those outside a 50-mile radius of the Charlotte, NC metro area), some meals, and lodging for each awardee and one accompanying parent/legal guardian. To apply, and for more information visit: https://www.aspirations.org/user/register.</p>

	<p>parent/guardian and school official must log in and endorse the student's application. The complete online application, including the endorsements, must be submitted by midnight on the deadline date.</p>		
<p>Create Real Impact Contest</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 12th</p>	<p>The Create Real Impact Contest is open to full - time students between the ages of 14 and 22. To enter, you must create an original work (video, music, creative writing, or artwork) showcasing your idea for a solution or strategy to fix the problem of distracted and reckless driving.</p>	<p>Total: Up to \$1,500</p> <p># of Awards: 9</p>	<p>***In addition to the individual winners, we have another exciting category for teachers and advisors: a distracted driving social media campaign. This is an opportunity for high school teachers and advisors, to oversee student leaders' efforts in implementing a social media campaign around distracted driving. Review the rules, fill out the online application, start the planning, and create a short video to showcase your campaign (projects can be developed through distance learning or in-person).***</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://createrealimpact.com/</p>
<p>\$1,000 Easy Scholarship: Make a DIY Mask (No Sewing...</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 15th</p>	<p>Open to all students under the age of 26. COVID-19 spreads mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice.</p> <p>Use our step-by-step guide to make DIY mask (no sewing required) to keep yourself, your friends, and your family healthy. Let's Do This.</p>	<p>Total: \$1,000</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>Upload a photo of the mask you make by November 15 to be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.</p> <p>***Added bonus: after submitting your photo, you'll be eligible for a volunteer credit certificate.***</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/no-sew-mask</p>
<p>2020 Fitness and Educational Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 15th</p>	<p>This scholarship is open to all high school and college students who plan to major in any course but there will be special consideration for students who are committed to living a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are required to submit a 1,000~1,500 word article on the topic "Importance of physical fitness in student life" at scholarship@fitnessvolt.com for consideration. Feel free to mention any worthy causes you're involved in. Also make</p>	<p>Total: \$1,000</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>Content should be very informative but conversational and interesting. We're looking for information which can be useful to others and relevant content is very important. But remember, have fun and show us your best stuff!</p> <p>For more information and to apply visit: https://fitnessvolt.com/scholarship/.</p>

	include the following information: Full name, Address, Phone, Email (edu email), School/Institution, Major, Proof of enrollment in school/Institution		
<p>Marine Band Concerto Competition</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 15th</p>	<p>“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, is pleased to announce its 2021 Concerto Competition for High School Musicians (grades 9-12). The winner will appear as a guest soloist with the U.S. Marine Band and receive a \$2,500 scholarship from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Second and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships respectively.</p>	<p>Total: Up to \$2,500</p> <p># of Awards: 3</p> <p>1st place winner can receive up to \$2500.</p> <p>2nd & 3rd place winners will receive \$500 and \$1000 respectively.</p>	<p>This competition is open to high school musicians (grades 9-12) enrolled during the 2020-2021 academic year. Performers of woodwind, brass or percussion instruments may apply. IMPORTANT NOTE: After the 2021 concerto competition, the next opportunity for musicians of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments to apply will be for the 2023 competition. The 2022 concerto competition will be open to string and piano players only. Previous competition winners and immediate family members of current/former U.S. Marine Band members are not eligible. All applicants must be U.S. citizens. For more information or to apply, please visit: https://www.marineband.marines.mil/about/competition/#:~:text=2021%20Concerto%20Competition%20for%20High%20School%20Musicians&text=The%20winner%20will%20appear%20as,%241%2C000%20and%20%24500%20scholarships%20respectively.</p>
<p>Driver Education Initiative Award: In the Driver's Seat</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 30th</p>	<p>The Driver Education Initiative Award: In the Driver's Seat, is open to current high school and college students. You must submit an essay of no more than 500 words that answers the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the importance of driver education in reducing the number deaths as a result of driving? 2. What steps can be taken to reduce the number of deaths related to driving? Have you ever had an experience of being in car accident or have seen your friends or family members driving irresponsibly? 3. What steps can you take to be 	<p>Total: \$3,000</p> <p># of Awards: 6</p>	<p>Applicants must be currently enrolled in High School, University or College as a full-time student (2020-2021 school year). Employees and relatives of National Driving and Traffic School are ineligible. There will be three contest submission dates. <u>As of September 9th 2020, to limit the number of entries, we will only be accepting essays with a minimum word limit of 500 words.</u> If your essay does not meet the minimum word requirement, we will not be able to publish the essay. To be eligible for the contest submit your essay by one the submission dates.</p> <p>For more information, full details, and to apply please visit: https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/</p>

	<p>a better and safer driver as well as help others become safer on the road?</p>		
<p>Student Transportation Video Contest</p> <p>Deadline: Nov. 30th</p>	<p>Open to elementary through graduate school students. The Student Transportation Video Contest is open to all students. To enter, you must submit a video of no more than 2.5 minutes that examines transportation impacts, trends or safety in the United States.</p>	<p>Total: Up to \$500</p> <p># of Awards: 4</p>	<p>ARTBA's Research & Education Division (RED) sponsors the contest, which is divided into two age groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elementary, middle or high school students • post-secondary, college and graduate students <p>Winners are selected in each age group. 1st prize in each category will receive \$500, and the 2nd prize in each category will be awarded a \$250 cash prize. Winning entries may be shown during ARTBA's National Convention.</p> <p>For more information please visit the link: https://www.artba.org/foundation/student-video-contest/</p>
<p>Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Gold Medal Portfolio Award</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 1st</p>	<p>The Scholastic Awards look for work that demonstrates originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. This award is for students attending U.S. or Canadian schools, or American schools abroad. Students must be in grades 7-12, age 13 years or older, and submit a written work or original work of art.</p> <p>Get started EARLY! Entries are only open from September through December, but it is never too early to get started!</p> <p><u>Category Descriptions</u> For a full list of category descriptions, visit: https://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/categories/</p>	<p>Total: \$19,000</p> <p># of Awards: 46</p>	<p><u>Blind Judging</u> The Scholastic Awards are adjudicated without knowledge of the artists; or writers' identity. Please make sure that your entry does not contain any personal information.</p> <p><u>Judging Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originality Work that breaks from convention, blurs the boundaries between genres, and challenges notions of how a particular concept or emotion can be expressed. • Technical Skill Work that uses technique to advance an original perspective or a personal vision or voice, and shows skills being utilized to create something unique, powerful, and innovative. • Emergence of a Personal Voice or Vision Work with an authentic and unique point of view and style. <p>For more information on how to enter please visit: https://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/how-to-enter/</p>

<p>College Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 01st</p>	<p>The College Scholarship is available to students enrolled at an accredited high school, college or university. You must have a minimum 2.8 GPA and submit a 500-750 word essay to qualify for this award. The essay should detail how you are driven to innovate, how you plan to influence progress on any level in any space or how you have already affected positive change with creative thinking.</p>	<p>Total: \$1,000</p> <p># of Awards: 2</p>	<p>Each year, the Lamber-Goodnow Injury Law Team awards two scholarships to innovative and highly creative high school and college students. We seek essay submissions from students who are creative thinkers and problem solvers. Whether you are a star in your local community, an aspiring leader, a tech whiz, an engineer or a creative writer, we want to hear from you.</p> <p>Creative thought, motivation and execution are important to us. Innovation is just as important in the legal process as it is in the rest of life. To make progress and improve upon our circumstances and surroundings, we must be willing to take risks that can influence and drive positive change. We want to support students who buck the trend, think outside of the box and deliver on this concept in everyday life and in school. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities, please for the link: https://lambergoodnow.com/scholarships/</p>
<p>Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 5th</p>	<p>U.S. students who are enrolled in an accredited educational institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the United States are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Students must have demonstrated commitment to their community by performing volunteer services impacting hunger within the last 12 months.</p>	<p>Total: \$5,000</p> <p># of Awards: 5</p>	<p>Application requirements for the Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application form 2. Community service recommendation <p>Each student selected as a Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as a \$5,000 grant made in his/her name to the hunger-related charity of his/her choice in his/her local community. For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/high-school-students/scholarships-for-high-school-freshman/stephen-j-brady-stop-hunger-scholarships</p>
<p>STEM Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 19th</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years. To apply for this scholarship, first create a Course Hero account, then write a 500-word essay. The topic: <u>Smart city technology is changing the way we live. It can be almost invisible to the city residents, and many people may not be aware of how</u></p>	<p>Total: \$2,500</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>There is a minimum GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent), and applicant's field of study must be related to science, technology, engineering, math (STEM).</p> <p>If you've won, we'll email you by January 18th, 2021, 11:59 PM PST to let you know. The scholarship money will then be sent directly to your school and applied to your</p>

	<p>it is affecting their day-to-day <u>life</u>.</p>		<p>tuition.</p> <p>Apply by December 18, 2020, 11:59 PM PST at https://www.coursehero.com/scholarships/1000119/stem-scholarship/</p>
<p>Justice Hero Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 19th</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years. Here at Course Hero we want to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a degree related to law. We understand there are many costs associated with higher education. We want to help alleviate some of that financial burden, so you can graduate confident and prepared.</p> <p>To apply for this scholarship, first create a Course Hero account, then write a 500-word essay. The topic: Please tell us why you are inspired to pursue a degree related to law, and how you plan on using your degree to fight for justice.</p>	<p>Total: \$2,500</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>There is a minimum GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent), and applicant's field of study must be related to science, technology, engineering, math (STEM).</p> <p>If you've won, we'll email you by January 18th, 2021, 11:59 PM PST to let you know. The scholarship money will then be sent directly to your school and applied to your tuition.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.coursehero.com/scholarships/1000120/justice-hero-scholarship/</p>
<p>Top Ten List Scholarship</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 31st</p>	<p>The Top Ten List Scholarship is open to US students who are 13 years of age and older and who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than fall of 2026) in an accredited postsecondary institution of higher education. One winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.</p>	<p>Total: \$1,500</p> <p># of Awards: 1</p>	<p>Applicants are to submit an online written response to the question:</p> <p>"Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." (250 words or less)</p> <p>The Top Ten List Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship</p>
<p>NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest</p> <p>Deadline: Dec. 31st</p>	<p>The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest is open to students in grades K through 12. To be eligible, you must submit an essay of about 1,000 words on the following theme: "What Does The Second Amendment Mean to You?"</p>	<p>Total: \$475</p> <p># of Awards: 8</p>	<p>All entries should be submitted to:</p> <p>NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, Office of General Counsel, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 Phone: (703) 267-1250</p> <p>Entries must be postmarked on or before the entry deadline. All entries become the property of the NRA Civil Rights Defense</p>

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For a copy of the 2020 entry form:

http://www.nradefensefund.org/media/551/NRA_CRDF_Youth_Essay_Contest_Entry_Form.pdf

For more information please visit the site at:

<http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

Begin your searches now to see what all is out here! You can use the following sites to begin:

SEARCH ENGINES

- ✚ DoSomething.org - <https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships>
- ✚ CareerOnestop - <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?lang=en¤tpage=3&georestrictionfilter=4294967283&studyLevelfilter=4294967278>
 - Explore both grants and scholarships here with filters for demographics and level of study.
- ✚ Scholarships.com - <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/district-of-columbia-scholarships/>
- ✚ NACME.org - <http://www.nacme.org/scholarships>
- ✚ CollegeCensus.com - <https://www.collegeconsensus.com/scholarships/stem-scholarships/>

CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR THESE SITES TO HAVE APPLICABLE OPPORTUNITIES SENT TO YOU!

(sites also include info for college selection, application tips, and testing prep)

- ✚ ScholarMe - <https://scholarme.com/landing/?ref=8FC>
- ✚ GoingMerry.com - <https://www.goingmerry.com/compare-scholarship-websites/>
- ✚ UNIGO - <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/district-of-columbia-scholarships>
- ✚ FastWeb - <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/stem-field-scholarships-and-internships>