

The List of Unusual Scholarships

The AAA Student Lending Program

Physical Characteristics

Scholarship for Left-Handed Students The only scholarship for left-handed students is the Frederick and Mary F. Beckley Scholarship of up to \$1,000. This scholarship is awarded to left-handed students who will be attending Juniata College.

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 of short stature and their families. Membership is offered to people who are 4'10" or less in height.

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.

Creativity

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 a couple (two individuals) and attend a high school prom wearing complete attire or accessories made from duct tape.

Seussville: Oh, The Places You'll Go! College Scholarship Random House, the publisher of the Dr. Seuss books, sponsors a \$5,000 essay competition for high school seniors age 21 or younger. The deadline is February 15.

National Make It Yourself with Wool Competition The National Make It Yourself with Wool (NMIYWW) competition awards \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarships for knitting wool garments.

[David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarship](#) The awards are intended for average students who nevertheless have a creative mind. Winners are selected primarily based on creativity.

[J.D. Salinger Award](#) The J.D. Salinger Award at Ursinus College is intended to recognize and support "oddball geniuses" in the field of creative writing. The unconventional award is named after the renowned author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, who attended Ursinus College in 1938.

Last Name

[Zolp Scholarships](#) The Zolp Scholarship is restricted to students at Loyola University in Chicago who are Catholic and whose last name is Zolp. The student's last name must appear on their birth certificate and confirmation certificate. The scholarship provides full tuition for four years.

[Scarpinato at Texas A&M University](#). Scholarship pays full cost of attendance at Texas A&M University for anyone whose last name is Scarpinato by birth or marriage.

[Gatling at North Carolina State University](#). The John Gatling Grant provides scholarships for students who were born with a surname of Gatling or Gatlin to attend NC State University.

[Harvard University](#) has several scholarships based on the student's last name, including **Baxendale, Hudson, Thayer, Downer, Bright. Van Valkenburg**. The [Van Valkenburg Memorial Scholarship](#) awards \$1,000 to a descendant (by birth or legal adoption) of Lambert and Annetje Van Valkenburg, who emigrated in 1643. Variations in the surname Van Valkenburg are acceptable, including Van Valkenburg, Van Valkenburgh, Van Volkinburg, Van Falkenburg, Valkenburg, Vollick and Van Velkinburgh.

Sports

[Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship](#) The Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship awards one \$5,000 and three \$1,000 scholarships to skateboarders who are high school seniors with a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award

([application](#)) The Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award is open to graduating high school senior scholar athletes.

Evans Scholars Foundation The [Western Golf Association](#) sponsors the Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. Scholarship for golf caddies. Caddies must be nominated by their club, 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.

the [Francis Ouimet Caddie Scholarship](#).

US Bowling Congress Scholarships US Bowling Congress sponsors several scholarships for bowlers.

The scholarships include:

[USBC Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow](#). US/Canadian female high school senior or college student, under age 22, with bowling average of 175 or better. \$1,500/year. Deadline October 1.

[USBC Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow](#). Male high school or college student. \$1,250/year. Deadline November 15.

[USBC Annual Zeb Scholarship](#). Junior or senior in high school. \$1,000. Deadline April 1.

[USBC Male and Female Youth Leaders of the Year](#). 18 years old or older. \$1,500. Deadline January 15.

[USBC Gift for Life Scholarships](#). Twelve \$1,000 scholarships for grades 9-12, based on financial need. Two are reserved for children of fire/police/EMT personnel. Deadline April 1.

[USBC Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarships](#). Five \$5,000 scholarships for high school seniors and college students. Deadline June 1.

[Billy Welu Scholarship](#). College students. \$1,000. Deadline May 31.

In addition, the [SMART Program & Scholarships Web site](#) lists more than \$6 million in scholarships offered by bowling associations and councils, tournaments and proprietors.

National Marbles Tournament Scholarships The annual National Marbles Tournament awards \$5,000 in scholarships to mibsters (marble shooters) aged 8 to 14.

Surfrider Foundation Thomas Pratte Memorial Scholarship The Thomas Pratte Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Surfrider Foundation for for students with an interest in coastal environmental science, such as oceanography, marine affairs, environmental sciences, public policy, community planning and natural resources.

[TJ Stockdale Memorial Scholarship](#) sponsored by the Jersey Shore Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. \$1,000 scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students based on commitment to New Jersey beaches and waves.

[East Coast Surfing Scholarship](#) by the Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.

[National Scholastic Surfing Association](#).

[Joshua Dean Hall Scholarship](#). Three \$500 scholarships for high school seniors at Huntington Beach High School who are members of the HBHS Surfing Team.

[Eastern Surfing Association Marsh Scholarship](#). \$8,000 scholarship. May 15 deadline.

The Final Frontier

[Klingon Language Institute Scholarship](#) The Kor Memorial Scholarship is awarded by the Klingon Language Institute to recognize and encourage scholarship in the field of language study.

[Starfleet Academy Scholarship](#) The Starfleet Academy Scholarship offers several \$500 scholarships for active members of the Starfleet Academy. Fields of study include medicine, veterinary medicine, teaching, writing, law enforcement, engineering, acting, dance, music, foreign languages, international studies, business and management.

SPAACSE Scholarships The Society of Performers, Artists, Athletes and Celebrities for Space Exploration, Inc. (SPAACSE) offers two \$1,000 scholarships.

[The SPAACSE Galaxy Music Scholarship](#) is available to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing an interest in space music as a means of expressing the beauty and inspiration of the universe.

[The SPAACSE Liliane Webb Art Scholarship](#) is open to graduating high school seniors who have an interest in space art. Candidates must provide an original two-dimensional space artwork to be considered for this award.

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 works illustrating a science fiction or fantasy story with no recurring theme. Entries may not have been previously published. The award is up to \$4,000.

Animal Appreciation

Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest The Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest awards a \$1,500 scholarship to the winner. The contest is open to any high school senior in the United States who can call ducks.

National Rifle Association Scholarships The National Rifle Association (NRA) sponsors several scholarships for NRA Junior Members.

Mule Deer Foundation Scholarships The Dannie Jasmine Scholarship is sponsored by the Mule Deer Foundation, a conservation foundation established to conserve mule and blacktail deer.

Food-Related

National Beef Ambassador Program The National Beef Ambassador Program is a national public speaking competition for students aged 16 to 19. Winners are selected to represent the beef industry and win college scholarships and cash prizes.

Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship The Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG) offers two \$5,000 scholarships each year to graduating US high school seniors who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and communities.

AACT National Candy Technologists Scholarship The American Association of Candy Technologists (AACT) sponsors an annual \$5,000 scholarship for college freshmen, sophomores and juniors (for use in the next academic year) who have demonstrated an interest in confectionary technology.

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.

Activity-Related

[DePauw University](#) The Icy Frost Bridge Scholarship at DePauw University is restricted to female music students who can sing or play the national anthem with sincerity. Icy's brother, Jack Frost Bridge, is an alumnus of DePauw University.

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. One or two \$500 to \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. www.studentdonor.org .

[Tupperware Home Parties Scholarship](#) Tupperware offers a scholarship to independent Tupperware dealers, managers, franchised distributors and their dependent children.

[Coven of the Sacred Waters](#) The Coven of the Sacred Waters offers two scholarships for Pagan and Wicca students. The [Karma Award](#) is a \$500 scholarship for Pagans. The [Community Service Award](#) is a \$400 scholarship.

What You Don't Do

[Gertrude J. Deppen Scholarship](#) The Gertrude J. Deppen scholarship at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania is restricted to Bucknell University students demonstrating financial need who have resided in Mount Carmel for 10 years, graduated from Mount Carmel Public High School in Pennsylvania, who are not habitual users of tobacco, intoxicating liquor, and narcotics, and who do not participate in strenuous athletic contests.

[Alice McArver Ratchford Scholarship](#) The Alice McArver Ratchford Scholarship is a need-based scholarship for female undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who must be single, live on campus, don't own a car, have never been married and have no other scholarships.

Twins

Colleges that currently offer special scholarships or discounts for twins and triplets include:

Carl Albert State College in Oklahoma (Paula Nieto Twin Scholarship)

George Washington University in Washington, DC (50% discount for second sibling)

Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio (each twin gets the scholarship in alternate years)

Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, VA (15% discount)

Sterling College in Kansas (50% discount for each twin)

West Chester University of Pennsylvania (Bonnie Evans Feinberg Scholarship)

Legacy Scholarships

[Hood College's Grandma Scholarship](#) Hood College offers a heritage scholarship in which selected incoming freshmen pay the same first-year tuition as their alumnus parent or grandparent.