



Foundation Scholarships for the SCPS Class of 2026

Our 45+ Scholarships range in value and while most are available to all SCPS High Schools, some are specific to Hagerty, Lake Brantley, Lyman, and Seminole.

Some opportunities focus on Areas of Study such as Trade Programs, Education, Nursing, the Arts, Engineering, or to students who've participated in athletic programs, arts programs, extracurricular activities, and community service.

Other factors are considered such as students who have overcome challenges, experienced homelessness or demonstrated financial need.

All applicants must be committed to pursuing continued education within one year of graduation. Scholarship funds will only be distributed to an approved university, college, or trade school. Monetary awards can be used for tuition, textbooks, and/or school fees.

*Please review the detailed scholarship descriptions then apply at fscps.awardspring.com.
The application deadline is Tuesday, March 17, 2026.*

Almond Family Scholarship – Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Lyman High School.
- Possess a minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares how their service, leadership, or involvement at school and in the community has shaped them in high school; as well as their education plans after graduation.
- Provide one letter of reference.
- Preference to members of the Interact Club.

Arnie Lee Nussbaum Scholarship for Nursing – Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Plan to pursue an education in Nursing or a nursing-related field.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that states why they would like to pursue nursing.
- Provide one letter of reference.



Arts Exclusive Scholarships – Award \$1,000 (3 Awards – Dede Schaffner Arts Scholarship, Eric Stephen Kryc Memorial Scholarship, and Ralph Ameduri, Jr. Music Scholarships)

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Plans to major in the Arts which can include, but not limited to, fine arts, theatre, photography, graphic design, or music.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares the importance of art in their life, what area they would like to study, and what career they would like to pursue.
- Provide one letter of reference.
- Preference may be given to students who demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).

Boothe “Meet the Challenge” Scholarship – Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Lake Brantley High School.
- The student must have overcome challenges such as physical or mental disabilities, poverty, homelessness, family issues, immigration, language barriers, etc. as stated in their essay.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us about how they overcame an obstacle and what they learned from it.
- Preference will be given to first generation college students as stated in their essay.

Boothe Family Scholarship – Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Student has disabilities and receives assistance through the SCPS Exceptional Student Education Division through a Section 504 Plan or an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Possess a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares how their disability has impacted their life and also shares their educational and career goals.
- Provide one letter of reference.

Bud Layer Memorial Scholarship – Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Seminole High School.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us how this scholarship will help them and impact their future.



Chetana Memorial Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school, with a preference for Seminole High School.
- The student must have demonstrated perseverance in the face of difficulty and be committed to pursuing college education as stated in their essay.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us about how they overcame an obstacle and persevered in their life.

Dede Schaffner Follow Your Dreams Scholarship - Award \$1,000 (2 Awards)

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us what career they would like to pursue and how this scholarship would help them.
- Provide one letter of reference.
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).

Dr. Vogel AAA Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Must have participated in an athletic program at any SCPS high school.
- Must have participated in a visual or performing arts program at any SCPS high school.
- Possess a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us how academics, athletics, and the arts have positively impacted their high school career and prepared them for future success.
- Provide one letter of reference, preferably from an athletics coach or a performing / fine arts teacher.
- Plan to pursue a 4-year college degree.

Eddie Campbell Memorial Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Lyman High School.
- Must participate in high school athletics with a preference to wrestling.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that states the importance of sports in their life and what they learned from it.
- Provide two letters of reference.



Foundation Impact Jump Start Award - Award Two-Year Florida Prepaid Scholarship Good for 60 credit hours (10 Awards - one per high school)

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Student must demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us how this scholarship will help them and impact their future or tells us about a time they overcame an obstacle and what they learned from it.
- Must enroll in a trade program, college, or university during the following Fall semester to receive the award.
- If selected to receive this Florida Prepaid Scholarship, additional documentation such as proof of Florida Residency and income verification will be required by May 10, 2026.
- Jump Start Scholarships are Florida Prepaid Scholarships good for 60 lower division credit hours (College Rate) at any of the 28 Florida Colleges with no cash value. If the recipient has additional scholarships or grants, they should work with their college/university's financial aid office on the best way to utilize the Prepaid account funds.

Frank J. Bracco Memorial Scholarship - Award \$2,500

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Must plan to enroll in a trade program or related field.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) on their career goals.
- Provide three letters of reference.

Hagerty Family Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Hagerty High School.
- Must have at least one parent who is an employee of Seminole County Public Schools.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that showcases their leadership, character, community service, and/or overall strengths.
- Provide one letter of reference.
- Preference will be given based upon their commitment to service and plans to enroll in college/university full-time as stated in their essay.



Higgins/O'Donnell Legacy Scholarship - Award \$1,500

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Plan to pursue studies in education or an education-related field.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares their career plans and why they feel called to work in education.
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).
- Additional preference will be given to those students who have completed a minimum of 25 hours of community service.

James E. Melton Jr. Memorial Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- The student should demonstrate academic excellence and community engagement.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares their future college and career goals.
- Provide two letters of reference.
- Must plan to obtain a four-year degree from a college or university.

Joe Tramell Memorial Scholarship - Award \$5,000 (2 Awards)

- Graduating senior attends Seminole High School.
- Plan to pursue a degree in Engineering or an engineering-related field.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares the importance of a college education and how it will impact their future.
- Must be accepted to a 4-year college or university.

John Mercer/Sanford Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Seminole High School.
- Must have completed a minimum of 25 hours of community service.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares the importance of a college education and how it will impact their future.
- Preference to members of the Interact Club.



Lyman High Exclusive Scholarships - Award \$1,000 (4 Awards - Bill Scott Scholarship, Carlton Henley Scholarship, Sam Momary Scholarship, and Walter Lee Scholarship)

- Graduating senior attends Lyman High School.
- Possess a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us how this scholarship will help them and impact their future or tells us about a time they overcame an obstacle and what they learned from it.
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).

Mickey Yasko Academic and Athletic Excellence Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Seminole High School.
- Must participate in high school athletics.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that states the importance of sports in their life and what they learned from it.

Nardo Scholarship - Award \$1,000 (2 Awards)

- Graduating senior attends Oviedo High School.
- Must have participated in the NJROTC program.
- Possess a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares how the NJROTC program has impacted their life and/or how it will continue to be a part of their life after high school.
- Preference will be given based upon the number of years in the NJROTC program as stated in their essay.
- Additional preference will be given to those who plan to remain engaged in a military leadership program beyond high school, either through college ROTC enrollment or active service, as stated in their essay.
- Provide one letter of reference - OPTIONAL.



Raymond Gaines Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Plan to pursue studies in education or an education-related field.
- Must have completed a minimum of 25 hours of community service.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that describes why they want to enter the teaching profession.
- Provide two letters of reference.
- Must be accepted to a 4-year college or university.

Rotary Club of Seminole County South Legacy Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Lyman High School.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Must have completed 50 hours of community service or employment.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that shares the importance of service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world - and how service aligns with their education plans after graduation.
- Preference to members the Interact Club.

Sam Momary "Tradition of Excellence" Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends Hagerty High School.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that describes how the applicant has demonstrated excellence in at least three of the four pillars of the Paul J. Hagerty High School crest: Academics, Athletics, Arts, and Community Service.
- Provide two letters of reference.



Sanford Porchfest Arts Jump Start Scholarship - Award Two-Year Florida Prepaid Scholarship Good for 60 credit hours (3 Awards)

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- Plans to major in the Arts which can include, but not limited to, fine arts, theatre, photography, graphic design, or music.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Student must demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).
- Must enroll in a trade program, college, or university during the following Fall semester to receive the award.
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Serrato-Munoz Scholarship - Award \$1,000

- Graduating senior attends any SCPS high school.
- The student must have experienced housing instability throughout their life.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay (600 words max) that tells us how the obstacle of housing instability impacted their life and what they learned from it; as well as how this scholarship will help them and impact their future.
- Preference given to students who demonstrate financial need (verified by enrollment in the Free or Reduced Lunch program).

Crooms Academy of Information Technology Seniors, contact your school guidance counselors for information and applications regarding additional scholarships offered and managed through Crooms Academy.