

January/February Scholarship News



Prescott High School

2025-2026

*The PHS Class of 2025 was awarded **12 million** dollars in scholarships!*

What should I be doing this month for scholarships?

- Apply for scholarships in the January/February Newsletter that you qualify for
- Complete the Arizona Community Foundation Scholarship application
- Write essays for the Arizona Community Foundation Scholarship application
- Gather letters of recommendations to use for scholarship applications
- Complete your FAFSA
- Investigate and apply for scholarships through the college/university you are planning to attend

Big Future Scholarships

Eligibility: Senior who is planning to attend college or university in Fall 2026

Amount: \$40,000

Application: Apply online at
<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20669/big-future-scholarship>

Deadline: Varies

Dorrance Scholarship

- Eligibility:** Seniors who are 1st generation to attend college (neither parent/stepparent holds a 4 year degree), minimum GPA of a 3.0, SAT score of 1110 or higher or ACT score of 22 or higher, demonstrated financial need, plan to attend one of Arizona's three in state universities
- Amount:** \$12,000 per year with international study/travel opportunities
- Application:** For more information and to apply online go to <http://www.dorrancescholarship.org/>
- Deadline:** February 4th

McDonald's Scholarship

- Eligibility:** Seniors with a minimum 2.8 GPA who plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university and have one parent of Hispanic heritage
- Amount:** TBD
- Application:** <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>
- Deadline:** February 6th

Prescott Sunup Rotary Foundation Scholarship

- Eligibility:** Seniors planning to attend a university, community college, or vocational institute; students with high ethical standards who serve their community and school.
- Amount:** varies (last year three \$3,000 scholarships were awarded)
- Application:** Application attached to email
- Deadline:** February 14th

Kiwanis Club Community Service Scholarship of Carefree

- Eligibility:** Seniors who have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Amount:** \$1,000
- Application:** <https://kiwanisscholarship.org/>
- Deadline:** February 15th

Marion Saben Peek Scholarship

Eligibility: A Yavapai County senior who demonstrates traits of high personal character and leadership; GPA of a 2.0 or higher; planning to attend a community college or four-year college or university

Amount: To be determined

Application: www.csascholars.org/peek

Deadline: February 19th

Desert Financial Community Service Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior with a 3.0 GPA planning to attend an AZ college or university and who is a current member or relative of a member. Must have at least 50 hours of community service.

Amount: \$2,500-\$10,000

Application: <https://www.desertfinancial.com/foundation/college-scholarships>

Deadline: February 20th

Arizona Elk Society

Eligibility: Seniors with a 2.7 GPA continuing on to college who exhibit a commitment to wildlife and the outdoors; must be a current member of the Arizona Elk Society and have a current hunting license

Amount: \$750-\$1,000

Application: <http://www.arizonaelksociety.org/youth-scholarships>

Deadline: Postmarked by February 28th

C. Derk Janssen Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: A PHS senior who is continuing their education after graduation which focuses on further reading, critical thinking and creative problem solving. Possible majors include English, Environmental Studies or Political Science

Amount: \$2,000

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 1st

Findlay Auto Group Educational Endowment Scholarship

Eligibility: A Yavapai County senior planning to attend Yavapai College and demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills and dedication to the community

Amount: \$1,000

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 1st

Gladys Gardner Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior who has been admitted to an accredited college or university teacher preparation program

Amount: Starting at \$2,500

Application: <https://ycesa.com/gardner-teacher-scholarship/>

Deadline: March 3rd

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior in the Quad City area who has a 3.0 GPA or higher and plans to attend a technical school, community college, or university after graduation

Amount: \$1,000

Application: <https://slecp.org/ministry/outreach/>

Deadline: Emailed or postmarked by March 5th

Arizona Cattle Industry Research & Education Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior pursuing studies in courses and careers directly or indirectly related to the cattle industry.

Amount: varies

Application: <https://www.arizonacowbelles.org/scholarships/acif-scholarship>

Deadline: Postmarked by March 15th

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program

Eligibility: People living with Epilepsy, immediate family members and caregivers

Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000

Application: <https://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/>

Deadline: March 15th

Bill Fain Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: A Yavapai County Senior who has been accepted and will be attending the University of Arizona, majoring in agriculture, finance, economics or business

Amount: \$2,000

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 16th

Forrest Scholarship

Eligibility: Prescott High School Senior with financial need and planning to attend a university, community college, or trade school

Amount: starting at \$1,000

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 16th

James A. Fortmann Scholarship

Eligibility: Yavapai County high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA planning to attend an Arizona community college, vocational school or university majoring in art, fine art, art education or art history and has financial need.

Amount: \$5,000 and is renewable

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 16th

Javus B. Fortmann Scholarship

Eligibility: Yavapai County high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA planning to attend an Arizona community college or university majoring in education and has financial need.

Amount: \$5,000 and is renewable

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships/>

Deadline: March 16th

Mingus Mountain Law Group Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior planning who will be attending post secondary education and has a background in volunteering and community service

Amount: \$1,500 (2 scholarships awarded)

Application: <https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/>

Deadline: March 16th

Yavapai Symphony Association

Eligibility: Seniors pursuing a degree in music performance or music education

Amount: To be determined

Application: For more information and to apply online go to www.yavapaisymphony.org

Deadline: March 16th

* Be sure to apply early as an audition is required

Democratic Women of the Prescott Area (DWPA) Scholarship

- Eligibility:** Senior who is living with a registered Democrat and plans to attend a college/university
- Amount:** \$2,000 (4 scholarships being awarded)
- Application:** <https://dwpaz.org/2026-dwpa-scholarship-info>
- Deadline:** Email application and accompanying documents to: dwpascholarship@gmail.com
by March 17th

The Beauty + Wellness Scholarship for Women

- Eligibility:** A female senior graduating in the U.S. who is striving to maintain their health and wellness as they pursue their higher education goals
- Amount:** \$500 + a care package filled with healthy organic goodies (2 winners each quarter)
- Application:** www.skincareox.com/scholarship/
- Deadline:** Quarterly deadlines: January 1st, March 31st, June 30th, and September 30th every year

Yavapai County Mounted Sheriff's Posse

- Eligibility:** Seniors planning to attend a university, community college or trade school
- Amount:** \$1,000
- Application:** Application attached to email
- Deadline:** Postmarked by April 4th

Yavapai County Mounted Sheriff's Posse ("Ralph Hooker Scholarship")

Eligibility: Seniors planning to attend Yavapai College

Amount: \$1,000

Application: Application attached to email

Deadline: Postmarked by April 4th

My Kids' Dentist Scholarship

Eligibility: Graduating senior in the tri-cities area

Amount: \$1,000 (plus an additional \$250 donated to the school/program of the recipient's choice!)

Application: <https://mykidsdentist.biz/scholarship/>

Deadline: April 5th

Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior with 2.5 GPA who is continuing their education after high school and is a US citizen

Amount: \$1,000

Application: 300-550 word essay on the following topic: How to engage young people when they become eligible to vote, to register to vote and participate in the democratic process. See attached for scholarship details. Use of ChatGPT or other AI programs to write the essay will disqualify applicants.

Deadline: April 6th - Email essay in PDF format to lwvcyc@gmail.com

Kiwanis Club Community Service Scholarship

Eligibility: Seniors who have participated in community service

Amount: \$1,000

Application: www.prescottkiwanis.com

Deadline: April 15th

Mattie Cowan Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior who plans to pursue agricultural degrees

Amount: \$1,500

Application: <https://www.arizonacowbelles.org/scholarships/mattie-cowan-scholarship>

Deadline: April 15th

2026 Student-View Scholarship

Eligibility: Senior

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Application: <https://www.student-view.com/ScholarshipWmap.html>

Deadline: April 23rd

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 6

Eligibility: Seniors who are sons, grandsons, daughters or granddaughters of honorably discharged or actively serving members of any of the Armed Forces of the United States

Amount: \$1,000

Application: Application attached to email

Deadline: Postmarked by April 30th

Dr. Kenneth and Iris Walker Scholarship

Eligibility: Exclusively for PHS Seniors interested in pursuing a career in teaching; financial need given strong consideration

Amount: \$1,000

Application: www.PUSDEducationFoundation.com/scholarships

Deadline: April 30th

Denise Bussart-Walker Scholarship

Eligibility: Exclusively for PHS Seniors; open to any field of study at a college or technical education institute; financial need given strong consideration

Amount: \$1,000

Application: www.PUSDEducationFoundation.com/scholarships

Deadline: April 30th

BigFuture Scholarships

Eligibility: Senior

Amount: \$500 or \$40,000

Application: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Deadline: Monthly drawings

IMPORTANT DATES

Cash for College

When: Wednesday, December 13th from 5:00-6:30pm

Where: Yavapai College Prescott Campus in the Walraven Gym

A local scholarship awareness night for students and families to learn about local scholarship opportunities! And one scholarship application and over 100 Arizona scholarship opportunities! This is an event you won't want to miss! <https://www.azfoundation.org/Scholarships/Scholarship-Opportunities>

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

In State Colleges – Scholarship Websites

ASU <http://students.asu.edu/scholarships>
U of A <http://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-aid>
NAU <http://nau.edu/FinAid/Welcome/>
YC <http://www.yc.edu/webtools/apps/financialaid/scholarships/list.asp>
ERAU <https://erau.edu/>
Prescott College:
<http://www.prescott.edu/apply/financial-aid/scholarships/prescott-college-scholarships/>

National Scholarship Websites:

www.collegeboard.org	www.studentscholarshipssearch.com
www.flinscholars.org	www.anycollege.com
www.finaid.com	www.collegedata.com
www.gocollege.com	www.collegequest.com
www.fastweb.com	

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) - <http://www.wiche.edu/wue>

A program where students can attend participating institutions in other states for reduced tuition. Instead of paying out-of-state tuition, a WUE participant pays the regular in-state tuition plus 50 percent of that amount.

Arizona Community Foundation:

<https://www.azfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarshipopportunities.aspx>

One scholarship application and over 100 Arizona scholarship opportunities!

PHS ADVISING WEBSITE - <https://phsadvisement.wixsite.com/phsadvicing>

Looking for up-to-date information? Check out the website to find the PHS monthly Scholarship Newsletter, a variety of helpful & printable resources, and upcoming testing dates.