

# GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP LIST #3

Scholarships can be found everywhere! Places to look are university/college financial aid office, high school counseling office, local businesses, social media, google searches, and scholarship search engines.

You should never have to pay anything toward applying for a scholarship!

Here are a few scholarship search engines to get you started for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>, <https://www.unigo.com/>, <https://www.fastweb.com/>, and [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org).

## CollegeBoard Scholarships (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Deadline: Specific Deadlines to Meet through Junior and Senior Year

Amounts range from \$500-\$40,000 for each step completed and can be used toward a 2- or 4-year institution. Ways to earn entries in monthly drawings by completing steps toward college: Start a Career List, Build a College List, Practice for the SAT, Explore Scholarships, Strengthen Your College List, Complete the FAFSA, and Apply to College. BigFuture rewards you for doing what you already are doing: planning for life after high school. With no essay, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements, BigFuture makes it easy to enter drawings (yes, plural!) each month. Simply complete unlocked steps on your dashboard, and you'll be automatically entered to win. One step completed = one entry each month . . . the earlier and sooner you complete tasks, the bigger your chances to win. Students whose families earn less than \$60,000 a year receive two entries each drawing. Don't wait, get started today! Earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships by completing steps to plan for life after high school. Entries open until February of your senior year.

Apply Online: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships#>

## USC Upstate Promise Scholars

### Deadline: By Admissions Application Deadline

Amount: The amount will vary based on how much financial aid the student receives. To be eligible, **seniors** must be accepted to USC-Upstate, complete a FAFSA, and be eligible for Life or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Only 100 students will be selected from the applicant pool to receive this award. The scholarship will fill in any gap between the student's aid and the full cost of tuition so the students will not pay any tuition costs. The scholarship can be renewed for three additional years if the student remains eligible for their state scholarships.

Apply Online: <https://www.uscupstate.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/financial-aid/scholarships-grants-and-loans/university-scholarships/>

## Heisman High School Scholarship

### Deadline: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Amount \$10,000. For **12<sup>th</sup> grade seniors**, this award can be applied for by any male and/or female scholar-athlete who exhibits excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and within their communities. Those scholar-athletes must have a "B" average (3.0 GPA) during grades 9, 10, and 11. Must participate in at least one of the sports recognized ([www.olympic.org/sports](http://www.olympic.org/sports) or [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)). **You MUST inform the Athletic Counselor, Anton Gist, that you are applying for this award so he can complete his review of your application.**

The email address for the reviewer on the application is [anton.gist@cherokee1.org](mailto:anton.gist@cherokee1.org)

Apply Online: <https://heismanscholarship.com/>

**Appelley Publishing Student Poetry Contest****Deadline: November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Amount up to \$500. Each student may submit only one original poem on any subject, of no less than 2 lines and no more than 20 lines, in any form other than concrete or blackout. Offensively graphic poems or those containing profanity will not be accepted. Complete rules and restrictions are posted online.

**Application Entry Form can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**Elks National Foundation: Most Valuable Student Scholarship****Deadline: November 13th**

Amount: \$1,000-\$7,500. Any high school **senior** may apply and doesn't have to be related to an Elk's member. Students must be active in school and community activities, recognized as leaders by your peers, and need financial assistance to attend college. You must take either the ACT or SAT before November. Must also write an essay of no more than 500 words on a specific topic.

**Apply Online:** <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

**University of South Carolina Alumni Scholarships****Deadline: November 15th**

Amount: \$8,000 x 4 years. This scholarship program is highly competitive; there are a limited number of these scholarships awarded. This award is exclusive to high school **seniors** graduating and entering USC in the Fall. To be considered for the Alumni Scholarship, you must apply for admission to the South Carolina Honors College and complete an application for general admission. Awardees must attend the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina. Maintain a 3.0 GPA & be enrolled full-time and the scholarship will automatically renew.

**Apply Online:** <https://www.uofscalumni.org/scholarships>

**SC Teaching Fellows****Deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup> (Opens October 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Amount \$6,000. **Senior** students must major in teaching, must agree to teach in SC public schools one year for each year the scholarship is received, and attend one of these Teaching Fellows institutions: Anderson Univ., Charleston Southern, Clemson Univ., College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina, Francis Marion Univ., Lander Univ., USC-Aiken, USC-Columbia, USC-Upstate, Winthrop Univ. Notify the counselor, Donna Phillips at [donna.phillips@cherokee1.org](mailto:donna.phillips@cherokee1.org), once you have completed your application online and she will review your application. A completed application includes: answer all mandatory questions, high school transcript, ACT/SAT, and two references.

**Apply Online:** <https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows.html> **Opens October 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!**

**Ron Brown Scholar Program****Deadline: December 1st**

Amount \$10,000 (for 4 years). For African American college bound high school **seniors**. Scholarship dedicated to empowering and supporting them to achieve their potential within their chosen academic disciplines and into the workforce. Must excel academically and show exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need.

**Applications can be picked up in the Guidance Office or** <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/>

**The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship****Deadline: November 16th**

Amount: Up to \$55,000 per year. The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available for high-achieving high school **seniors** with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. **Apply Online:** <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

**The Navy ROTC \$180,000 Scholarship Program****Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Amount: Tuition and other financial benefits worth up to \$180,000 for 4 yrs. Be a high school **senior** & U.S. Citizen 17-23 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year starting college. Test Scores Required (ACT: Math 21 & English 22; SAT: Math 540 & Critical Reading 550). Have no criminal record, be physically/medically qualified by Navy standards, and be admitted to an approved NROTC college or university.

**Application Instructions and Checklist are printed in the Guidance Office.****Apply Online: <https://www.navy.com/start> /You can start your application the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of your Junior Year in High School****The American Legion: HS Oratorical Scholarship****Deadline: December/January**

Amount up to \$25,000 in National Competition. Students compete in Local and National Competitions. The purpose of the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program “A Constitutional Speech Contest” is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship. For students, grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, to help develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States.

**If interested, please contact the Guidance Office for more contest information.****USDA 1890 National Scholars Program for 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities****Deadline: TBA (check website for updates), Application is currently being developed into an e-application.**

Amount: Full Tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years. This program is available to high school **seniors** pursuing a bachelor’s degree who exhibit leadership and community service, and desire to attend one of (19) 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or better, scores of a 1080 SAT, or a composite score of 21 ACT. Must submit a 500 to 800-word essay describing: 1) my interest in USDA, 2) how I envision the scholarship will impact me personally and my future as a public servant, and 3) my experiences and perceptions about agriculture, food, and natural resource sciences. **Please see more information at: <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars>**

**Harry Hampton Scholarship****Deadline: January 17th**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the [http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/](http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org) **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**Thomas Webster Hardwick Jr. Scholarship****Deadline: January 17th**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the [http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/](http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org) **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**Wallace F. Pate Scholarship****Deadline: January 17th**

Amount \$5,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must plan to major in natural resources: wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science to qualify. Given by the [http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/](http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org) **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**David M. Cline Scholarship****Deadline: January 17th**

Amount \$1,000. **Senior** students who are planning to pursue a degree in law enforcement/criminal justice/forensic science. Given by the [http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/](http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org) **Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**James O. Thomason Scholarship****Deadline: January 17th**

Amount \$2,000 x 4 years. **Senior** student must declare a major in electronic, print, or photo journalism, advertising, public relations, or mass communications. Must write a 1,200word (approximate) essay on the following topic: “What are the risks and potential impacts to this important area and what might developers do to reduce those impacts?” Student must also write a personal autobiography to include a description of their career ambitions.

**Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.** Given by the <http://www.hamptonwildlifefund.org/>

**Air Force ROTC Scholarship****Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> (May make changes to your online application to this date)**

Amount up to Full-Tuition (based on type of scholarship received). **Senior** student must be planning to graduate in the Spring, must have SAT 1240 and ACT composite of 26, GPA of 3.0, must complete the PFA (Physical Fitness Assessment). Air Force ROTC will contact you periodically about your status and you can track your application status online.

**Apply Online:** <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/>

**Hessie Morrah Horticulture Scholarship****Deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup> via Email to the GCSC Scholarship Chairman, Sandra Barker, [sandrabarker13@yahoo.com](mailto:sandrabarker13@yahoo.com)**

Amount \$2,000. For **senior** students planning on attending an accredited institution- Technical/College/University. Must have a GPA of 3.0 on the 4.0 scale. This scholarship encourages the study of agriculture, agronomy, botany, city planning floriculture, land managements, landscape architecture, plant pathology, historic preservation or related majors.

**Application can be picked up in the Guidance Office.**

**Spartanburg Community College Call Me MiSTER Program****Deadline: Spring Semester**

Amount: Tuition and/or book assistance. The Call Me MiSTER Program is a mentoring type program where young minority students will be mentored into effective leaders, and will become mentors themselves for their students. The mission is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background, particularly among the State’s lowest performing elementary schools. The ideal MiSTER must possess leadership qualities as well as adhere to requirements including (but not limited to): Major in Elementary, Early Childhood Education, or K-12 Certification areas, maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA, adhere to attendance policies, and conduct self in a manner that exemplifies values of a positive role model and mentor.

**Contact Fredrick Keenan:** [keenanf@sccsc.edu](mailto:keenanf@sccsc.edu) or 864-592-4486

**Apply Online:** <https://www.sccsc.edu/schoolslist/education/call-me-mister.php>

**Limestone University Call Me MiSTER Program****Deadline: Spring Semester**

Amount: Tuition and/or book assistance. The Call Me MiSTER Program is a mentoring type program where young minority students will be mentored into effective leaders, and will become mentors themselves for their students. The mission is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background, particularly among the State’s lowest performing elementary schools. The ideal MiSTER must possess leadership qualities as well as adhere to requirements including (but not limited to): Major in Elementary, Early Childhood Education, or K-12 Certification areas, maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA, adhere to attendance policies, and conduct self in a manner that exemplifies values of a positive role model and mentor.

**Contact Shelly Meyers:** [smeyers@limestone.edu](mailto:smeyers@limestone.edu) or 864-488-8207, <https://www.limestone.edu/call-me-mister>

**Spartanburg Community College Scholarships****Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Spartanburg Community College.

<https://www.sccsc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/index.php>

**Limestone University Scholarships****Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Limestone University.

<https://www.limestone.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants>

**Spartanburg Methodist College Scholarships****Deadline: Spring Semester**

For high school **seniors** planning to graduate and attend Spartanburg Methodist College.

<https://www.smcsc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships/>

**Imagine America Scholarship for Career Schools****Deadline: Spring Semester**

This scholarship is for high school **seniors** or recent graduates planning to attend a career school participating in The Imagine America Scholarship Program (Participating career schools are listed at [www.imagine-america.org/ourschools](http://www.imagine-america.org/ourschools).) To qualify, applicants must graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above and enroll in a participating career college. Applicants may also be requested to demonstrate commitment to community service and/or financial need.

**Apply Online:** <https://www.imagine-america.org/applyforscholarships/> , <https://www.imagine-america.org/colleges-scholarships-high-school-seniors/> , <https://www.imagine-america.org/students/scholarships-education/highschoolscholarships/>

**KNOW (2) Cherokee Scholarship with Spartanburg Community College****Deadline: Spring Semester**

Amount vary based on specific industrial program. **Senior** students interested in attending Spartanburg Community College after graduation may apply. Senior must have a high school diploma or GED and enroll within one academic year after completing high school. Student must enter specific industrial programs to receive scholarship: • Automated Manufacturing Technology/ Robotics • Automotive/Manufacturing Production Technology • Electronics Engineering Technologies • Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) • Industrial Electricity and Electronics Repair • Machine Tool Technology (CNC) • Mechanical/Mechatronics • Welding

**Information available in the Guidance Office or Contact Amanda Painter at SCC Cherokee County Campus.** <http://www.know2cherokee.com/>