



Hoffman Estates High School  
College/Career Resource Center

# Private Scholarship Offerings

Dear HEHS Students and Parents:

Welcome to our compilation of scholarship opportunities available to HEHS seniors! Between 75-100 privately-funded scholarships are advertised every year through our College/Career Resource Center (CRC-Room 132) and website. We hope this booklet will provide not only easy-to-read descriptions of these offerings, but also give both students and parents a realistic view as to exactly what is required for each separate opportunity. Please take into consideration that some scholarships may not be offered on an annual basis due to a lack of funding and website content and yearly deadlines may change.

Private scholarships begin arriving in our office in September and the actual scholarship “season” is at its height between December and April. The guide has been organized by **monthly due dates**. Scholarship opportunities will be posted for students **approximately one month in advance** of their individual due dates on the hallway wall outside the CRC. Most scholarship applications are available on line. For those scholarships applications that are not available on line, students can read the descriptions for each individual scholarship and then come into the CRC to pick up an application or instructions for acquiring applications. These postings are also available for parents and students through our CRC website at: <http://hhs.d211.org/students/college-career-center/scholarship-information/>. Simply click on **Scholarship Information** to view the posted scholarships and the link to the application, if available.

While many scholarships remain constant from year to year, others are disbanded and still others emerge. While **due dates** usually remain consistent, some scholarships **may change** their postmarked deadlines. Our goal, as always, is to supply you with the most current information regarding these opportunities; therefore, we are providing you with several resources to aid in your search.

Finally, while we are happy to provide this information, please be realistic and diligent in your search for scholarships and grants. More than 80% of all “gift” aid comes from individual colleges and universities and their financial aid budgets. Please check their financial aid links for information about specific scholarships for incoming freshman and/or specific majors. In addition, some of the scholarships listed in our guide require extensive documentation of family financial resources as well as student-produced essays and teacher recommendations. Students and parents should always weigh the advantages/disadvantages of each scholarship opportunity before committing to the application process.

We wish you good luck in your financial aid search and in all post-secondary endeavors.

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# December Deadline Scholarships

## IFT/Carl Megel Special Ed Scholarship

1 Award                                      Amount \$1,000                                      Eligibility: Illinois Resident

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School

*\* Applicant must be child of current Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) member AND must be presently enrolled in some form of special education class or program. Students planning to teach special education students are NOT eligible*

**Application requirements include:** Application, Transcript, One page Essay about “What I hope to gain from a postsecondary education”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation, Proof of enrollment in special education program

\*Apply at: <http://www.ift-aft.org/benefits/Scholarships.aspx>

## IFT/Robert Porter Scholarship

2 Awards                                      Amount \$1,500 -\$6,000 Total                                      Eligibility: Illinois Resident

Apply at: <http://www.ift-aft.org/benefits/Scholarships.aspx>

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, GPA at least 3.0, ACT, attending a 4 year Illinois PUBLIC School

*\* Applicant must be child of current Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) member*

**Application requirements include:** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “What role do labor unions and union members play as positive forces in society OR Three examples how labor unions have been/are a positive force in American society, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

## Scholarship Experts

Multiple Awards \*                                      Amount \$1,000                                      Eligibility: US

(New essays and deadlines throughout the year)

Apply at: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

**Applicant Criteria:** Age 13 or older, attending a 2 or 4 year school

**Application requirements include:** Application, Essay: 250 word – “Create a list of your 10 favorite books and what they have taught you.”

*\*Apply online at [www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx)*

## NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Award is open to Seniors who are operating their own small business

Apply at: [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA)

# January Deadline Scholarships

## Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Scholarship

1 Award

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: Student must be planning on attending  
U of I - Urbana Champaign

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, Male Only, Student must be confirmed Lutheran

*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, One Recommendation letter from student's pastor, Work/Community Service, Activities/Leadership/Honors

*Must interview in Urbana in April. Must send away for application. Similar programs are*

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# February Deadline Scholarships

## AXA Achievement Community Scholarship

Up to 2 in each branch office (Our branch is in Oakbrook)

Amount \$2,000

Eligibility: United States

Apply at: <http://www.axa-scholarship.com/>

***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attend a 2 or 4 year School

\*Students must describe an “outstanding achievement” they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. This accomplishment may be a long-term achievement, an activity or project that occurred in school, community or at work.

***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, One Recommendation letter, Essay: Student must provide short answers to the “outstanding achievement” mentioned above. Answers will address challenges, structure of project and its impact on you and /or school or community.

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# February Deadline Scholarships

## CBAI Foundation for Community Banking

Several Awards

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

Apply at: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid>

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# **February Deadline Scholarships**

## **District 211 Teachers Union Scholarship**

1 Award for HEHS (5 total) Amount \$1,500 Eligibility: District 211 at least 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade

***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, D211 school for at least 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade, attending a 2 or 4 year School, GPA at least 3.0 unweighted

***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay: a self-evaluation highlighting a strong interest, personality trait, experience, etc., Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership

\*Out-of-School activities require a verification of hours/participation for each entry. Students must make additional copies of final page, one for each out-of-school activity

\*Apply at: <http://www.local1211.org/main/>

## **District 211 Teachers Union Vocational Scholarship**

1 Award Amount \$1,500 Eligibility: District 211

***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, D211 school for at least 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade, attending a Trade/Tech School

***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay: a self-evaluation highlighting your inspiration for your vocational interest, future goals, etc., Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 letter of Recommendation from a non-related adult who is knowledgeable about your vocational interest

\*Out-of-School activities require a verification of hours/participation for each entry. Students must make additional copies of final page, one for each out-of-school activity

\*Apply at: <http://www.local1211.org/main/>

## **Guardian Life Insurance “Girls Going Places” Scholarship**

15 Awards Amount \$1,000 - \$10,000 Eligibility: U.S.

**Unfortunately, this program has been discontinued. For more scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com) or [www.Fastweb.com](http://www.Fastweb.com)**

## **Illinois Council for Exceptional Children – Lesley Graham Scholarship**

2 Awards Amount \$500 each Eligibility: Illinois

Apply at: <http://illinoiscec.org/icec-dr-leslie-p-graham-scholarship/>

***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Student must present Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to verify disability, GPA 2.5 and above, attending 2 or 4 year school or trade/tech school

***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community/Service, 2 Recommendations – one from Special Education Teacher, one from IEP team member

\*Must also present acceptance letter from post-secondary institution



# February Deadline Scholarships

## Riceland Rice Scholarship Program

6 Awards

Amount \$2,000

Eligibility: Chicagoland

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, Chicagoland, attending 2 or 4 year School

*Application requirements include:* Application, 150 to 250 word Essay: “What will my college degree say about me?”-Essay judged on conciseness, originality, grammar, spelling

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# March Deadline Scholarships

## AHEPA 13<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship

25 total Awards in Illinois and Wisconsin in 2009 Amount \$23,500 in 2009

Eligibility: Resident of Illinois or Wisconsin

Apply at: \_\_\_\_\_

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# March Deadline Scholarships

## AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship and Ladies Auxiliary Worchid Scholarship

2 Different Scholarships – Several awards for each      Amount \$500 each

Eligibility: Awards are for children of War Veterans only.

Apply at: [http://www.ilamvets.org/prog\\_scholarships\\_apps.cfm](http://www.ilamvets.org/prog_scholarships_apps.cfm)

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year School

*\*Worchid Scholarship is for child of deceased war veteran*

*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances,

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# March Deadline Scholarships

## Delta Kappa Gamma

1 Award      Amount \$1,000      Eligibility: Attended Schaumburg District 54 Schools  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, Female, Field of Study: Education, Attended District 54 Schools, attending a 2 or 4 year School  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, 1 Recommendation, Short Essay about interest in Education, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership  
\*Apply at: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/DE/scholarships.html>

## Dustin Rusakiewicz Scholarship

2 Awards – 1 male, 1 female      Amount \$1,000 each      Eligibility: HEHS Student  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, HEHS STUDENT, GPA 2.5 and above, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Must be a 4 year athlete in high school  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Computer generated Essay: “Experience with HEHS athletics”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 statements on “Why I want/deserve award” and “Future Plans/Goals”, online application at

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# March Deadline Scholarships

## Gerald A. McElroy Memorial Scholarship

1 Award                                      Amount \$500                      Eligibility: D211 Student  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, District 211 Student, GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year or trade School  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, One page Essay: “Professional/educational goals”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation letter, 1 statement on “Future Plans/Goals”  
\*Scholarship application available on-line at <http://www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html>

## Illinois Society of Professional Engineers

2 Awards                                      Amount \$1,000 each                      Eligibility: Cook County Resident  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, GPA 3.5 and above, attending a 4 year School, Field of Study: is Engineering, ACT 29 Math, 25 English or Reading  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “Interest in engineering, long term goals, area of specialization”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations

## Inverness Women’s Club

1 Award                                      Amount \$1,000                      Eligibility: District 211 or 220 Resident  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, District 211 or 220 Resident , GPA 3.5 and above, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word One page Essay: “Most significant experience and how it shaped your life”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations mailed separately, 2 Statements on “Why I want/deserve this award” and “Future Plans/Goals”  
\*Application available in CRC/Information available at <http://womensclubofinverness.com>

## Joseph Blazek Foundation

Several Awards                                      Amount \$500 min per year                      Eligibility: Cook County Resident  
*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Field of Study: Engineering, Math, Chemistry, Physics or Scientific Field, Financial Need  
*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: “Self, goals, character, leadership” (400 words max), Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation from Counselor, Statements on “Future Plans/Goals”, Copy of CSS PROFILE required (included in application paperwork)

# **March Deadline Scholarships**

## **Northern Illinois Newspaper Association**

Several Awards      Amount Total \$1,500      Eligibility: 26 counties in Northern Illinois

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, GPA, ACT, Journalism Major

*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Autobiographical Essay that includes career goals, At least 1 Recommendation letter, Statements on “Future Plans/Goals”, Portfolio of published newspaper work

## **Northwest Suburban United Way-George Gattas Scholarship**

3 Awards      Amount: 1 - \$4,000, 2 - \$1,000      Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs

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# **March Deadline Scholarships**

## **William A. Lee Scholarship**

10 Awards (2 separate competitions: 5 grants in each)

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# **April Deadline Scholarships**

## **AITCOY-Association of Illinois Township Committee on Youth**

1 Award      Amount \$500      Eligibility: Illinois

Apply at: **[http://aitcoy.org/undergraduate\\_education\\_scholarship](http://aitcoy.org/undergraduate_education_scholarship)**

- x Applicant Criteria : Senior Status, 3.0 GPA, Community Service, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- x Application requirements include: School activities, transcripts, 2 letters of reference, 100 word essay describing education goals

## **Ann Fox PTA Scholarship**

1 Award                      Amount: \$500                      Eligibility: Attended Fox Elementary School

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, must have attended Fox Elementary School, attending a 2 or 4 year School

*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Essay about “Future Plans/Goals”, Work/Community Service, Activities, 2 Recommendation letters

## **Barrington Bank & Trust Scholarship**

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Applicant Criteria

# April Deadline Scholarships

## Community Scholarship Program

1 Award  
Citizen

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Graduate of Illinois High School, U.S.

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# April Deadline Scholarships

## H.E.L.P. (Hoffman Estates Loyal Parents) Scholarship

Multiple Awards

Amount: Variable

Eligibility: HEHS Student

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, GPA/Rank verification from Registrar, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School

*Application requirements include:* Application, 2 page Essay: “Why I deserve scholarship, future goals, reason applied to school of choice”

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# **April Deadline Scholarships**

## **Illinois General Assembly Scholarship**

8 Award

Amount: Tuition Waiver

Eligibility: Resident of the 22

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# **April Deadline Scholarships**

## **Merck Respiratory “Will to Win” Scholarship**

10 Awards – 2 each in the following categories: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Community Service, Athletics, Science      Amount: \$5000 each      Eligibility: U.S.

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, Must have asthma, documented by physician, GPA 3.5+, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School

*Application requirements include:* Application, Transcript, Essay: Discuss excellence despite asthma, most significant achievement and future goals, Photocopies of art work, awards etc., Recommendations – 1 to 3 with one from coach highlighting your accomplishments.

## **Nirmam Vasanwala Commemorative Scholarship**

1 Award      Amount: \$1000      Eligibility: HEHS Student

*Applicant Criteria:* Senior Status, 3.5+ GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Majoring in a field that “benefits the welfare and service of others”

*Application requirements include:* Application, 500 word Essay on how relationships/interactions helped challenge your understanding of yourself and affected your future aspirations. Also, 4 short (50 word) questions to answer, Work/Community Service, Activities, 2 Recommendations – one from teacher/faculty member and one personal reference from friend or relative

\*Apply at:

**<http://www.hehs.d211.org/people/brownr/PALS/Nirmam's%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>**

# April Deadline Scholarships

## Rotary (Dr. James Moon) Scholarship

*\*Not open to children of Rotary members*

Several Awards

Amount: \$5,000

Eligibility: HEHS, FHS, SHS

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, Male, GPA 2.0-3.0, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need, Copy of tax forms

**Application requirements include:** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Essay- Personal background, college goals, personal vision, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 5 Recommendation letters, Short Statements on “Why I want/deserve award” and “Future Plans/Goals”

\*Applications available in the CRC

## Society of Women Engineers – Chicago Chapter

Several Awards

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, Female, GPA 3.0 and above, attending a 2 or 4 year school, Field of Study: Engineering

**Application requirements include:** Application, Transcript, Essay- “Why I want to become an Engineer”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation letter

## South Barrington Garden Club

1 Award

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: D211&/or Barrington Resident

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, attending a 4 year School, GPA, Major/Field of Study: Horticulture, landscaper design, forestry, natural resources, agriculture, botany or environmental engineering

**Application requirements include:** Application, Essay: 6 shorter statements on goals, activities, involvement with environmental concerns, etc., Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations not from immediate family (mailed separately from application)

## Student-View Scholarship Program

9 Awards

Amount: 1-\$4,000, 2-\$1,000, 4-\$500

Eligibility: United States

**Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year, or trade School, Completion of college survey

**Application requirements include:** Application on line at [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com); Winners selected through random drawing



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## **How to Pay for College**

**What sources are available to help me pay for college?** The main sources are grants, scholarships and work-study programs. Most families rely on a combination of these sources.

**How do I apply for financial aid?** Every college and university in the United States requires that you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available on the Internet at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Individual colleges may also require a separate form called the PROFILE. Some colleges use their own institutional form.

**What are the main programs that could help me?** There are financing programs sponsored by the United States government, the State of Illinois and individual colleges. The chart below covers the main programs. Detailed information about each of these and others is available in the HEHS College and Career Resource Center.

## Sources of Financial Aid

Families must complete the FAFSA to be considered for any or all of these programs.

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Value*</i>	<i>Description</i>
Pell Grant	\$0 - \$5,645	Grant; money based on financial need

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# NOTES



College does not guarantee happiness and success but it does provide a person with the opportunity to test yourself and see what you can achieve. It also opens your eyes and allows you to see the numerous possibilities.

Some thoughts about college from famous people...

"A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a person is prepared for life." ~Reverend Edward A. Malloy

"A college is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds dimmed." ~Robert Ingersoll

"College is a refuge from hasty judgment." ~ Robert Frost

"A college education should equip one to entertain three things: a friend, an idea and oneself." ~ Thomas Ehrlich

"Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors!" ~ Louisa May Alcott

"I found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks."—Denzel Washington  
Commencement Address at University of Pennsylvania, 2011

Don't ever dare to take your college as a matter of course - because, like democracy and freedom, many people you'll never know have broken their hearts to get it for you. - Alice Duer Miller

"The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means to an education." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

"The purpose of primary education is the development of your weak characteristics; the purpose of university education, the development of your strong." ~ Nevin Fenneman

"The new appears as a minority point of view, and hence is unpopular. The function of a university is to give it a sanctuary." ~ Martin H. Fischer

"It's not where you start... It's where you finish!" ~ G. Kazlusky, College Consultant

*And one final thought...*

"Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open."  
-- Michael Murphy, HEHS College Consultant