

Scholarships 2023-24

Scholarships are listed in the order to which they are received.

New Scholarships are highlighted in yellow.

Updated April 1, 2024

Directions: Students, please read the scholarship information below carefully so you are informed and prepared. Following the introductory scholarship materials found below, you will start to see 2023-24 scholarships added as they become available to ECVS.

Important: If you are applying for scholarships, please read all scholarship applications carefully! Scholarship applications are not meant to be a scan or glance at document.

Pay attention to deadlines so you have adequate time to apply and submit a high-quality application. If you need help or have questions, please email, or call Mrs. Steig, ECVS (Eau Claire Virtual School) School Counselor, at lsteig@ecasd.us or 715-852-3508.

Dream Big, Stay Positive & Work Hard! Go Griffins!

Mrs. Lisa Steig, ECVS School Counselor, posts the scholarship applications as they arrive throughout the school year. Applications and application information will be posted on this page for easy reference.

Many scholarships require ACT and/or SAT scores. Students are advised to take these tests beginning the second semester of their junior year. Although many scholarships are based on grades and test scores, many are also based on other criteria such as character, extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, overcoming adversity and financial need.

It is important to note that scholarships are designed for many types of career interests and GPAs vary.

Tips for Winning Scholarships

- ✓ Please do not wait until May of your senior year to start applying for scholarships. Start checking now!
- ✓ Choose references that will say good things about you and give them at least two to three weeks to write a letter of recommendation for you. Brag sheets are provided during your Senior meeting with Mrs. Steig.
- ✓ Transcripts can be requested through *Parchment* and are free of charge. If you need a hard copy of your transcript, please email Mrs. Steig at lsteig@ecasd.us
- ✓ Be very neat and follow directions. When possible, always type unless applications request handwriting.

- ✓ Follow deadlines. Applications submitted after deadlines (dates and/or times) will not be accepted.
- ✓ On a scholarship resume, more is better. Be sure to include everything you have done since ninth grade (ex. activities, work, leadership)
- ✓ Never pay for scholarship information.
- ✓ There are various FREE searches for nation-wide scholarships. One example is: <u>www.Fastweb.com</u>
- ✓ UW-HELP and SallieMae also have additional FREE resources when looking for scholarship opportunities:
- <u>http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/paying/scholarships.aspx</u> www.salliemae.com/collegeplanningtoolbox



The J Murphy STEM Scholarship

The J. Murphy STEM Scholarship was established by an anonymous donor in honor of the donor's mother's teaching career with the Eau Claire Area School District, and in celebration of STEM education.

Accepted applicants must: have the intent of majoring in a STEM program (science, technology, engineering or math). They must have a B average or higher and be recommended by an MHS or NHS teacher. Selection will be based on the criteria stated in the description. If there is a tie in the rubric, the reviewers will rank order the applicants.

You can find more information and apply online here <u>J. Murphy STEM Scholarship - Eau Claire Public</u> <u>Schools Foundation (ecpsfound.org)</u>

Updated deadline was Monday, April 1, 2024, New Deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024

Wisconsin Alumni Association (WAA) Chippewa Valley Badger Scholarship

Graduating seniors who are going to attend UW-Madison as an incoming freshman for the 2024-2025 school year are eligible to apply for this UW-Madison scholarship. The WAA - Chippewa Valley Chapter is a network of alumni, students, parents, and friends of UW-

Madison. They promote the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Alumni Association in the Chippewa Valley and show support and love for the Badger community by hosting networking and social opportunities and proudly provide local Chippewa Valley students with scholarships to attend UW-Madison.

Application is available online at <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfihvMtFhftoc5EeduWf4zIPB2COI2Sg_GFsZMtlejb</u> <u>Ga7MaA/viewf orm?usp=sf_link</u>

Deadline is April 19, 2024.

Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild Scholarships

The Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild is seeking applicants for their 2024 Scholarship Program. \$1,200 in scholarship money is divided among one to three students and is awarded annually to a high school senior(s) pursuing music or theatre into college in the fall and/or a college student(s) continuing in music or theatre.

An application and two letters of recommendation are required.

Application information is available online at Chippewa-Valley-Theater-Guild24.pdf (ecasd.us)

Deadline is April 19, 2024

CVTC Scholarships Available CVTC Scholarships Available Chippewa Valley Technical College

Scholarship Information for Students

- The CVTC Foundation offers over 400 scholarship opportunities.
- There are numerous scholarships available for current high school seniors who will be attending CVTC this coming fall.
- Students can apply in a matter of minutes via the online application.
- Student scholarships range in amount from \$200 to as much as \$5,000. Some of these awards are program specific, but others are open to all CVTC students.
- Any student with a CVTC student ID is eligible to apply. Check out available scholarships and apply by logging onto <u>cvtc.academicworks.com</u>
 - Search for program-specific scholarships by entering your program name in the "Search by Keyword" box under "Our Opportunities" or view all scholarships.
- Please reach out to <u>cvtcscholarships@cvtc.edu</u> if you have other questions.

NOTE: Even if your students feel they are not eligible to receive financial aid, please have them consider filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>HERE</u> if they haven't already completed it already. Numerous

CVTC Foundation scholarships are financial need based, and if students haven't completed the FAFSA, they would not be eligible for those scholarships.

• The deadline for these scholarship applications is September 20, 2024.

Amanda Kroll Advancement Assistant – CVTC Foundation & Alumni Association 620 West Clairemont Avenue | Eau Claire, WI 54701 Room: BEC 100 | Phone: 715.833.6479 Email: <u>akroll6@cvtc.edu</u>

PIA of Wisconsin Scholarship

Students who are pursuing an insurance-related field of study are eligible to apply for the PIA of Wisconsin Scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide transcripts with a minimum GPA of 2.5 for disbursement.

You can apply online here PIAW Scholarship - Professional Insurance Agents of Wisconsin

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The deadline is Thursday, March 21, 2024, by 3:00PM to Mrs. Steig at lsteig@ecasd.us

UW Help Emma Boettiger Scholarship

The UW HELP Emma D. Boettiger Scholarship was established to encourage the pursuit of a post-secondary degree in the Universities of Wisconsin. The scholarship will award two academic scholarships to Wisconsin high school students who plan to enroll at a Universities of Wisconsin institution beginning Fall 2024 term. The scholarships are given in the memory of Emma Boettiger's sister, Nettie Dieckmann, and nephew, Freddie Dieckmann.

More information about submission details can be found on the application linked below or through here UW HELP Emma D. Boettiger Scholarship - UW HELP (wisconsin.edu).

UW HELP Emma D. Boettiger Scholarship - UW HELP (wisconsin.edu)

You can access the application here 2024-Boettiger-Scholarship-Application.pdf (ecasd.us)

The deadline is Friday, March 22, 2024 by 4:30 pm CST

WESTconsin Credit Union Scholarships:

I am reaching out today to let you know about a wonderful opportunity for students! **WESTconsin Credit Union is** offering up to fifteen (15) \$1,000.00 scholarships to students graduating in spring of 2024. Our scholarship application process is completed using an online program called AwardSpring. Using this program, students can fill out the application portion and request recommendations digitally all in one place!

Reminders:

- All application materials must be submitted online using AwardSpring. No hard copies of application materials will be accepted.
- Students need to have been a **primary** account holder with WEST consin Credit Union as of **August 31, 2023** to be eligible for this year's program.
- Current high school juniors need to become a <u>primary</u> account holder with *WEST* consin as of August 31, 2024 to be eligible for next year's program.
- Visit our <u>website</u> for more details.

Deadline: **Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2023, through midnight on March 1, 2024.** Scholarship recipients will be announced in May of 2024.

Dove Healthcare Community Foundation Scholarship

Recognizing and encouraging high school seniors pursuing a career in a healthcare related field at an accredited technical college or four-year university.

To complete the application and process click here

The deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024

Mike Voth Memorial Chapter #5 VVA Scholarship

Mike Voth Memorial Chapter 5 of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has developed two \$1,000 high school scholarships for seniors with an average GPA who attend any school within the border counties of Eau Claire. To qualify for this scholarship, a senior must interview a Vietnam Era veteran and write an essay based on that interview of the veteran's experience and the student's understanding of that conflict. The student should also consider what patriotism means and how that plays out in their community and country.

You can access the application here

The deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024

Kao Kalia Yang Scholarship

The Robin-Hwajin Yoon Kim Foundation, which supports education, the underprivileged, and positive social impact initiatives has established the 'Kao Kalia Yang Scholarship' to help economically-challenged Hmong American youth fulfill their dreams of obtaining high education. The Scholarship is open to high school seniors planning to attend college in the Fall of 2023. If selected, \$5,000 will be awarded each year for up to four years (upon meeting renewal requirements).

To complete the application, click here

All materials must be RECEIVED by 11:59pm PDT, Monday, April 15, 2024. Anything received (whether mailed, emailed, or faxed) past that date and time will not be considered, regardless of the postmark. Application and recommender forms MUST be submitted online – Hard copies will NOT be accepted.

*David Matthew ver Hagen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered by Mr. and Mrs. Jan K. Ver Hagen in memory of their son David Matthew Ver Hagen. The award is given to a "deserving, capable student with good social conscience and decent grades" who demonstrates financial need.

The scholarship must be used at UW-Eau Claire. You can access the application here

The deadline is Friday, April 26, 2024, by 3:00 PM

Andrew Cray Higher Education Fund

The Andrew Cray Higher Education Fund was founded in memory of Andy, a 2004 Chi Hi alumni, in 2016. A transgender man who transitioned during college, he found his calling as an advocate in Washington D.C. for the LGBTQ+ community, where he fought healthcare discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation until his death of cancer in 2014 at the age of 28. Andy was posthumously given the award of "Champion of Change" by President Barack Obama. The scholarship fund in his honor was started in October 2016 by his family, with the first scholarship awarded the following May. The goal of the HEF is to assist LGBTQ+ youth in receiving secondary education to help them achieve greatness, follow their dreams, and help this world become more accepting of all its children, just as Andy's work did.

You can apply online <u>here</u>

The deadline is Sunday, April 28, 2024

Ab Nicholas Scholarship Foundation

The Ab Nicholas Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships based on need, academic achievement and character for high school senior basketball players and managers, both boys and girls, who plan to attend the University of Wisconsin school system. It is a renewable scholarship for \$10,000 a year for four-year programs or \$5,000 a year for two-year programs. Student athletes who choose to participate in Division I athletics at the college level will not be eligible to receive an Ab Nicholas Scholarship due to NCAA regulations.

You can find more information by clicking here

The applications are available online only starting February 1 and must be submitted by April 30

Horatio Alger Scholarships

Since 1984, the Horatio Alger Association has awarded college scholarships to deserving students. To date, the Association has awarded over \$245 million in scholarships to over 35,000 students. In keeping with the mission of the Horatio Alger Association, the scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have significant financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. There are several state and national scholarships that high school juniors AND seniors can apply for.

You can find more information by clicking here

Various deadlines

Forest Products, Packaging, Manufacturing, etc. Scholarships

There are a number of forest products, packaging, manufacturing, etc. scholarships available with various deadlines.

You can apply online at Forest Products Scholarships by clicking here

Various deadlines

Scholarships and Resources for Native American and Alaskan Native Students

Applicants must be attending or planning to attend a post-secondary institution, be at least onequarter member of a federally recognized Native American Tribe and have a minimum 2.25 GPA.

You can apply online at <u>https://www.edumed.org/financial-aid/native-american-students-</u> scholarships-resources/

Various deadlines

Minnesota State University Mankato Scholarships

Students may be eligible for academic, athletic, and talent-based scholarships at Minnesota State Mankato. Scholarships will be based on class rank and ACT scores at the time of the student's application for admission. Applications are available online at <u>www.mnsu.edu/scholarshipfinder</u>

Deadlines vary.

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Deadlines vary.

<u>Find Scholarships for College for FREE | Fastweb</u> <u>Scholarships - List of College Scholarships and Applications (studentscholarships.org)</u> <u>Educational Impact | Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation (ecpsfound.org)</u>

Don't Forget to Check For School Specific Scholarships: Please contact the postsecondary school of your choice to ask about any potential scholarships you may be eligible for. Most schools have a scholarship tab to click on to help get you started. If you do not see a scholarship tab, you could call the Office of Financial Aid to help you connect with school specific scholarships.

Scholarships denoted with an asterisk (*) symbol indicates that the scholarship will be reviewed and/or awarded by an internal scholarship committee.

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