

## 10 College Scholarships for High School Sophomores



It's never too early to start looking for (and applying for) [college scholarships](#). Even as early as your sophomore year in high school you can start entering essay, video and other scholarship contests to earn money to help [pay for college](#).

Here's a look at 10 scholarships high school sophomores can apply for. The deadlines for these scholarships vary, so refer to each scholarship's websites for its annual deadlines, rules for applying and additional details.

**[\\$2,000 CaptainU Student-Athlete Scholarship](#):** Want to be recruited to play a sport in college? Sign up on this website to enter to win a \$2,000 scholarship. Students must be 13 or older to qualify. Four scholarships of \$2,000 each are awarded each year.

**[Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation](#):** Compete with other high school students in grades 9 through 12 in online quizzes about general "common knowledge" items, specific academic subjects, books, websites or movies to win scholarships from \$250 to \$2,500.

**[Innovation in Education Monthly Scholarship](#):** LATutors offers this monthly \$500 scholarship. Any high school or college student can apply. Students must have designed an innovative project that makes a difference in the lives of others (a website,

blog, app, fundraising event, etc.) and submits an essay about the project. The deadline is the 20th of each month.

**The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:** This program annually recognizes high school students for volunteer community service activities. State award winners receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and \$1,000. National award-winners receive an additional \$5,000. The application process begins in September and involves a local, state and national competition.

**ScholarshipExperts.com Scholarships:** This awesome scholarship site offers a new scholarship opportunity each month for writing 250-essays on everything from ice cream to zombies. Students age 13 and up can apply. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

**Scout of the Year:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars annually awards three scholarships for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts age 15 or older who have achieved their scouting organization's top rank. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Applications go through a local competition before qualifying for the national competition.

**Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology Scholarships:** Win a scholarship for conducting a research project! Each year the Siemens Foundation hosts this scholarship contest. All high school students grades 9 through 12 can participate. High school sophomores can compete in teams of two or three. Prizes range from \$1,000 for regional awards to up to \$100,000 for the national top prize. The deadline is usually in September.

**United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Scholarship:** This Chicago-based nonprofit organization offers this scholarship to any student who is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident or is lawfully authorized to work full-time for a U.S. employer. Grades are part of the criteria. An essay is required. Three scholarships for \$1,000 each are awarded to high school students. Students in grades 9 through 12 can apply. The

deadline is typically in April. (Click on the High School Students tab for details on this scholarship.)

**[U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship](#)**: Top prize is \$3,000 for this scholarship. Applicants must have Asian-Pacific Island heritage and be living in the United States. The scholarship is open to high school students from grades 9 to 12. The deadline is usually in April. (Click on the High School Students tab for details on this scholarship.)

**[Zinch \\$1,000 Weekly Scholarship](#)**: Register for Zinch.com and submit a three-sentence essay to apply for this site's weekly scholarship contest. All high school students can enter this contest.