How to find and apply for scholarships
Good news!

Scholarships are based on a variety of factors:

- Academics: GPA
- School you attended
- Financial need
- Specific major
- Interests & hobbies
- Religion: Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish
- Hardship: Death of parent, blind, overcame hardship
- Where you live
- Height
- Not drinking/using drugs
- Gardening
- Female golfer
- Arlington Cowboys FB
- Helped a friend
- Ethnicity: Greek, Italian
Where to begin?
Check all sources for scholarships

- National Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- College Scholarships
- Employer Scholarships
Check the college’s website

https://www.marquette.edu/explore/scholarships.php

https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/financialaid/scholarships/index.php
Ask your own or parent’s employer

Employer Scholarships
Read emails from Mrs. Knott with new & updated scholarships
Go to Hersey Website

https://jhhs.d214.org/
1. Hersey Website--Students--College Resources--Financial Aid & Scholarships--Scholarship Page--

2. Look for **Alphabetical list** of scholarships and click on that.

3. Scroll through the list. Read the descriptions to see which apply to you.

4. Make a note or list of scholarships that apply to you.

5. Then, go into **Naviance**. Look under “Scholarships” tab and look up individual ones that you are interested in.

6. Determine details of application (online or pick up in College & Career)
Check Naviance for a list of scholarships.
Read application carefully to determine what you need--

ALL scholarship applications and requirements are different.
Some scholarships have online applications. https://apply.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers/information.php

Others require paper copies and mailed in materials.
Sample Application

Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation 2020 Scholarship Program

The Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation, which stands for Suicide Awareness for Everyone, was created in memory of Gina Giancola (JHHS 2014). Gina was a vibrant, athletic, kindhearted person who lost her battle with depression on October 22, 2011.

Our mission is to promote suicide-prevention communications to young adults. Our message is simple and powerful: “You are not alone and you are loved more than you know.”

In memory of Gina Giancola, a scholarship was established and will be awarded to college-bound seniors who show strong academic promise, have good moral character, and selflessly think of others and help them feel valued.
Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation 2020 Scholarship

Application Procedure

Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, 3/20/20 and mailed to:
Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation
P O Box 448
Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0448

All applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted or considered by the Foundation.

The Foundation will review all completed applications. The decision of the Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation Board of Directors will be final. Only the scholarship winners will be contacted.

A $1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the three most deserving applicants who are graduating seniors attending one of the following high schools: John Hersey High School, Prospect High School, St. Viator High School, and Buffalo Grove High School.

Scholarship winners will be responsible for providing the Foundation Board of Directors with the name, address/phone number and contact person in the financial aide office at the college or university the student will be attending to insure proper payment to the school on the student’s behalf. The scholarship is a one-time distribution at the beginning of the student’s freshman year.

If you have any questions regarding the application form or selection procedures, please feel free to contact Mark Giancola at 800.975.4321.
Gina Giancola SAFE Foundation 2020 Scholarship

APPLICATION

Applicant Name

Last, First, Initial

Address

Street, Unit #, City, State, Zip

Contact Phone Number

(_____) ______-________

Age

Email Address

Father’s Name, Mother’s Name

High School

Weighted Grade Point

University or College you plan to attend

List (separate sheet)

extra-curricular activities, clubs, sports, community service participation

Please attach the following documents:

A certified copy of high school transcript

we encourage students to submit an application regardless of their GPA

Two letters of recommendation from faculty

A typed personal essay (maximum of 1,000 words)

- Describe yourself and your best attributes.
- Give an example of a situation that tested your character and how you responded.
- What would receiving this scholarship mean to you?
- What are your academic and career aspirations?
- How are you striving to be the best version of yourself?
If you need a transcript, fill out the gold “Scholarship Request Form” and leave with the registrar, Ms. Schwichtenberg. Do NOT use Parchment.
SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

Please Allow 10 SCHOOL DAYS for us to process your request

STUDENT CHECKLIST

1. If you need a Counselor letter of rec, complete your Counselor Rec Survey in Naviance.

2. For other letters of recommendation, please contact your teacher, coach, etc. directly.

3. List Application Deadline Date: __________________________

STUDENT REQUESTS

Date needed: _________

Please send:
☐ Transcript
☐ Attached Form(s)
☐ Counselor letter of recommendation
☐ Please email transcript to address below.
☐ Please print & hold transcript for student pick up

Student Name: __________________________

Student Signature: __________________________

Scholarship Name: __________________________

Scholarship Email: __________________________

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Transcript Issued __________________________

Emailed - Mailed - Picked-Up __________________________
SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

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STUDENT CHECKLIST

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2. For other letters of recommendation, please contact your teacher, coach, etc. directly.

3. List Application Deadline Date: ________________

STUDENT REQUESTS

Date needed: 3/15

Please send:

☑ Transcript

☐ Attached Form(s)

☐ Counselor letter of recommendation

☐ Please email transcript to address below.

☑ Please print & hold transcript for student pick up

Student Name:          Agnes Knott        ID# 123456
Student Signature:     Agnes Knott        Counselor Muck
Scholarship Name:      Gina Giancologna
Scholarship Email:

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Transcript Issued Emailed - Mailed - Picked-Up
If you need a letter of recommendation, ask your teacher or counselor and provide him/her with email or place to send it.

*Note the date you need it.

It also helps to give the recommender a brief description of what scholarship is looking for.
“To Do” List for scholarships:

1. Apply for as many as you qualify.
2. Pay close attention to deadlines.
3. Understand conditions of an award (GPA, service, etc.)
4. Watch for scholarship scams
5. If you receive a scholarship, write a thank you note to the organization.
Keep checking Naviance and read emails from Mrs. Knott with new scholarship updates.

Many scholarships update after January 1st.
Arlington Heights Garden Club awards three scholarships

Submitted by Mike Dennehely

Each year, the Arlington Heights Garden Club awards one or more $2,000 academic scholarships to assist local students. The club has awarded 31 academic scholarships to outstanding students since 2003. Students living in Arlington Heights and adjoining communities are eligible to apply. Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk are used to fund the scholarship program.

The $2,000 Marolyn Bina Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ashley Roscoe. Roscoe graduated from Hersey High School in 2017. She is now entering her junior year at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where her goal is to become a Fish and Wildlife officer. This is her third Arlington Heights Garden Club scholarship. Roscoe is majoring in environmental science with a certificate in GIS.

The $2,000 Gilbert Krohn Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Hoffman. Hoffman graduated from Wheeling High School in 2017. He is now a junior majoring in biological and agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University. This is Hoffman’s third Arlington Heights Garden Club scholarship. In his sophomore year, he earned a 3.7/4.0 GPA, qualifying him as an Engineering Honors Student.

The $2,000 Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Marlena Kot. Kot graduated from John Hersey High School in 2019 with a 4.45/3.83 GPA. During high school, Kot completed 10 Advanced Placement classes and received recognition as a QuestBridge National Scholar and an AP Scholar with distinction. She was also a member of the World Languages Honor Society and the National Honor Society.

Kot will be studying chemical and environmental engineering at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The Arlington Heights Garden Club meets the fourth Monday of the month. Details on the scholarship program and monthly meetings are available on the club’s website at aghgardencub.com.
Email Mrs. Knott agnes.knott@d214.org
or
Stop by college and career center any day between 9:30-1:30