



Scholarship Offerings 2026

The following scholarships are available to ALL COLONIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS planning to attend a full-time accredited two-year or four-year College or university by the fall of 2026.

Contributor	Criteria	Amount
<p>Above the Rim (2)</p> <p>ESSAY: Describe lessons learned from basketball that you will carry with you into adulthood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Varsity Boys Basketball player • Intends to enroll at a secondary or vocational school with no full scholarship offers 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Greg Aidala Presents: "The Knock-Knock, Who's There?" Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing a degree in the arts 	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Lawrence A. Bach Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Describe your musical activities. What do you feel you have gained from your musical experience? How do you intend to apply these experiences toward your future plans?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be attending a 4-year college or university • Currently enrolled in music and has participated in a CCHS performing group all years attending CCHS • Letter of recommendation from a CCHS music teacher • Preference will be given to candidates who have used their music to serve the community 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Backyard Fence Future Leader Scholarship (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student known for acts of kindness, advocate for others • Strong community service • Average of 85% or greater 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Dr. Thomas A Brown / Cecile B. David Scholarship (3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will attend community college, OR • Pursuing a degree in social work 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Ross Buddenhagen Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Lisha Kill Middle School • Attending a 2 or 4 year college or university • Consistent community involvement 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Anne Bernice Bytner Memorial Scholarship (2)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please describe what it personally means to you to be able to care for the sick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing a degree in nursing • Has volunteer experience in either a hospital or nursing home 	<p>\$750</p>
<p>J. Dennis Cafaro Memorial Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing a degree in business, finance, economics, or accounting • Community service, leadership 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Cannon Funeral Home Caregiver Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing a degree in a caregiver field (ie: nursing, physical therapy, medical, pharmacy) • Demonstrated caregiving as a volunteer in community-based organizations 	<p>\$500</p>

<p>Michael and Patricia Carey Appreciation Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Explain your medical / financial situation, reason for attending college, and what you hope to accomplish in the future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student who has experienced severe medical hardship or had a family member who experienced a medical hardship making it hard for the family to pay college costs ● Attending a 2 or 4 year college or university ● Award can be given anonymously if desired by student 	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>The John F. Cavotta Technology Award (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student who has taken technology classes ● Attending a 2 or 4 year college or vocational school ● Pursuing a degree in technology 	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Colonie Cheerleading Scholarship (2)</p> <p>ESSAY: How has cheerleading affected your life and how will it affect your future plans?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attending a 2 or 4 year college or university ● Community service 	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Colonie Police Benevolent Assoc. Investment in the Future Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attending 2 or 4 year college or university ● Grade average of 85% or greater ● Community service 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Colonie Youth Court Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please write an essay on the importance of the Youth Court in the community. (250 words)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student has at least 2 years of service in Youth Court, including senior year ● Grade average of 80% or greater ● Pursuing a degree in either teaching, criminal justice, law, political science, sociology, psychology, political science or advocacy related programs 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Courage Award (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please describe the adversity you have overcome.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student who has shown courage to overcome a difficult life situation or adversity based on immigration status, socio-economic status, sexual identity, gender or race 	<p>\$250</p>
<p>French and Spanish Language Award (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans to study foreign language in college ● 90% average in foreign language coursework over three years ● Student must be active in CCHS community 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Kathleen Grace Yule Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please provide a short description of your situation and why you feel you qualify for this scholarship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student must come from single parent household ● Community service ● Outstanding academic effort 	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>Michael & Karen Grignon Band Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participated in band all four years of high school 	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Key Club, Yours in Service Scholarships (2)</p> <p>ESSAY: How has Key Club affected you? (200-250 words)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior who is a member in good standing of Key Club ● Has shown leadership and volunteerism to school and local community ● Grade average of 80% or greater 	<p>\$250</p>

<p>MacKenzie Kate Malone Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please describe why you feel you qualify for this scholarship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Female senior ● Has a true passion for helping the less fortunate through volunteer work ● Has a love of traveling ● Athlete who runs cross country, track, or plays lacrosse 	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>The Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Marcelle Memorial Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Displays outstanding effort in Social Studies 	<p>\$600</p>
<p>Metro Ford Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in business or automotive technology ● Community involvement ● Academic achievement 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Justin Mirabile Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Please describe why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technology student enrolling in an accredited college ● Demonstrate academic achievement at CCHS ● Community Involvement 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Musical Advancement Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a music degree ● Participated for at least 3 years in a high school performing group ● Letter of recommendation from a music teacher (private or school) 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Nelson Family Brass Ring Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Discuss the potential for artificial intelligence to end all wars. (300-500 words; submission must be student's own work, not assisted by artificial intelligence)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade average of 80% or greater ● Attending 2 or 4 year college or university ● Pursuing a degree in finance, business, or economics 	<p>\$300</p>
<p>NexGen Engineering Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in the engineering field 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Liam Pickett Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: What does theatre mean to you and how will you keep theater alive in your life and community?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student interested pursuing a degree in education, science, or theater ● Has participated in middle school or high school drama clubs, or outside community theatre ● Preference given to a student attending Marist College 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Pure Adapt Web Technologies (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade average over 85% ● Will attend college in the Capital Region ● Has an active interest in any area(s) of web technologies ● Pursuing a degree in a related field 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Raider Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: What does volunteering for your community mean to you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community involvement 	<p>\$500</p>

<p>David Scaringe Memorial Scholarship I (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in engineering ● Secondary interest in music 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>David Scaringe Memorial Scholarship II (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in engineering 	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Shana Salecker Marra Memorial Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in special education ● Attending a 2 or 4 year college or university 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Sherry Family Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: How has running helped you? (300-500 words)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ran cross country or track in high school ● Pursuing a degree in a science or business 	<p>\$400</p>
<p>South Colonie Girls Softball Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Female senior ● Participated in the South Colonie Girls Softball League for a minimum of 2 years ● Played varsity softball at CCHS 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Edward J. Szesnat III Memorial Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Describe a lesson you learned by playing sports.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student athlete or cheerleader 	<p>\$500 per year</p>
<p>Tabner, Ryan & Keniry LLP Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: What varsity sport did you play and why do you deserve this scholarship?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student athlete who obtained a varsity letter during senior year ● Will attend a 4-year college or university ● Grade average of 85% or greater 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>The Lauren Tanski Memorial Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree in journalism or the arts ● Reference by a CCHS staff member 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>The Adriana Truesell Memorial Scholarship (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursuing a degree or certification in nursing or medical field 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>The Vito Ramundo Scholarship (2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One male and one female student ● Attending Siena College ● Pursuing a degree in finance, business, accounting, insurance, or data analytics 	<p>\$500</p>
<p>West Albany Italian Benevolent Society & Women's Auxiliary Italian Scholarship (1)</p> <p>ESSAY: Describe how the Italian language has made a difference in your life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excelled in Italian with an average of 92% or greater ● Demonstrates enthusiasm for the Italian language and culture ● Attending a 2 or 4 year college or university ● Community involvement 	<p>\$500</p>

All applicants, if qualified, will automatically be considered for the scholarships listed below. However, students must apply to “South Colonie DFS Chapter Scholarships.”

South Colonie Alumni Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community involvement● Average of 80% or greater	\$500
South Colonie Dollars for Scholars Chapter Scholarship(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community involvement● Volunteerism● Average of 80% or greater	\$500
South Colonie Dollars for Scholars Director Scholarship(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community involvement● Volunteerism● Average of 80% or greater	\$500