

paying
for college

scholarships for Vermonters

VSAC

for students attending
college in 2017–2018

**Submission/postmark
deadline for all
VSAC-assisted scholarships:**

March 3, 2017

**Vermont residency is required,
unless otherwise specified.**

Win a \$1,000 scholarship!

Early-bird applications for VSAC-assisted scholarships submitted/postmarked by February 3 will be entered in a drawing for one of three \$1,000 scholarships!

See complete official rules at
www.vvac.org/earlybirdrules.

Checklist for success

- Know the deadlines!**
- Refer to the timeline below.**
- Carefully review the eligibility and document requirements for ALL scholarships.**
- Complete the Unified Scholarship Application (USA).**
- Complete and submit required documents — transcripts, student essay(s), letter(s) of recommendation — before the March 3 submission/postmark deadline.**
- Check each document before you submit it: Is it labeled correctly?**
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

Questions? Contact the VSAC Scholarships Program.

E-mail: info@vsac.org (include “Scholarships” in the subject line)

Phone: Toll-free 888-253-4819
Burlington area 654-3798

Timeline

Scholarships awarded in 2017 will be applied toward education expenses incurred during the 2017–2018 academic year.

After October 1, 2016	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov .
Starting December 1, 2016	Review scholarships and identify those for which you meet all eligibility requirements.
After January 1, 2017	Complete and submit the Unified Scholarship Application (USA) online at www.vvac.org/scholarships . Begin submitting all required documents (transcripts, essays, recommendation letters, etc.).
On or before February 3, 2017	Early-bird deadline! See complete official rules at www.vvac.org/earlybirdrules .
On or before March 3, 2017	Submission/postmark deadline! All required documents (transcripts, essays, recommendation letters, etc.) must be submitted or postmarked on or before this date.
Before May 1, 2017	VSAC will notify students of scholarships for which they were chosen as recipients.
Before June 1, 2017	VSAC will notify colleges/universities of scholarships awarded to students.

Scholarships for Vermonters: for the academic year 2017–2018

**This booklet was produced by
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to help Vermonters plan and
pay for education or training
beyond high school.**

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Early birds can win a \$1000 scholarship!

Applying for a VSAC-assisted scholarship (pages 9–34)? Make sure that **all** required documents are submitted/postmarked on or before February 3, 2017, and be entered in a drawing to receive one of three \$1,000 scholarships! See complete official rules at www.vsac.org/earlybirdrules.

How to use this booklet

Scholarships listed on pages 9–34 are VSAC-assisted scholarships, meaning that they are administered in part or in full by VSAC. All of these scholarships require that you complete the Unified Scholarships Application (USA). For instructions, refer to page 2, step 3.

Scholarships listed alphabetically on pages 36–46 are other scholarships, meaning that they are administered directly by the groups that sponsor them. Each of these scholarships has a separate application process unique to the scholarship. For general instructions regarding other scholarships, see page 35.

Each scholarship features a black or grey toolbar just above the full name of the scholarship. See the sample below for an explanation of toolbar categories.

VSAC ID

You will need this code in order to complete the USA.

Type of college or training program you need to be enrolled in to be eligible (more than one may apply)

Any program: Any program is acceptable.

Cert program: Certificate program

Degree program: Undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree program

Graduate (or Grad) program: Graduate or professional degree program

Non-Degree (or ND) program: A non-degree, non-certificate program

Undergrad program: Undergraduate (associate's or bachelor's) degree program

Number of credits needed

Any enrollment: Any number of credits

Full time: Minimum of 12 credits/term

3/4 time: Minimum of 9 credits/term

1/2 time: Minimum of 6 credits/term

1/4 time: Minimum of 3 credits/term

Type of student eligible

Any student: Any student may apply.

Adult students: You must be considered an independent student for financial aid purposes (see FAFSA guidelines).

College students: You must already be enrolled in and attending college when you apply.

Graduate students: You must have already received a 4-year undergraduate degree and be enrolled in graduate or professional-level coursework.

High school students: You must be a high school senior who will earn a diploma or GED by the start of the upcoming school year.

VSAC EXAMPLE

Any student

Cert or Undergrad program

3/4 time

Example VSAC Scholarship

(sponsored by the Vermont Chapter of the National Organization for Scholarships)

The Vermont Chapter of the National Organization for Scholarships established this scholarship to encourage Vermont students with a passion for and commitment to their chosen field to pursue education or training in this profession after high school.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree/certification in a specific major
- Be a Vermont resident for at least 10 years
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Maximum one \$2,500 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 20

Average awards: 1

Required documents

This section lists all of the documents you must submit to VSAC in order for your application to be complete. Remember that all VSAC-assisted scholarships require that you complete the Unified Scholarship Application (USA) available at www.vvac.org/scholarships.

Renewability

If applicable, this section will appear in the description and will indicate the number of years for which the scholarship may be renewable. Instructions and details for renewal the following year will be included in the letter notifying you of the award if you are chosen as a recipient.

Eligibility criteria

This section includes the specific criteria you must meet in order to be eligible for this scholarship (i.e., type of school, major or field of study, town or county of residence, and whether you must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, community service, etc.). You are eligible to apply ONLY IF you meet all of the criteria listed.

Selection

This section lists, in order of importance, the documents and criteria that the selection committee will consider when choosing one or more recipients.

How to apply for VSAC-assisted scholarships

Applying for the VSAC-assisted scholarships on pages 9–34 is easy if you follow the steps outlined below.

Step 1: Determine whether you are eligible to apply.

You must be a Vermont resident and United States citizen or an eligible non-citizen to apply for scholarships (unless a particular scholarship specifies otherwise).

- If you are not sure you are a Vermont resident, request a copy of VSAC’s residency brochure or call the VSAC Scholarships Program.
- If you are not sure about your citizenship or your status as an eligible noncitizen, refer to the guidelines at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/help/fotw14aF4c.htm>.
- United States military personnel must have Vermont listed as their “home of record.”

Step 2: Identify scholarships for which you are eligible to apply.

- Refer to page 1 to understand the scholarship eligibility requirements in the black toolbars.
- Review the scholarship descriptions on pages 9–34.
- If you meet all the eligibility criteria in the black toolbar AND under “Eligibility,” you are eligible.
- Make note of the VSAC ID for each scholarship you want to apply for; you will need to enter this VSAC ID on the Unified Scholarship Application (USA).

Step 3: Complete the online Unified Scholarship Application (USA), required for all VSAC-assisted scholarships in this booklet.

- Go to www.vvac.org after January 1, 2017. Click on the orange *myVSAC*/Account Access button in the top right corner of the home page.
 - a) Log into your existing *myVSAC* account.
 - b) If you do not have a *myVSAC* account, click on “Register Now” in the box labeled “First Time User?” and follow the directions.
- Once logged in, click on the “Apply for Scholarships” link on the left side of the screen (in the box labeled “Scholarships”).
- To complete and submit the USA, click on the “Unified Scholarship Application (USA)” link (under the heading “Submit Scholarship Application” on the right side of the screen) and follow the directions.

Step 4: Submit required documents to VSAC.

Refer to page 3 (What you need to know about required documents) to understand specific requirements for each type of document.

You may submit required documents to VSAC in any **one** of the following ways:

- **Upload:** Follow the directions below to upload documents directly to VSAC, or
- **E-mail:** info@vsac.org (include “Scholarships” in the subject line), or
- **Mail:** VSAC Scholarships Program
10 East Allen Street, PO Box 2000
Winooski, VT 05404-2601

To upload documents directly to VSAC, you must have already completed the USA online.

- Go to www.vvac.org after January 1, 2017, and log in to your existing *myVSAC* account.
- Once logged in, click on the “Apply for Scholarships” link on the left-hand side of the screen (in the box labeled “Scholarships”).
- Click on the “Submit Required Documents” link (under the heading “Upload Documents” on the right-hand side of the screen) and follow the directions.
- Submit only one copy of each document, even if more than one scholarship requires it. VSAC will supply a copy of the document to each scholarship committee that requires it.

Please note: Some high schools are able to upload documents to VSAC on behalf of their graduating high school seniors. Please check with your high school to determine whether it has signed up to use this VSAC service.

Step 5: File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online.

Scholarships that list financial need in their criteria require completion of the FAFSA.

- Available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after October 1, 2016. If you are unable to complete the FAFSA online, you may request a paper form by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-433-3243.
- If you are a Vermont resident, VSAC will automatically receive your FAFSA information electronically.
- If you are not a Vermont resident, you will need to submit a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) issued to you after you submit the FAFSA.

What you need to know about required documents

(Not all documents described below are required for every scholarship.)

The scholarship descriptions on pages 9–34 indicate which documents must be submitted in order for your application to be considered complete.

- Each document must be **labeled correctly** with the document name, your name, and your Social Security number.
- Recommendation letters and a portfolio are the exceptions and must be labeled with the document name, your name, and your date of birth.
- All documents must be **submitted or postmarked on or before the March 3, 2017, deadline**.
- Submit only **one copy of each document**, even if more than one scholarship requires it.

UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (USA)

The USA is required to be filed for every VSAC-assisted scholarship listed in this booklet. See page 2, step 3, for details.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The FAFSA is required for every VSAC-assisted scholarship listed in this booklet that requires the applicant to demonstrate financial need. See page 2, step 5, for details.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (see page 4)

- At least one recommendation letter is required for nearly every VSAC-assisted scholarship.
- Only *official* recommendation letters are acceptable. An official recommendation letter must be on official (school, business, college, organization, etc.) stationery or be physically signed by the individual who wrote the letter.

ESSAYS (see page 5)

- The general essay is required for every VSAC-assisted scholarship listed in this booklet.
- A scholarship-specific essay is also required for the SAMARA scholarship.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

An *official* transcript is required for every VSAC-assisted scholarship listed in this booklet that requires the applicant to demonstrate academic achievement.

- Only *official* transcripts are acceptable. An official transcript must contain an official school seal or be physically signed by a school official; grade reports and web printouts are not acceptable.
- **If you have attended a college or training school after high school graduation**, submit an official transcript from each college, university, or training school you have attended.
- **If you have never attended a college or training school after high school graduation**, submit an official transcript from each high school you have attended.
- **If you received a GED**, submit an official report of your GED test results instead of an official transcript from a high school.
- **If you were home-schooled**, submit:
 - a) an official home-school transcript, and
 - b) a verification letter from the Vermont Agency of Education (VTAOE) stating that you applied to

VTAOE as a home-schooled student, specifying the years you were enrolled, verifying that you submitted the required annual assessments, and indicating the type of assessment that was submitted (teacher letter, portfolio, or both)

- **If you attended an Alternative Pathways High School through Act 77**, submit a proficiency-based transcript.

OTHER POSSIBLE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Birth certificate: *If required*, submit a copy of your birth certificate.

Portfolio: *If required*, mail a separate sheet of paper labeled “Portfolio” with:

- your name, date of birth, and web address (if applicable)
- up to 20 photographs labeled with your name and date of birth, OR a CD/DVD/USB drive labeled with your name and date of birth. Electronic images must be JPEG or PNG format with at least 72 dpi.

Submission method: Your portfolio must be mailed or dropped off at our offices in Winooski; please do not e-mail or upload your portfolio.

Please note: The portfolio will become the property of VSAC and will not be returned.

Resumé: *If required*, submit a separate sheet of paper labeled “Resumé” with:

- your name and Social Security number
- your education history
- your work history
- any extracurricular activities in which you have participated (e.g., sports, band, choir, clubs, etc.)
- any groups and performances in which you have been involved
- any honors, achievements, and awards you have received

Additional documents: If a scholarship requires additional documents, they are described in detail within the scholarship description.

- Each document must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and be labeled with the name of the document (e.g., Child Care Information, Family Information, Certification, Membership, Parents’ Residency, etc.), your name, and your Social Security number.
- Be sure to include all information listed in the scholarship description.

Scholarship recommendation letters

Must be on official letterhead and/or signed.

- Please refer to scholarship descriptions to determine which of the recommendation letters listed below you are required to submit.
- Each recommendation letter must be written by the individual designated by the applicant, and be labeled like the sample provided on the right.
- Only official recommendation letters are acceptable. An official recommendation letter must be on official (school, business, college, organization, etc.) stationery and/or be physically signed by the individual who wrote the letter.
- Unlabeled and/or unofficial recommendation letters will prevent you from being considered for one or more scholarships.



Send properly labeled recommendation letter(s) to VSAC:

Upload: www.vsac.org (log into your *myVSAC* account), or
 E-mail: info@vsac.org (include “Scholarships” in the subject line), or
 Mail: VSAC Scholarships Program
 10 East Allen Street
 PO Box 2000
 Winooski, VT 05404-2601

Questions? Call toll-free 888-253-4819 or 654-3798 in the Burlington area.

LETTER #	LETTER NAME	LETTER CONTENT
1	NON-RELATIVE	Letter must be from someone who is NOT related to the applicant, such as a counselor, guidance director, academic advisor, teacher, professor, principal, academic dean, employer, business leader, neighbor, or family friend. The letter must address the applicant’s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achievements/strengths • talent/potential for success • community/school involvement • character/initiative/leadership • commitment to completing his/her education beyond high school • commitment to his/her chosen career/field of study • education/work ethic
2	COMMUNITY SERVICE	Letter must be from a <i>community service provider or organization</i> and must focus on the applicant’s commitment to his/her community.
3	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS	Letter must be from a <i>visual arts or performing arts</i> (music, dance, and theater) <i>instructor, director, or organization</i> and must address the applicant’s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visual/performing arts activities • talent/potential, and • honors/achievements
4	SAMARA	Letter must be from <i>someone who is NOT related to the applicant</i> and must address the applicant’s dedication to the interests of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community.

Scholarship essays

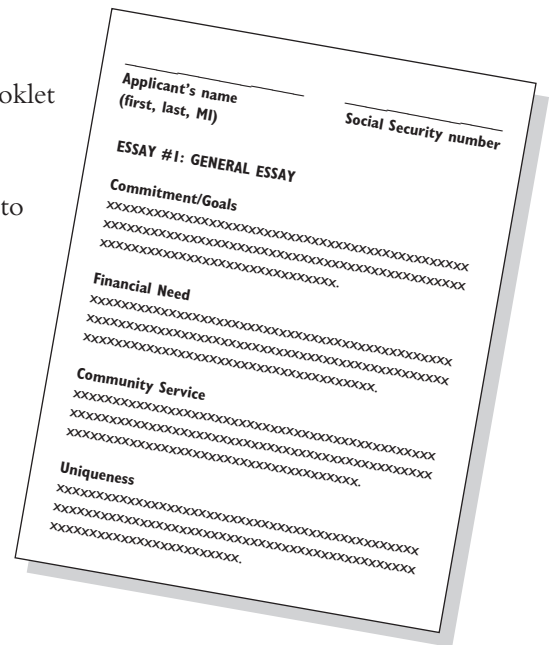
- The **general essay** is required for all VSAC-assisted scholarships in this booklet and must include **all** four focus areas below.

Scholarship descriptions sometimes ask you to include specific information in your general essay; be sure to read each scholarship description carefully to ensure that you provide the information requested.

- The **scholarship-specific essay** is required only if you are applying for the SAMARA scholarship.
- Each essay must be written by the applicant and be labeled like the sample provided on the right.
- Unlabeled essays will prevent you from being considered for one or more scholarships.

The format of our essays is not traditional; however, scholarship committees find it useful to have each focus area broken out.

These essays are your opportunity to speak directly to the scholarship committee(s). Responses should be concise, but should reflect your style and personality.



ESSAY #	ESSAY NAME	ESSAY CONTENT
1	GENERAL ESSAY (minimum 250 words)	<p>Focus on commitment/goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your interest in and commitment to the career or program of study you have chosen to pursue. Include one or more experiences in your life that helped you decide to pursue your chosen career or program. • Explain how completing the particular program you have chosen will enhance your career/vocation and/or increase your opportunities for future success/employment. • Describe your short- and long-term academic, career, and/or employment goals. Include where you hope to live and work once you have completed your educational program. <p>Focus on financial need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address any family or financial information and/or circumstances that have an impact on your ability to pay for college. • Describe any financial barriers or obstacles that limit your access to education after high school. <p>Focus on community service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the impact that your (and/or your parents') participation in community service has had on your life. <p>Focus on uniqueness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe what you believe might distinguish your application from others submitted. • Include experiences that have contributed to your personal growth, as well as any hardships and/or challenges you have faced and overcome. • If applicable, talk about what it means to you to be a first-generation college-bound student (neither parent has earned a four-year college degree). • Include any special awards or honors you have received, as well as any extracurricular activities, groups, or performances in which you have been involved.
2	SCHOLARSHIP-SPECIFIC ESSAY — SAMARA (minimum 250 words)	<p>If you listed SAMARA as one of the scholarships for which you are applying, describe how your interests and activities relate to the Samara Foundation of Vermont scholarship objective: "To demonstrate, through significant personal growth, public commitment, and activism, a dedication to the interests of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community."</p>

Quick search index — by type of student

(VSAC-assisted scholarships only)

The following indexes can help you identify the VSAC-assisted scholarships that are available by type of student, by county, and by major/field of study.

These indexes are not all-inclusive and are not meant to replace a thorough review of all scholarships in the booklet.

ADULT STUDENTS ONLY

To meet the definition of an adult student, you must be considered an independent student for financial aid purposes (see FAFSA guidelines).

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ORANGECTY (page 25)

COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

To meet the definition of a college student, you must already be enrolled in and attending college when you apply for scholarships.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

To meet the definition of a graduate student, you must have already received a four-year undergraduate (bachelor's) degree and be enrolled in graduate or professional level coursework.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

To meet the definition of a high school student, you must be a high school senior who will earn a diploma or GED by the start of the upcoming year.

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Scholarships NOT listed on this page have no requirement that the student reside in a specific county.

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Scholarships NOT listed on this page have no requirement that the student pursue a degree in any particular major or field of study.

AIAVT



Any student	Undergrad program	1/2 time
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American Institute of Architects Vermont Scholar Promise Award

(sponsored by the American Institute of Architects-Vermont)

The American Institute of Architects Vermont Chapter created this scholarship to encourage students to enter the field of architecture.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in architecture or a related field
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 2.85 cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Demonstrate school/community involvement
- Demonstrate entrepreneurial skills, endeavors, and/or achievements

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 1

ANDREWS

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Jean Andrews Nursing Scholarship

(sponsored by Porter Medical Center Auxiliary)

This scholarship was created to encourage students to enter the nursing profession.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Addison County
- Seek a degree in registered nursing or nursing education
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Two \$1,250 scholarships

Selection: Financial need and essay

Average applicants: 25

Average awards: 2

ANGELL

Any student	Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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Philip and Alice Angell Eastern Star Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Philip and Alice Angell, active in the Vermont Order of Eastern Star (OES) for over 50 years.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in business or education
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 240

Average awards: 1

ARNOLD

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Don and Peg Arnold Scholarship

This scholarship was created to provide financial support for students from the eight towns served by the Shoreham Telephone Company.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in one of eight towns served by the Shoreham Telephone Company (Benson, Castleton, Cornwall, Hubbardton, Orwell, Shoreham, Sudbury, and Whiting)
- Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and promise of continued excellence
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$5,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 28

Average awards: 1

ASCUTNEYMT

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society Scholarship

This scholarship was established to assist a graduating high school senior who lives in a designated Vermont town and who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Andover, Ascutney, Athens, Baltimore, Bellows Falls, Bridgewater, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Hartland, Londonderry, Ludlow, Perkinsville, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, Rockingham, Saxton's River, Springfield, Weathersfield, Westminster, Westminster West, Weston, West Windsor, Windsor, or Woodstock
- Seek a bachelor's (four-year) degree
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate community involvement/service that is specifically related to preserving and/or conserving the environment

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay; *include community involvement/service specifically related to preserving and/or conserving the environment*), and official transcript

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, academic achievement, and personal interview (if necessary)

Average applicants: 60

Average awards: 1

Notification of applicants

Generally, recipients are notified by May 1.

BAKER

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Newton H. Baker Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

This scholarship was established by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) to honor the contributions Newton Baker made to Vermont students and to VSAC as the founder of its outreach programs.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Washington County
- Be either the first generation in your family to attend college/university or face significant barriers that limit your access to education after high school
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 65 **Average awards:** 1

BARROWS

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Max Barrows Graduate Scholarship in Educational Administration (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

This scholarship was established by VSAC in memory of Max Barrows (1899–1982), VSAC’s first executive director.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in education administration (*preference given to students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program*)
- Intend to work in Vermont to improve the quality of education
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and resumé

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 50 **Average awards:** 1

BLUCHER

High school or college students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Mark Blucher Planning Scholarship (sponsored by Rutland Regional Planning Commission)

This scholarship was created to recognize Mr. Blucher’s 39 years of service to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, as well as his commitment to education. This scholarship is offered to Rutland County students who demonstrate an interest in land use planning or a related field of study. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Rutland County
- Seek education or training related to land use planning
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 15 **Average awards:** 1

BOARD-CR

Any student	Undergrad program	1/2 time
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VSAC Board of Directors Scholarship (Chris Robbins) (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) established this scholarship to honor the contributions that Chris Robbins made as a VSAC board member during his tenure from June 1991 through October 2010.

Eligibility:

- Reside in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (Caledonia, Essex, or Orleans County)
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in engineering
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate commitment to chosen field of study

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative) and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$2,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 36 **Average awards:** 1

BOARD-JB

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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VSAC Board of Directors Scholarship (Joseph Boutin) (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

VSAC established this scholarship to honor the contributions Joseph Boutin made as a VSAC board member from October 1985 through June 2007.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (Caledonia, Essex, or Orleans County) OR reside in Burlington
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative) and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Two scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 215 **Average awards:** 2

BOARD-JR

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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VSAC Board of Directors Scholarship (Jon F. Ratti) (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

VSAC established this scholarship to honor the contributions Jon F. Ratti made as a VSAC board member from November 1999 through June 2005.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate (or have graduated) from Bellows Falls Union High School, Green Mountain Union High School, or Springfield High School
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 78 **Average awards:** 1

Remember ...

Scholarships are competitive; applicants who apply **compet**e for a limited number of awards. It is the **applicant's** responsibility to make sure his/her application is complete and on time. VSAC does not contact applicants to let them know whether something is incomplete and/or missing.

BOARD-VCL

College students	Undergrad program	3/4 time
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VSAC Board of Directors Scholarship (Virginia Cole-Levesque) (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

VSAC established this scholarship to honor the contributions Virginia Cole-Levesque made as a VSAC board member from July 2005 through June 2015.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Rutland or Windsor County
- Seek a degree in health care or science
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to three years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: 145 **Average awards:** 1

BPW

Adult students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Burlington Business and Professional Women's Organization Scholarship

This scholarship was established to help single female parents advance their careers.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, or Lamoille County
- Be a female who is the head of a single-parent family
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay) and family information (*provide the name and age of the youngest child for whom you are the custodial parent*)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000

Selection: Financial need and essay

Average applicants: 20 **Average awards:** 1

BPW-ST

Adult students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Burlington Business and Professional Women's Organization Science and Technology Scholarship

This scholarship was established to help women advance their careers in science and/or technology.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, or Lamoille County
- Be a female who is 25 years of age or older
- Seek education or training in a science or technology field

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Average \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay

Average applicants: 30 **Average awards:** 1

BRADLEY



High school students | Cert, Undergrad, or ND program | 1/2 time

Harry and Vi Bradley Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Vermont Law Enforcement Hockey Charities, Inc.)

The Vermont Law Enforcement Hockey Charities, Inc., created this scholarship to provide financial support to a student involved in team sports who intends to pursue a career in public safety. The Bradleys were ardent supporters of the Vermont Law Enforcement Hockey Charities, Inc., for many years, enabling the Corporation to provide charitable contributions to youth groups around the state.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in public safety, including, but not limited to, emergency medical services, fire service, health care, or law enforcement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Demonstrate school/community involvement
- Face significant barriers that limit access to a postsecondary education

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** TBD

BRIDGES

Any student | Any program | Any enrollment

Ted Bridges Hospitality Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Ted Bridges, a consistent and active contributor to the success of Vermont's tourism and hospitality businesses for more than four decades. It was created to provide financial assistance to encourage students to pursue education and careers in hospitality and tourism.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek education or training related to hospitality or tourism
- Be enrolled in your freshman, sophomore, or junior year of college
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to two \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Essay, financial need, academic achievement

Average applicants: 43 **Average awards:** 2

CANDON

Adult students | Undergrad program | 1/2 time

Sister Elizabeth Candon Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

VSAC created this scholarship to honor the contributions Sister Elizabeth Candon has made to higher education in general and to women seeking higher education in particular.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a female
- Be a single parent with primary custody of at least one child 12 years of age or younger
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and family information (*provide the name and age of the youngest child for whom you are the custodial parent*)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 35 **Average awards:** 1

CHAFEE

Any student | Any program | Any enrollment

Vermont John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship (sponsored by the federal government)

This scholarship was established for youths aging out of foster care who are likely to experience difficulty transitioning from foster care to adulthood. The mission of this program is to help young adults prepare for and enter training or educational institutions after high school. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual federal approval.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) through 18th birthday OR be adopted after age 16 (but would have remained under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the DCF through 18th birthday otherwise)
- Be 21 years of age or younger
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and Vermont grant application (available at www.vsac.org/grants)

Amount: Scholarships generally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and may not exceed \$5,000. The amount disbursed cannot exceed your total cost of attendance as defined by federal aid (tuition, fees, room, board, books, and personal expenses) *minus* your expected family contribution (EFC) and all other sources of gift aid combined.

Selection: Eligibility

Average applicants: N/A **Average awards:** N/A

COAPLAND

Any student | Undergrad program | Full time

Alice C. Coapland Scholarship

Alice C. Coapland established this scholarship in 2002. Before her death in 2004, she generously bequeathed her estate to fund this scholarship for female residents of northeastern Vermont who have high financial need and who wish to pursue education after high school. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a female
- Reside in a town served by the following high schools: Craftsbury Academy, Lake Region Union High School, and North Country Union High School (Albany, Barton, Brighton, Brownington, Charleston, Coventry, Craftsbury, Derby, East Hardwick, Glover, Greensboro, Hardwick, Holland, Irasburg, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport City, Newport Town, Orleans, Stannard, Troy, Westfield, Westmore, Wolcott, Woodbury)
- Demonstrate academic achievement and promise of continued excellence
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Up to two maximum \$2,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 60

Average awards: 2

CONWAY

Adult students | Any program | Any enrollment

G. Jason and Marcia Vance Conway Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the G. Jason and Marcia Vance Conway Memorial Scholarship Fund)

This scholarship was established in 2011 to honor the contributions made to higher education by G. Jason Conway and Marcia Vance Conway, who passed away in April 2010 and March 2009 respectively. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Face significant barriers or obstacles that limit your access to education after high school
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$2,000 each

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 300

Average awards: 1

CURRIER

Any student | Undergrad or Grad program | 1/2 time

Katie Currier Memorial Scholarship

(sponsored by the Katie Currier Scholarship Fund)

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Katie Currier, who passed away at the age of 18. Katie was devoted to justice, non-judgment, acceptance, and unity. This athletes' scholarship was established to provide financial aid to Vermont students who are committed to promoting these qualities in their communities.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate (or have graduated) from Essex High School
- Be (or have been) a student athlete (*preference given to applicants who demonstrate and promote dedication to learning and a strong team spirit*)
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay; *include examples of the ways in which you have demonstrated and promoted a dedication to learning and a strong team spirit*)

Amount: Two \$1,000 scholarships (one to a male, and one to a female)

Selection: Essay and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 32

Average awards: 2

CVSR

Any student | Cert or Undergrad program | Any enrollment

Champlain Valley Street Rodders (CVSR) Scholarship

The Champlain Valley Street Rodders established this scholarship to assist students pursuing careers in the automotive field.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in a field related to automotive technology, mechanics, or repair
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 26

Average awards: 1

Your electronic signature is required on the Unified Scholarship Application (USA).
A missing signature prevents VSAC from sharing with scholarship committees any of the information or documents you submit for consideration.

DAVIS-EJ

Any student	Cert or Degree program	Any enrollment
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Elizabeth J. Davis Scholarship of the VNAs of Vermont

This scholarship was established to assist students who are seeking bachelor's degrees or advanced degrees in health professions. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in registered nursing, licensed practical nursing, physical therapy, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, or social work
- Demonstrate financial need
- Intend to work in Vermont for a minimum of two years

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 294

Average awards: 14

DEW-SS

Any student	Any program	Full time
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DEW Superintendents Scholarship (sponsored by DEW Construction Corporation)

This scholarship was established to encourage students to enter the field of construction.

Eligibility:

- Seek education or training in civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, structural engineering, construction management, or construction trades
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Up to two \$2,500 scholarships

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 66

Average awards: 2

DURFEE-G

Graduate students	Graduate program	Any enrollment
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Hildegard Durfee Scholarship (Graduate)

This scholarship was established to enable residents of Windham County to further their education at the graduate level and/or to prepare themselves for career changes that require graduate-level coursework after college.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Windham County (*preference given to residents of Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, and Putney*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and resumé

Amount: Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, academic achievement, resumé, and personal interview (if necessary)

Average applicants: 25

Average awards: 1

DURFEE-U

Any student	Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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Hildegard Durfee Scholarship (Undergraduate)

This scholarship was established to enable residents of Windham County to further their education at the undergraduate level and/or to prepare themselves for career changes that require undergraduate-level coursework after high school.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Windham County (*preference given to residents of Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, and Putney*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, academic achievement, and personal interview (if necessary)

Average applicants: 147

Average awards: 60

EMS-GG

Any student	Any program	3/4 time
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Gordy and Gwen EMS Scholarship

This scholarship was created to recognize individuals in emergency medical services (EMS) who serve others on a daily basis. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be an active member (with a minimum of one year of active service), OR be a spouse or dependent child of an active member (with a minimum one year of active service), of a Vermont-licensed ambulance or first respond squad in Addison or Chittenden County
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and certification (*provide a signed statement from the head of a Vermont-licensed ambulance or first respond squad in Addison or Chittenden County, certifying that: [1] the applicant is either an active member, OR a spouse or dependent child of an active member, of a Vermont-licensed ambulance or first respond squad in Addison or Chittenden County; and [2] the squad member has a minimum of one year of active service*)

Amount: Two \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, and essay

Average applicants: 8

Average awards: 2

How will scholarships affect other aid?

Before applying for scholarships, check with your college/university or training school to ask whether or not receiving a scholarship may affect your overall financial aid package.

ESSEX-CIA

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Essex Classical Institute Award Scholarship

This scholarship was established to assist Essex Town students with the high cost of continuing education beyond high school. Relatives of trustees of The Essex Classical Institute are ineligible to apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Essex Town
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and parent residency information (*provide your parent/s' name and physical address*)

Amount: One or more scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000; varies annually based on income

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 28

Average awards: 2

FREEMAN

High school students

Any program

Full time

VSAC-Freeman Scholarship

(sponsored by the Freeman Foundation)

The Freeman Foundation created this scholarship to assist students who are either among the first generation in their families to attend college (neither parent has received a bachelor's degree) or who face other barriers that restrict access to a college education. All VSAC-Freeman scholars demonstrate significant financial need.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (Caledonia, Essex, or Orleans County)
- Be among the first generation in your family to attend college OR face significant barriers that limit your access to a college education
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to 10 \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: 98

Average awards: 10

GALLAGHER

Any student

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Paul Gallagher Entrepreneurial Scholarship

(sponsored by the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce)

This scholarship was established to provide Chittenden County residents with financial assistance to pursue their college degrees in business or a related field.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Chittenden County
- Seek a degree in business or a related field
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate community involvement
- Demonstrate entrepreneurial skills, endeavors, and/or achievements

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Maximum \$2,000

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 57

Average awards: 1

GATES

High school students

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Richard T. Gates Engineering and Technology Endowed Challenge Scholarship

This scholarship was established to help worthy and able students pursue their bachelor of science degrees in engineering or technology. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Have been born in Vermont
- Have parent(s) who is legal resident of Vermont
- Currently attend a Windham County high school or Springfield High School
- Seek a bachelor of science degree in engineering or technology (program must be accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and birth certificate

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$4,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 20

Average awards: 1

GILMAN

High school students	Cert or Undergrad program	Full time
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Frank M. and Olive F. Gilman Foundation Scholarship

The Gilman Foundation created this scholarship to promote academic growth and achievement in order to foster greater individual earning power and a skilled labor force. Recipients are selected by an independent selection committee not comprised of Gilman Foundation Board members.

Eligibility:

- Vermont residency **not** required
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate from one of the following Orange County or Windsor County high schools: Black River High School, Blue Mountain Union High School, Chelsea Public School, Green Mountain Union High School, Hartford High School, Mid Vermont Christian School, Oxbow High School, Randolph Union High School, Rochester School, Sharon Academy, South Royalton High School, Springfield High School, Thetford Academy, Whitcomb High School, Williamstown Middle High School, Windsor High School, or Woodstock Union High School
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Approximately 60 scholarships up to \$5,000 each

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 358 **Average awards:** 60

GMWEA

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Green Mountain Water Environment Association Scholarship

This scholarship was created to help support students of environmentalism and to rebuild the water and wastewater management industry in the state.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in a field related to environmental studies, including, but not limited to, conservation, forestry, geology, natural resources management, renewable resources, water quality, or wildlife/wild lands management
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 113 **Average awards:** 1

GRAHAM

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Sheriffs' Association: William Graham Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor former Windham County Sheriff William Graham, who has exemplified outstanding public service and community leadership throughout his life.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a dependent of a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and membership (*provide the name of the individual who is a member of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, and his/her relationship to you*)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 5 **Average awards:** 1

GRANGER

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Alfred T. Granger Student Art Fund Scholarship

This endowed fund was established to support a college education for talented students pursuing studies in architecture, design, fine arts, architectural engineering, or mechanical drawing (CAD).

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in architecture, interior design, studio art, architectural engineering, mechanical drawing, or lighting design
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #3 (visual/performing arts), essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and portfolio

Amount: Four \$2,500 scholarships (undergraduate students) and two \$5,000 scholarships (graduate students)

Selection: Portfolio, recommendation letters, essay, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 95 **Average awards:** 6

The submission/postmark deadline is critical.

Submit all documents ON OR BEFORE the March 3 deadline. ONE late document may mean a late application that is not considered by a scholarship committee.

HICKS

Any student

Undergrad program

Full time

David A. Hicks Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to help students who have overcome hardship in their lives (including illness) or who face significant barriers that limit their access to education after high school. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Have graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School or West Rutland High School (*preference given to applicants who have overcome hardship in their lives, including illness, or who face significant barriers that limit their access to education after high school*)
- Seek a bachelor's degree
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay; *include ways in which you have overcome hardship or illness in your life, and a description of the barriers you face that limit your access to education after high school*)

Amount: Maximum one scholarship up to \$1,800

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 20

Average awards: 1

HI-LOW-LV

Any student

Any program

1/2 time



Hi-Low Farm Lowell Vermont Scholarship

This scholarship was established to provide financial support to students with a high school diploma, including students who have successfully completed a home schooling program. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Brighton, Charleston, Coventry, Derby, Holland, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport City, Newport Town, Troy, North Troy, or Westfield, and/or graduate/have graduated from North Country Union High School (*preference given to applicants who live/lived with a parent who is a resident of Lowell at the time the applicant graduated from high school*)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Maximum one \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 32

Average awards: 1

HOEHL

Any student

Cert or Undergrad program

Full time

Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Scholarship

(sponsored by the Hoehl Family Foundation)

This scholarship was established to honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a child of a member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard whose residence or home of record is Vermont (*preference given to applicants whose parent was killed, wounded, or became permanently disabled as a result of his/her service and/or applicants who served during Operation Enduring Freedom and/or Operation Iraqi Freedom*)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), birth certificate, and certification (*provide either a signed statement from an official of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard, stating the name of the service or guard member and his/her relationship to you, OR a copy of your parent's DD-214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Scholarships range from \$3,500 to \$7,000 (average \$5,000)

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 65

Average awards: 10

HOUSING-VT

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Housing Vermont Scholarship

(sponsored by Housing Vermont)

This scholarship was established in 2013 to mark the 25th anniversary of Housing Vermont, a nonprofit syndication and development company that creates permanently affordable rental housing for Vermonters through partnerships with local organizations, public agencies, and the private sector.

Eligibility:

- Reside in a Housing Vermont-affiliated apartment or be the child of a parent/guardian who resides in a Housing Vermont-affiliated apartment
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name and address of the Housing Vermont-affiliated development in which you or your parent/guardian resides, as well as the name of the individual(s) who signed the lease for the apartment, and his/her relationship to you*)

Amount: Up to four maximum \$2,500 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: 50

Average awards: 4

HULL

Any student	Degree program	1/2 time
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Dr. Marc Hull Special Education Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators)

This scholarship was created to honor Dr. Marc Hull, a former Vermont commissioner of education who dedicated his career to creating equitable learning opportunities for all students, particularly those with disabilities. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a certificate or license in special education
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate community involvement/service (*particularly related to individuals with disabilities*)

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,750 each

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 31

Average awards: 1

HURLEY

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Carol A. Hurley Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the friends, family, and colleagues of Carol Hurley, a VSAC outreach counselor who helped first-generation college-bound students prepare for college. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate from one of the following high schools: Randolph Area Technical Career Center, Randolph Union High School, Rochester School, Whitcomb High School, Windsor High School, or Woodstock Union High School (*preference given to applicants who are among the first generation in their families to attend college*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 80

Average awards: 2

ISHAM

Any student	Any program	1/2 time
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Franklin H. Isham Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Olive Wilcox created this scholarship to honor the memory of her husband, Franklin Horace Isham. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Franklin County
- Have graduated from a Franklin County high school
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Maximum one \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, and essay

Average applicants: 108

Average awards: 1

JEFFRD-EDJ

Any student	Undergrad program	1/2 time
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Students with Disabilities Endowed Scholarship Honoring Elizabeth Daley Jeffords

(sponsored by the Senator Jeffords Endowment Scholarship Fund)

Former U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont established this scholarship to honor his wife, Elizabeth Daley Jeffords, by providing financial support to students with disabilities who wish to pursue college degrees. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate documented disability (504 Plan or IEP from your school, or a statement from Voc Rehab documenting your disability)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and certification (*provide a copy of your most recent 504 Plan or IEP, OR a statement from Voc Rehab that documents your disability*)

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,500 each

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, financial need, and personal interview (if necessary)

Average applicants: 115

Average awards: 2

JEFFRD-MHJ

High school students | Undergrad program | Any enrollment

Senator James M. Jeffords Endowed Scholarship to Honor Marion Hausman Jeffords

Former U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont established this scholarship in memory of his mother, Marion Hausman Jeffords, to honor her career as an educator who taught music and art in Rutland. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Rutland County or attend a Rutland County high school
- Seek a degree in the arts, including, but not limited to, music, visual arts, dance, or theater
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #3 (visual/performing arts), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Minimum two scholarships up to \$1,500 each

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 18

Average awards: 2

JEFFRD-MJM

High school students | Undergrad program | Any enrollment

Senator James M. Jeffords Endowed Scholarship to Honor Mary Jeffords Mills

Former U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont established this scholarship to honor his sister, Mary Jeffords Mills, by inspiring and encouraging future generations of teachers. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Rutland County or attend a Rutland County high school (*preference given to Rutland High School seniors*)
- Seek a degree in education
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to three \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 12

Average awards: 3

JOHNSON

Any student | Cert or Undergrad program | 3/4 time

Jennie Johnson Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of artist Jennie Johnson, who was most widely known as the postmaster of Beebe Plain, Vermont. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Essex or Orleans County
- Intend to reside and work in Vermont upon graduation
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 85

Average awards: 1

KAPLAN

Any student | Undergrad program | Full time

Jay Kaplan Memorial Scholarship**(sponsored by the Jay Kaplan Retirement Education Fund)**

The Jay Kaplan Retirement Education Fund, Inc., established this scholarship in 2011 to honor Jay Kaplan, a respected high school biology teacher and a longtime, dedicated member of the state of Vermont Teachers Retirement Board of Trustees.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek education or training related to science or finance (*preference given to candidates with a documented disability — school 504 Plan or IEP — during some period of their K–12 education*)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and (if applicable), certification (*If you had a documented disability during some portion of your K–12 education, submit a copy of your most recent 504 Plan or IEP.*)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to two years.

Amount: Two \$2,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 280

Average awards: 2

Remember:

Scholarship groups will not consider your application if it is incomplete (missing one or more required documents) or late (one or more required documents is submitted/postmarked after March 3, 2017).

KILBOURN

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Kilbourn-Sawyer Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by PC Construction Company)

The PC Construction Company established this scholarship to recognize a Vermont graduating high school senior who demonstrates outstanding performance in a range of areas. The scholarship assists with his or her pursuit of a degree in a construction-related field.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in construction or engineering (*preference given to applicants who plan to seek a degree in civil or mechanical engineering*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate strong work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$2,500 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, academic achievement, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 117

Average awards: 1

KINNEY

Any student	Any program	Full time
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Taini Mae Kinney Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Taini Mae Kinney who wished to honor Taini's kindness toward others.

Eligibility:

- Reside in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (Caledonia, Essex, or Orleans County)
- Seek education or training in a health care field, including holistic health
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 80

Average awards: 1

LEDUC-C

High school students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Cecile Leduc Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Norman and Cecile Leduc Memorial Scholarship Fund)

This scholarship was created to honor the memory and life of Cecile Leduc. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing of the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA), Court of Saint Mary's, in St. Albans, Vermont
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name of the individual who is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court of St. Mary's, and her relationship to you*)

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 5

Average awards: 1

LEDUC-N

High school students	Any program	Full time
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Norman Leduc Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Norman and Cecile Leduc Memorial Scholarship Fund)

This scholarship was created to honor the memory and life of Norman Leduc. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Franklin or Grand Isle County
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service (*preference given to applicants who are actively involved in a religious group*)
- Demonstrate leadership

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 79

Average awards: 1

Submit all required documents.

Check each description carefully to be sure you understand which documents are required for each scholarship for which you are applying. Remember to submit ONE original of each document (duplicates are discarded). Once a document is on file with VSAC, it is available to every group that requires it.

LEONARD

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Charles E. Leonard Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired)

This scholarship was created in memory of Charles Leonard by his mother after his death in 1981. Mr. Leonard, who was blind, was an engineer at General Electric for many years and served as president of VABVI from 1978 to 1980.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be blind or visually impaired (after best corrected vision), OR be a child of a blind or visually impaired person, OR pursue a career in the education or rehabilitation of blind or visually impaired people
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and certification (*If you, or one or more of your parents, is blind or visually impaired, submit a copy of the most recent optometrist report, including the cause of the visual impairment and data relating to acuity, for each visually impaired person – you and/or your parent/s.*)

Amount: Approximately four \$500 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, and essay

Average applicants: 15

Average awards: 3

LESTER

Any student

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Emily Lester Vermont Opportunity Scholarship (sponsored by the State of Vermont)

This scholarship is administered with the proceeds from a trust fund established through an annual appropriation from State of Vermont's general fund. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual legislative approval.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be currently under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) OR be between the ages of 18 and 24 and have been under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the DCF for at least six months when applicant was between the ages of 16 and 18
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and Vermont grant application (available at www.vsoc.org/grants)

Amount: Scholarships generally range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and may not exceed \$3,000. The amount disbursed cannot exceed your total costs (tuition, fees, room, and board) *minus* your expected family contribution (EFC) and all other sources of gift aid combined.

Selection: Eligibility

Average applicants: N/A

Average awards: N/A

LIONS-JU

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Jericho-Underhill Lions Club David Damkot Memorial Scholarship

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club created this scholarship to encourage residents in the Jericho-Underhill area to serve their communities and develop high ethical standards. The scholarship name was changed in 2016 to memorialize and honor David Damkot, a longtime member of the club.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Bolton, Bolton Valley, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, or Underhill
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service and good citizenship

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,500 each

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 17

Average awards: 2

LOWENSTEIN

High school students

Undergrad program

Full time

Amy Lowenstein Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist academically promising graduates of Addison County public high schools who plan to attend a competitive, degree-granting, four-year, accredited college full time.

Eligibility:

- Attend a competitive accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Addison County
- Seek a bachelor's (four-year) degree
- Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and promise of continued excellence
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$2,500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, essay, financial need, and recommendation letters

Average applicants: 80

Average awards: 1

LYMAN

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Lee A. Lyman Memorial Music Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)

VSAC created this scholarship to honor Lee A. Lyman, director of VSAC's Education Loan Finance Program for 10 years (1984–1994).

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in music, including, but not limited to, musical performing arts, musical recording arts, instrumentation, sound engineering, studio recording, or music history
- Demonstrate participation in music-related activities, performances, and/or groups
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #3 (visual/performing arts), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Four \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 65

Average awards: 4

LYON-DA

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Denton and Ann Lyon Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist graduating high school seniors from Addison County who demonstrate strong financial need and high academic achievement, and who are committed to attending and succeeding in college. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Addison County
- Graduate from an Addison County high school, OR be a home-schooled or GED recipient who would otherwise have graduated from an Addison County high school
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to two years.

Amount: Up to three scholarships of \$2,000 maximum

Selection: Financial need, essay, recommendation letter, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 55

Average awards: 1

MACIAG

High school students	Any program	1/2 time
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John and Ruth Maciag Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor John and Ruth's commitment to art and design, learning, and international travel. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Seek education or training in architecture, architectural engineering, computer graphics and animation, fine arts, interior design, studio art, or a related field
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 130

Average awards: 1

MAY

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Edgar May Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the life and work of Edgar May, longtime champion of individuals outside the circle of financial and social success. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Caledonia, Essex, Orange, Orleans, or Windsor County
- Demonstrate financial need
- Face significant barriers or obstacles that limit your access to education after high school

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One or more scholarship(s) of up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 218

Average awards: 1

Did you submit an OFFICIAL transcript?

An official transcript must either be signed by a school official or have a school seal (grade reports and Web printouts are not acceptable). The transcript may be mailed, e-mailed, or uploaded to VSAC by either the student or the high school.

MURRAY

Any student | Undergrad program | 1/2 time

Bernice Murray Scholarship (sponsored by former U.S. Senator James Jeffords and the Federal Executives' Association)

This scholarship was created by former U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont, along with family and friends of Bernice Murray, longtime aide to Senator Jeffords. The scholarship was established to honor her unselfish contributions to improving the lives of Vermonters. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a single parent with primary custody of at least one child 12 years of age or younger
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), child care information (*provide current/future day care provider's name, address, and phone numbers; also include the age of each child attending day care, the number of hours each child will be in day care/week, and the total cost of day care/week*), and family information (*provide the name and age of the youngest child for whom you are the custodial parent*)

Amount: One or more scholarships totaling \$2,000 to be used for payment of child care expenses

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 23

Average awards: 3

NAIFA-VT

High school students | Undergrad program | Any enrollment

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2013 to award an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing a business career.

Eligibility:

- Reside or attend high school in Chittenden or Franklin County
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in business or a related field
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Two minimum \$1,000 scholarships (one to a student who resides or attends high school in Chittenden County, and one to a student who resides or attends high school in Franklin County)

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 64

Average awards: 2

NASW-VT

Any student | Degree program | Any enrollment

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Vermont Chapter Lara Sobel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be given to social work students who reflect Lara Sobel's ability to seek out the good no matter how overwhelming and negative the circumstances; never allow the misfortune of individuals or their level of despair to become routine or acceptable; and strengthen the cause of child welfare, social justice, and health and wellness of child welfare staff.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Enroll in a CSWE-accredited BSW, MSW, or DSW/PhD (social work) program (*preference given to applicants who intend to practice social work in Vermont*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 35

Average awards: 1

NCFCU

High school students | Undergrad program | 1/2 time

NorthCountry Federal Credit Union Scholarship

NorthCountry Federal Credit Union wishes to recognize northern Vermont students who are pursuing higher education, who reflect the credit union philosophy of people helping people, and who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and to giving back to the community.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside or attend high school in Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, or Washington County
- Have overcome a significant challenge or hardship
- Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement (minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to 15 maximum \$2,000 scholarships

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 360

Average awards: 15

NICHOLS

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Nichols Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2015 to honor Francis and Louise Nichols and their children, William Nichols and Sarah Nichols Gruenig. The intent of this program is to ease the financial burden of a college degree for Vermont students who have faced adversity in their lives and/or overcome hardship.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate resilience in the face of adversity and/or hardship

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay; *include specific examples of ways in which you have demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity and/or overcome hardship in your life*), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$6,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 1

NICHOLS-AG

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Nichols Family Scholarship (Agriculture and Environmental Science)

This scholarship was established in 2014 to honor Francis and Louise Nichols and their children, William Nichols and Sarah Nichols Gruenig, who valued education, hard work, and the natural world. The intent of this program is to support students in pursuing studies in agriculture or environmental studies.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in agriculture or environmental studies
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$6,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 1

NORDIC

Any student	Cert or Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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Nordic Educational Trust Scholarship

This two-year scholarship was created to provide education funding to students who want to attend school beyond high school and seek a certificate or associate's (two-year) degree in a technical field. This scholarship is not dependent on past academic performance.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school
- Seek a certificate or associate's (two-year) degree in a technical field
- Not expect to receive either an associate's (two-year) or bachelor's (four-year) degree prior to August 31, 2017
- Demonstrate potential for academic success
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, two separate recommendation letters #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to two years.

Amount: The foundation will award up to \$10,000 over two years

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, financial need, and personal interview

Average applicants: 121

Average awards: 5

NWCLUB

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Norwich Women's Club Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any resident of Norwich who is pursuing education beyond high school. Students of all ages are urged to apply. Previous awardees are encouraged to apply in subsequent years.

The Women's Club makes multiple annual awards, including the Woodworth Scholarship Award (which recognizes applicants whose service to others has made a significant difference in the community) and the Marjorie Butler scholarship (for a graduate of the Marian Cross School). Applicants should indicate in their essay if they are eligible for the Marjorie Butler award.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Norwich
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$4,000

Selection: Financial need and essay

Average applicants: 23

Average awards: 18

ORANGECTY

Adult students

Undergrad program

1/2 time

Orange County Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist female first-generation college students who have been residents of Orange County for at least one year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Have resided in Orange County for a minimum of one year
- Be a female who faces significant barriers that limit access to education after high school (*preference given to applicants who are among the first generation in their families to attend college — neither a parent nor a grandparent received a bachelor's degree*)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 47

Average awards: 1

PEOPLES

High school students

Undergrad program

Full time

People's United Bank Scholarship

This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to Vermont students who wish to pursue college degrees.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Two \$2,500 scholarships

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 588

Average awards: 2

PIZZAGALLI

High school students

Undergrad program

Full time

Remo and Donna Pizzagalli Family Scholarship

This scholarship was created to provide financial support for academically exceptional students who show promise of continued excellence and demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Chittenden County
- Seek a bachelor's degree
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 203

Average awards: 1

QUILL

Any student

Undergrad or Grad program

1/2 time

Karen Quill Scholarship

(sponsored by Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals and the Quill Family)

The Karen Quill Scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Karen Quill, a dedicated union nurse.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be an active member or the child of an active member of a union
- Seek a degree in nursing
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name of the union, the name of the individual who is a member of the union, and his/her relationship to you*)

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, and financial need

Average applicants: 22

Average awards: 1

Are your name and Social Security number on EVERY document?

If your name and/or Social Security number are not on a document (with the exception of recommendation letters and portfolios), VSAC will be unable to determine that it belongs with your application. Your application will therefore be considered incomplete and will not be considered even though you may have submitted all required documents.

Recommendation letters and portfolios require your name and date of birth.

REARDON

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center Mimi Reardon Scholarship

The Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center established this scholarship to honor Dr. Mildred A. Reardon, and to encourage and support students who are pursuing health or allied health careers and who express interest in practicing in Vermont's rural communities.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, or Washington County
- Seek education or training related to health or allied health care, including, but not limited to, health, dental health, mental and behavioral health, public health, or social work
- Demonstrate interest in providing health care in one of Vermont's rural communities
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative — *applicants are encouraged to submit two of these letters from separate individuals*), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, and financial need

Average applicants: 163 **Average awards:** 4

REHABGYM

Any student	Cert or Undergrad program	3/4 time
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RehabGYM Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist students who have undergone significant physical challenges or illness and who met those challenges with courage and perseverance. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Have overcome a significant physical challenge or illness
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One minimum \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay and financial need

Average applicants: 142 **Average awards:** 1

ROTARY-CS

Any student	Any program	1/2 time
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Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club Scholarship

The Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club created this scholarship for residents of Charlotte, Hinesburg, or Shelburne who demonstrate uncommon commitment and service to their communities.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in one of three towns served by the Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club (Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Shelburne)
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$4,000

Selection: Recommendation letters and essay

Average applicants: 18 **Average awards:** 4

ROTARY-WD

Any student	Any program	1/2 time
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Woodstock Rotary Scholarship

The Woodstock Rotary Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship assistance to graduates of Woodstock Union High School. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year. Woodstock Rotarian family members are not eligible to apply.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate or have graduated from Woodstock High School
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Up to eight minimum \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 30 **Average awards:** 5

SAMARA

High school students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Samara Fund Scholarship

The Samara Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation established this scholarship to support Vermont students who stand for the elimination of homophobia and/or discrimination based on gender identity.

Eligibility: Demonstrate, through significant personal growth, public commitment, and activism, a dedication to the interests of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #4 (SAMARA), essay #1 (general essay), and essay #2 (scholarship-specific essay — SAMARA)

Amount: Up to \$10,000 awarded annually

Selection: Recommendation letter and essays

Average applicants: 80 **Average awards:** 5

SAVAGE

Any student | Degree program | Any enrollment

John Hudson Savage Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Colchester Rescue Association)

This scholarship was established to honor John Hudson Savage in recognition of his 28 years of volunteer service to the town of Colchester as a member of the Colchester Rescue Squad.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Chittenden County
- Seek a degree in public safety, including, but not limited to, emergency medical services, fire service, health care, or law enforcement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, financial need

Average applicants: 65

Average awards: 1

SHANKS

College students | Undergrad program | Full time

Alicia Shanks Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Mrs. Alicia Shanks to assist college students who have demonstrated the capacity to become passionate and dedicated teachers. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a bachelor's degree in elementary or secondary education
- Be enrolled in your sophomore, junior, or senior year of college
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 60

Average awards: 2

STAFFORD

High school students | Degree program | 1/2 time

Helen K. and Robert T. Stafford Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor the entire Stafford family by providing financial support to a student who demonstrates strong financial need and a commitment to a career in environmental studies or special education, and who shows deep compassion and enthusiasm for making the world a better place. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in environmental studies or special education
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 103

Average awards: 1

STONYFIELD

Any student | Cert, Undergrad, or ND program | 1/2 time

Stonyfield Farm Endowed Scholarship for St. Albans Cooperative Creamery

The owners of Stonyfield Farm established this scholarship to convey their gratitude and appreciation to the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery for its support, partnerships, and friendship. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a member or employee, OR be a spouse or dependent child of a member or employee of the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name of the individual who is a member or employee of the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, and his/her relationship to you*)

Amount: Maximum \$5,000 awarded annually

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 10

Average awards: 4

Residency

You must be a Vermont resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States to apply for VSAC-assisted scholarships, unless a particular scholarship specifies otherwise. See page 2, Step 1, for details.

SWITZER

Any student	Cert or Undergrad program	1/2 time
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Helen J. Switzer Nursing Scholarship

Helen Switzer's children established this scholarship to honor their mother's commitment to nursing and her 30-year career caring for the sick and elderly. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Windham County (*preference given to residents of Rockingham, Westminster, Athens, and Grafton — in that order*)
- Enroll in a licensed practical nursing degree program (LPN), OR an associate's of science in nursing degree program (AS, RN), OR a bachelor of science in nursing degree program (BSN, RN)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Two scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 21

Average awards: 2

TAIGH

Any student	Undergrad program	1/2 time
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Taigh Scholarship

This scholarship was established to inspire and encourage residents of Peacham to pursue education after high school. It is the donors' intent to assist students from rural areas, particularly those who are among the first generation in their families to attend college. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in Caledonia County (*preference given to applicants who are residents of Peacham and/or are among the first generation in their families to attend college*)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One or more scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 63

Average awards: 1

THOMPSON

Any student	Any program	1/2 time
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Samuel W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Samuel W. Thompson worked for the State of Vermont for 39 years, serving as deputy sheriff of Caledonia County for more than six years. His family established this scholarship to honor his memory and life.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Caledonia or Washington County
- Seek a degree in law enforcement or fish and game management
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Face significant barriers or obstacles that limit your access to education after high school

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Maximum one \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 17

Average awards: 1

THV

Any student	Cert or Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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THV Scholarship

This scholarship was created to encourage Windham County residents to seek education after high school and to contribute fully to freedom, peace, and social understanding throughout the world, beginning in their own homes and communities. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Windham County or in the towns of Readsboro or Searsburg in Bennington County (*preference given to residents of the Deerfield Valley towns of Dover, Halifax, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham, and Wilmington who are first-generation college-bound, and/or nontraditional students*)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 — maximum \$25,000 awarded annually

Selection: Financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 105

Average awards: 20

Submit complete documents on time.

An incomplete or late required document is the #1 reason an applicant is not considered by a scholarship committee.

TRINITY

Any student

Undergrad program

Full time

Trinity College of Vermont Memorial Scholarship

(sponsored by the Trinity College of Vermont Association of Alumni and Friends)

The Trinity College of Vermont Association of Alumni and Friends awards this scholarship to promote empowerment through education, and to encourage work that supports healthy communities and social justice.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in social work or education
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 177

Average awards: 1

UPPERVALLEY

Any student

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Upper Valley Scholarship

(sponsored by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation)

This scholarship was created to provide financial support to residents of the Upper Valley who pursue education after high school.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside in the Upper Valley of Vermont (Ascutney, Baltimore, Barnard, Bethel, Bradford, Bridgewater, Cavendish, Chelsea, Corinth, East Corinth, East Ryegate, Fairlee, Groton, Hartford, Hartland, Newbury, North Hartford, North Hartland, North Springfield, North Thetford, Norwich, Pomfret, Randolph, Randolph Center, Reading, Royalton, Ryegate, Sharon, South Royalton, South Ryegate, Springfield, Strafford, Thetford, Thetford Center, Topsham, Tunbridge, Vershire, Weathersfield, Wells River, West Fairlee, West Hartford, West Newbury, West Topsham, West Windsor, Windsor, or Woodstock)
- Demonstrate financial need (*preference given to applicants who are among the first generation in their families to attend college*)
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), and essay #1 (general essay)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: Approximately four scholarships up to \$1,000 each

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 238

Average awards: 4

VETCLUB

High school students

Any program

Any enrollment

Burlington Veterans' Club Scholarship

The Burlington Veterans' Club established an education trust fund with VSAC to help Vermont students pursue education beyond high school. VSAC arranged for the proceeds from the trust to be distributed as scholarships to Chittenden County high school seniors. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Graduate from a Chittenden County high school
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Approximately 10 scholarships of up to \$1,500 each

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 171

Average awards: 10

VICKERS

Any student

Cert, Undergrad, or ND program

Any enrollment

Don Vickers Scholarship

Don Vickers served as president and CEO of Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) a full quarter-century from 1988 to 2013. He joined VSAC in 1971 as director of the state grant programs. When he retired from VSAC in June 2013, his colleagues, friends, and staff contributed to an endowment for the purpose of awarding one or more scholarships in his honor. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One scholarship up to \$1,000

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 788

Average awards: 1

VPA-EB

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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**Vermont Police Association:
Erwin Bugbee Memorial Scholarship**

The Vermont Police Association created this scholarship in memory of one of its past presidents, Erwin Bugbee of the Bellows Falls Police Department.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in law enforcement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay and financial need

Average applicants: 55

Average awards: 1

VPA-GGRW

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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**Vermont Police Association:
Gene Gaiotti & Ron West Memorial Scholarship**

The Vermont Police Association created this scholarship in memory of one of its past presidents, Gene Gaiotti, a member of the Vermont Liquor Control Department who was killed in the line of duty, and Ron West.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a police officer (or a legal dependent of a police officer) who is an active member of the Vermont Police Association
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name of the individual who is a member of the Vermont Police Association, and his/her relationship to you*)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay and financial need

Average applicants: 10

Average awards: 1

VPA-HF

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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**Vermont Police Association:
Herbert Fullam Scholarship**

The Vermont Police Association created this scholarship in memory of one of its founders, Herbert Fullam of the Springfield Police Department.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a legal dependent of a police officer who is an active member of the Vermont Police Association
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and membership (*provide the name of the individual who is a member of the Vermont Police Association, and his/her relationship to you*)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay and financial need

Average applicants: 11

Average awards: 1

VPA-RM

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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**Vermont Police Association:
Raymond R. Mooney Scholarship**

The Vermont Police Association created this scholarship in memory of Captain Mooney of the Rutland Police Department, who served for several years as secretary/treasurer of the Vermont Police Association.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek education or training in a field related to public safety, including, but not limited to, emergency services, law enforcement, and criminal justice
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay and financial need

Average applicants: 84

Average awards: 1

VSG-AG

High school students	Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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Vermont State Grange Agricultural Scholarship

The Vermont State Grange Agricultural Scholarship was created to encourage Vermont students to enter the field of agriculture.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in agriculture
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 46

Average awards: 1

VSG-CHAG

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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**Vermont State Grange Cobble Hill Grange Scholarship
(Agriculture)**

The Cobble Hill Grange created this scholarship to recognize the importance of a college education and to encourage Vermont students to enter the field of agriculture.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in agriculture
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, and essay

Average applicants: 44

Average awards: 1

VSG-CHED

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Vermont State Grange Cobble Hill Grange Scholarship (Education)

The Cobble Hill Grange created this scholarship to recognize the importance of a college education and to encourage Vermont students to enter the field of education.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in education
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, and essay

Average applicants: 154 **Average awards:** 1

VSG-COSS

College students	Cert or Undergrad program	Any enrollment
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Vermont State Grange Alice Cossingham Scholarship

This scholarship was created to encourage Vermont students to enter the field of nursing.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in nursing (practical nursing, licensed practical nursing, or registered nursing)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative; applicants are encouraged to submit a letter from a current or previous instructor), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 113 **Average awards:** 1

VSG-EAF

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund

The Vermont State Grange created this scholarship to assist students with obtaining their associate's or bachelor's degrees.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, and essay

Average applicants: 645 **Average awards:** 1

VSG-VT

High school students	Cert or Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont State Grange Scholarship (Vocational/Technical)

The Vermont State Grange created this scholarship to assist high school seniors with obtaining vocational or technical education.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited **vocational** or **technical school**
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, and essay

Average applicants: 106 **Average awards:** 1

VTBROADCAST

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont Association of Broadcasters Scholarship

Since 1955, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters has supported and promoted the broadcast industry in Vermont. The VAB has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students in broadcasting and communications studies at area colleges. While the intent of this scholarship is to fund an employee (or legal dependent of an employee) of a VAB member or associate member, this scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who plans to pursue a career in the broadcast industry if no applicant meets the above criteria.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be an employee (or a legal dependent of an employee) of a Vermont radio station, television station, or advertising agency OR seek a degree in marketing or communications (*preference given to an applicant who plans to work in the broadcast industry*)
- Demonstrate school/community involvement/service
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service); essay #1 (general essay); and certification, if applicable (*provide the full name of the employee, the full name of the radio station, television station, or advertising agency where the employee works, and the employee's relationship to you*)

Amount: Up to \$1,250 awarded annually

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Average applicants: 18 **Average awards:** 1

Award year

Scholarships awarded in 2017 are applied toward education expenses that will be incurred during the 2017–2018 academic year (beginning September 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018).

VTDAIRY

Any student	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont Dairy Industry Association (VDIA) Memorial Scholarship

The Vermont Dairy Industry Association established this scholarship to further its commitment to assist students in their educational pursuits in the study of dairying.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in dairy business/production, dairy sciences, or a related field
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One to six scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 29

Average awards: 7

VTDAR

High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont DAR Good Citizenship Scholarship

This scholarship was created to promote dependability, community service, leadership, religious awareness, and patriotism among high school seniors.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in the social sciences, including, but not limited to, anthropology, archaeology, criminology, economics, geography, history, international relations, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, or urban studies (*preference given to applicants who demonstrate and promote dependability, community service, leadership, religious awareness, and patriotism*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay; *include how your interests and activities relate to the Vermont DAR scholarship objective to promote dependability, community service, leadership, religious awareness, and patriotism*), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 200

Average awards: 1

VTDENTAL

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Dental Hygiene Scholarship (sponsored by the Hill Family and Vermont Dental Foundation)

This scholarship was established by the members of the Vermont State Dental Society to encourage Vermont residents preparing to enter the dental hygiene profession.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Enroll in an accredited dental hygiene program
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One or more scholarships totaling between \$15,000 and \$18,000

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, essay, and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 18

Average awards: 8

VTDENTIST

Graduate students	Graduate program	Full time
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Vermont State Dentist Incentive Loan Program (Interest-Free and Forgivable)

(sponsored by the State of Vermont and Vermont Department of Health)

This program was established by the Vermont Legislature to respond to a dentist shortage in Vermont and to ensure an adequate number of dentists to meet the future healthcare needs of Vermonters, including increased access for the Medicaid population. The program is designed for students who are committed to working in Vermont as dentists upon graduation. Funding for this program is conditional on annual legislative appropriation. While Vermont residency is **not** required while applicant is attending dental school, he/she must demonstrate a history of previous Vermont residency.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Enroll in an accredited dental school
- Have completed the first year and be entering the second, third, or fourth year of a dental program
- Intend to work as a dentist in Vermont for a minimum of one year following licensure
- Demonstrate academic achievement

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and resumé

Amount: Up to \$41,000 awarded annually in interest-free loans

Conditions: Partial/complete forgiveness of interest-free loan under the following conditions: (1) completion of a training program leading to eligibility to sit for dental licensure exams; (2) a successful passing grade on the NDBE and Vermont state licensing exams; and (3) completion of one year of employment as a dentist in Vermont (employment must average no less than 20 hours/week; recipients are expected to accept patients with coverage under Medicaid or other state-funded health care benefit programs)

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 2

Average awards: 1

VTEFDENTAL

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont State Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Incentive Loan Program – Interest-Free and Forgivable (sponsored by the State of Vermont and Vermont Department of Health)

This program was established by the Vermont Legislature to respond to shortages of selected health professions in the state. Access to dental care has been hampered in Vermont by a shortage of dentists to serve low-income individuals in particular. Training Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs) is one strategy to increase the capacity of the dental workforce, especially in underserved areas in Vermont. Certified dental assistants and registered dental hygienists are eligible to apply to an EFDA program. The Incentive Loan program is designed for potential EFDA students who are committed to working in Vermont upon graduation. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual legislative appropriation.

Eligibility:

- Currently be a certified dental assistant (CDA) or a registered dental hygienist (RDH)
- Attend a dental assisting Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) program accredited by a Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) program
- Intend to work as an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary in Vermont for a minimum of one year following registration
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and certification (provide a copy of your CDA or RDH license)

Amount: Three interest-free loans up to \$3,000 each

Conditions: Partial/complete forgiveness of interest-free loan under the following conditions: (1) successful completion of EFDA program, and (2) completion of one year of employment (no less than 20 hours/week) as an EFDA in Vermont

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, and financial need

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** 1

VTFEEDDEAL

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Feed Dealers and Manufacturers Association Scholarship

This scholarship was established to encourage students to pursue degrees in fields related to agriculture.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in a field related to agriculture, including, but not limited to, animal sciences, equine studies, agribusiness, plant and soil science, forestry, horticulture, or veterinary medicine or technology

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), and essay #1 (general essay)

Amount: One or more scholarships totaling up to \$10,000

Selection: Essay and recommendation letter

Average applicants: 82 **Average awards:** 8

VTLAKEPOND

Any student	Degree program	1/4 time
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Vermont Lakes and Ponds Scholarship (sponsored by the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds, Inc.)

This scholarship was created to encourage and support students who are seeking education beyond high school and are interested in pursuing aquatic environmental studies, such as watershed management, water resources education, and limnology.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in environmental studies (*preference given to students seeking a degree in aquatic environmental studies, such as watershed management, water resources education, and limnology*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement and/or service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 61 **Average awards:** 1

VTMENTOR

Any student	Any program	1/2 time
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Vermont Mentoring Scholarship

This scholarship was created (1) to provide financial assistance to individuals who have participated as mentees in a mentoring program; (2) to provide additional incentives for young people to join, fully participate in, and commit to a mentoring program; and (3) to provide a giving avenue for individuals who want to contribute to the mentoring movement but have work and family obligations that limit their ability to do so. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Be or have been a mentee in a recognized Mobius mentoring program for a minimum of two consecutive years (excluding e-mentoring)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), official transcript, and certification (*provide a signed statement from an authorized official of the recognized Mobius mentoring program in which you participated, indicating the name and location of the program, the name of your mentor/s, and the date you started and, if applicable, ended your participation*)

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Recommendation letter, essay, financial need, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 8 **Average awards:** 1

VTNURSING

Any student	Cert or Degree program	1/2 time
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Vermont State Nurse Incentive Loan Program (Interest-Free and Forgivable)

(sponsored by the State of Vermont and Vermont Department of Health)

This program was established by the Vermont Legislature to ensure an adequate number of nurses for the future healthcare needs of Vermonters. The program is designed for students who are committed to working as nurses in Vermont upon graduation. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual legislative appropriation.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Enroll in an accredited licensed practical nursing (LPN) degree program, OR the final year of an accredited associate's of science in nursing degree program (AS, RN), OR the final two years of an accredited bachelor of science in nursing degree program (BSN, RN), OR the master's entry program in nursing (MEPN). (*Graduation from the program must result in eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination.*)
- Intend to work as a nurse in Vermont or at an accredited hospital within ten miles of the Vermont border for a minimum of one year following licensure
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to \$50,000 awarded annually in interest-free loans

Conditions: Partial/complete forgiveness of interest-free loan under the following conditions: (1) completion of a nursing degree program; (2) LPN or RN licensure; and (3) completion of one year of employment as an RN or LPN either in Vermont or at an accredited hospital within ten miles of the Vermont border

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and financial need

Average applicants: 112

Average awards: 13

VTSHERRIFF

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Sheriffs' Association Scholarship

The Vermont Sheriffs' Association created this scholarship to assist Vermont residents seeking degrees in law enforcement in order to become police officers.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in law enforcement
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, and essay

Average applicants: 43

Average awards: 1

VTTEACH

Any student	Degree program	Full time
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Vermont Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (VTFCS) Scholarship

This scholarship was created to prepare individuals to become competent, confident, and caring in the management of their personal lives, families, and careers.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in a field related to family and consumer sciences, including, but not limited to, food and nutrition, child development, housing and interiors, family studies, clothing and textiles/merchandising, family and consumer sciences education, or consumer studies (*preference given to students seeking a degree in family and consumer sciences education*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative — *applicants are encouraged to submit this letter from a school family and consumer sciences teacher*), essay #1 (general essay; *include your goals and values for family and consumer sciences in the 21st century*), and official transcript

Amount: One \$500–\$750 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, financial need, recommendation letter, essay, and personal interview (if necessary)

Average applicants: 52

Average awards: 1

Don't assume.

Call the VSAC Scholarships Program if you have ANY questions.

Toll-free **888-253-4819**

Burlington area **654-3798**

Other scholarships & resources

The scholarships on the following pages are administered by agencies or organizations other than VSAC.

Each of these scholarships has its own requirements and application process; VSAC forms cannot be used to apply. Please refer to page 1, “How to use this booklet” to understand the scholarship eligibility requirements in the grey toolbars, and follow the instructions under the “Application” section of each scholarship listing on pages 36–46.

Note: The date listed in the upper right hand corner above the grey toolbar is the DELIVERY DATE, not the submission/postmark date.

Questions about these scholarships should be directed to the contact person included in the scholarship information. If no contact is listed, please call the VSAC Scholarships Program.

To find even more scholarships, start close to home and branch out as time allows:

Your community — your local high school, businesses, clubs, or town officials

Your college or university — check with the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend

On the web

- www.vvac.org/scholarships (click “Where to Look for Scholarships”)
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>
- www.cappex.com/scholarships
- www.fastweb.com

Beware of scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns students to be careful in using scholarship search companies. While some firms are legitimate, others aren't. A tip-off could be if the firm “guarantees” or “promises” scholarships or grants. No reputable firm can legitimately make such a claim.

Beware of these telltale statements:

“This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”

“You can't get this information anywhere else.”

“We'll need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.”

“We'll do all the work for you!”

“There's a fee to apply for this scholarship.”

“You've been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship.”

“You're a finalist ...” (in a contest you never entered)

APRIL 15

High school students

Any program

Any enrollment

Arnold Magoon Conservation Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Game Wardens Association)

This scholarship was established to help individuals learn about and improve the sports of hunting and fishing, as well as wildlife and our natural habitat.

Eligibility: Major in forestry, conservation, ecology, fish and game management, biology, or a related field (*preference given to the child of a Vermont game warden*)

Required documents:

- Arnold Magoon Conservation Scholarship application
- Recommendation letter from teacher, principal, or school counselor
- Short essay outlining your reasons for wanting this scholarship

Application:

Obtain application from:

- vtgamewardenassoc@gmail.com
- High school guidance office
- Vermont Game Wardens Association Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VTGWA

Amount: Minimum one \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Field of study, financial need, and attendance at a college located in Vermont

Average applicants: 12

Average awards: 1

APRIL 6

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Associated General Contractors of Vermont Scholarship

This scholarship was created to encourage and enable individuals to pursue careers in the construction industry.

Eligibility:

- Seek education or training (i.e., academic, vocational, technical, or advanced) in a field related to construction (*preference given to students attending a Vermont college or university*)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents:

- Essay explaining why you deserve this award and describing your future intentions in the construction industry
- Two recommendation letters
- Explanation of financial need

Application:

Send required documents to:

Associated General Contractors of Vermont
ATTN: AGC/VT
PO Box 750
Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-223-2374

Amount: Three \$500 scholarships open to students who will attend Vermont Technical College; two \$500 scholarships open to students who will attend any other Vermont college

Selection: Essay, recommendation letters, and financial need

Average applicants: 30

Average awards: 5

JULY 15

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Clif Murray and Floyd Fuller Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Vermont Horse Council)

This scholarship was established to provide financial support to young people seeking either to obtain advanced training in equine studies or to enter occupations that directly support the horse industry.

Eligibility:

- Attend a college/university that provides a quality education in equine studies or animal science
- Seek a degree or advanced training in equine or animal studies, or a field that directly supports the horse industry
- Not be a previous recipient

Required documents:

- Resumé that includes your name, address, and phone number; your parent(s) names, address(es), and phone number(s); schools attended, grades, and work experience (if applicable)
- Letter outlining your history of involvement with horses, community service and other activities, and future plans
- Two recommendation letters: one from an experienced horse person attesting to your interest in equine studies and your talents with horses, and one from a school official (school counselor, teacher, etc.) attesting to your ability and aptitude for serious study

Application:

Send required documents to:

Vermont Horse Council
ATTN: Morris Lasell
1031 South Hill Road
Williamstown, VT 05679

Phone: 802-433-1344

E-mail: cashgoldbond@yahoo.com

Amount: Maximum \$500 scholarship

Selection: Applicant's ability and aptitude for serious study, community service, leadership, financial need, and achievement with horses

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 4

MARCH 15

Adult students

Any program

Any enrollment

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont Scholarship for a Displaced Homemaker (Barbara Jean Barker Memorial Scholarship)

Eligibility:

- Primarily have been a homemaker for at least 15 years
- Have lost main means of support through death, divorce, separation, or longtime illness, OR unemployment of a spouse
- Plan to upgrade skills to enter the workforce outside the home

Required documents: General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont Displaced Homemaker Scholarship application

Application:

Obtain application after February 1 from:

- Any local Federated Women's Club of Vermont
- Midge Tucker, Chairperson
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont
4246 Route 100
Plymouth, VT 05056

Amount: Three or four scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500

Selection: Application form and personal interview (finalists only)

Average applicants: 15

Average awards: 3



APRIL 15

MAY 15

Any student	Any program	Full time
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George Buzzell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created to support students residing in Orleans County and pursuing higher education in a natural resource management-related field.

Eligibility:

- Reside in Orleans County
- Seek a degree in a field related to natural resource management, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, woodland and/or wildlife management
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate school/community involvement/service
- Demonstrate education/work ethic

Required documents:

- Application with:
 1. full name, mailing address, phone number(s), e-mail address, date of birth, and gender
 2. the name and address of the school you plan to attend, your expected year in school, and your expected degree program/field of study
- Two recommendation letters from non-family members, including the nature and duration of acquaintance with the applicant
- 500-word essay addressing how you hope to contribute to society by pursuing a career in natural resource management
- Official transcript (high school transcript for students who have never attended higher education; college transcript(s) for students who have completed one or more years of higher education)
- List of extracurricular activities, interests, and work experience

Application:

Obtain application from:

The George Buzzell Scholarship Committee
 c/o Colleen Goodridge
 183 East Bailey Hazen Road
 PO Box 515
 Albany, VT 05820

E-mail: wcedar@sover.net

Amount: Maximum one \$500 scholarship

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, academic achievement, school/community involvement/service, and education/work ethic

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** 1

High school students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Horace Greeley Scholarship

Abolitionist Horace Greeley was a newspaper giant and a candidate for President of the United States in 1872. The Vermont Legislature formally recognized Greeley by passing a resolution to honor him as a notable Vermonter and a voice of conscience to the American people.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)

Required documents:

- Double-spaced essay (minimum two pages) on Horace Greeley’s influence on American society
- Recommendation letter
- College acceptance letter

Application:

Send required documents to:

Edward Lewis, Board of Directors
 Horace Greeley Foundation
 2746 Lewis Road
 Poultney, VT 05764

Phone: 802-287-9477

Amount: One \$300 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, and community involvement

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** 1

NOVEMBER 1

High school students	Any program	Any enrollment
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Jon Borowicz Memorial Music Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Not be a previous winner of the competition
- Audition in November

Required documents: Jon Borowicz Memorial Music Scholarship application (requires teacher’s signature)

Application:

Obtain application and detailed requirements of the competition from:

Marta Cambra
 Coordinator of Music Scholarship
 Vermont Philharmonic
 1388 Crosstown Road
 Berlin, VT 05602

Amount: One \$500 scholarship to be used to further music education, and the opportunity to play as soloist with the Vermont Philharmonic

Selection: Audition of three prepared pieces of the student’s choice

Average applicants: 15 **Average awards:** 1

MAY 1

High school or college students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Judith B. Gray/SSG Jamie A. Gray Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Vermont Municipal Highway Association Education Fund)

Eligibility:

- Enroll in one of the following programs at **Vermont Technical College** (*preference given to applicant considering future employment with a municipal highway department*):
 - 1) civil engineering technology (2 years)
 - 2) construction management (2 years)
 - 3) sustainable design (4 years)
- Enroll as either a college freshman or senior

Required documents: Judith B. Gray/SSG Jamie A. Gray Memorial Scholarship application

Application: Obtain application from financial aid office at Vermont Technical College

Amount: Two \$500 scholarships to college freshmen, one \$1,000 scholarship to a college senior, and two \$500 scholarships to college seniors

Selection: Academic excellence (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale) and community involvement

Average applicants: 7

Average awards: 5

END OF FEBRUARY

College students	Degree program	1/4 time
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Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholastic Achievement Award

(sponsored by Vermont Division of Knights Templar)

The Grand Encampment launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in 1922 to provide educational advantages for American youth.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
 - Be a U.S. citizen
 - Demonstrate academic achievement
 - Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Note: Graduating high school seniors are **not** eligible to apply.*

Required documents:

- Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholastic Achievement Award application
- Official transcript
- Minimum one-page and maximum two-page essay on one of the following topics: (1) Why did you choose your major, and what do you hope to gain from it? OR (2) Why did you choose your college/university, and what do you hope to gain by attending that particular school?

Application:

Obtain application from:

- www.knightstemplar.org/gck/vt/award.pdf
- Grand Recorder's Office
49 East Road-Berlin
Barre, VT 05641-5390

Amount: One or two scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000

Selection: Academic achievement and education/work ethic

Average applicants: 64

Average awards: 1-2

JUNE 30

Graduate students	Graduate program	Full time
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Martin Devlin Scholarship

Martin Devlin was a beloved member of the Physician Assistant Academy of Vermont (PAAV) for many years. Following his untimely death, a scholarship fund was created in his memory.

Eligibility:

- Be a Vermont resident who is or will be enrolled in a physician assistant program full-time

Required documents:

- PAAV scholarship application
- Financial information
- Personal statement
- Student status verification

Application:

Obtain application from:

- www.paav.org/devlin-scholarship.html
- 45 Lyme Road, Suite 304
Hanover, NH 03755

Phone: 603-643-2325

E-mail: paav@conmx.net

Amount: \$1,000 awarded annually

Selection: Financial need and personal statement

Average applicants: 4

Average awards: 1

APRIL 1

Any student	Undergrad or Grad program	Any enrollment
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New England Employee Benefits Council Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be a resident of New England or enrolled at a New England college/university (active board members of the council, their spouses, and their children are ineligible to apply)
- Demonstrate interest in a career in employee benefits, human resources, actuarial sciences, and/or employment law

Required documents:

- New England Employee Benefits Council Scholarship application
- Official college transcript from each school attended
- Two or more recommendation letters from college professors, NEEBC members, or other benefits professionals

Application:

Obtain application from:

- www.neebc.org/scholarship-program
- New England Employee Benefits Council
240 Bear Hill Road, Suite 102
Waltham, MA 02451

Amount: Two maximum \$5,000 scholarships

Selection: Academic achievement and interest in a career in employee benefits, human resources, actuaries, or employment law; and career, education, and employment goals

Average applicants: 30

Average awards: 3

MAY I

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Northeast Dollars for Scholars: Vermont Chapters**Eligibility:**

- Graduate from either Mount Anthony Union High School or Winooski High School; OR
- Participate in the Upward Bound Program at Johnson State College

Required documents:

- Dollars for Scholars student profile (available at any of the websites listed below)

Application:

- Complete online student profile at the most appropriate Dollars for Scholars website:

<http://bennington.dollarsforscholars.org>

<http://jscupwardbound.dollarsforscholars.org>

<http://vteducopp.dollarsforscholars.org>

<http://winooski.dollarsforscholars.org>

- Or request information from:

Lynne P. Zervas, Area Director

Scholarship America

Dollars for Scholars

30 Paige Farm Road

Amesbury, MA 01913

Toll-free: 800-335-4360

E-mail: lzervas@scholarshipamerica.org

Amount: Scholarships range from \$100 to \$1,000; average award is \$500

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, school/community involvement, and/or community service

Average applicants: 200

Average awards: 100

MAY I

High school students

Any program

Any enrollment

Reach for the Stars Scholarship

(sponsored by the Vermont Principals' Association)

This scholarship was established in memory of Ray Pellegrini, a Vermont educator for more than 30 years, to recognize Ray's commitment to and support for all Vermont students.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be among the first generation in your family to attend college (neither parent has received a bachelor's degree)
- Plan to remain in Vermont upon graduation from college (*preference will be given to students majoring in education*)

Required documents:

- Reach for the Stars Scholarship application
- Official high school transcript
- Recommendation letters
- Community reference

Application:

Obtain application from: www.vpaonline.org/domain/41

Amount: Minimum \$500 scholarship to be disbursed upon successful completion of the first year

Selection: Recommendation letters, community involvement, and reference

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 2

MARCH I

High school students

Any program

Any enrollment

Rebekah Assembly of Vermont I.O.O.F. Scholarship**Eligibility:**

- Be a graduating high school senior, OR
- Be a graduating high school senior who attends school in an adjacent state, and whose parent(s) are Vermont residents, OR
- Be a graduating high school senior who resides in an adjacent state, but who normally attends a Vermont high school

Required documents:

- Rebekah Assembly of Vermont I.O.O.F. Scholarship application
- Official transcript
- Two recommendation letters from school personnel
- List of extracurricular activities
- Statement of education plans
- Explanation of financial need

Application:

Obtain application by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
Mrs. Nora-Ellen Spaulding, Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Vermont
786 Vermont Route 10
Chester, VT 05143

Amount: Two \$1,000 scholarships

Selection: Financial need, academic achievement, recommendation letters, and extracurricular activities

Average applicants: 40

Average awards: 2

MARCH I

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Rebekah Assembly of Vermont Nursing Scholarship**Eligibility:**

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be accepted at or enrolled in an accredited school of nursing

Required documents:

- Rebekah Assembly of Vermont Nursing Scholarship application
- Official transcript
- Two recommendation letters (one from an educator and one from an employer)
- Statement of education plans
- Explanation of financial need

Application:

Obtain application by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
Mrs. Nora-Ellen Spaulding, Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Vermont
786 Vermont Route 10
Chester, VT 05143

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Financial need, previous academic/work experience, and recommendation letters

Average applicants: 6

Average awards: 1

FEBRUARY I

High school students

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Roger J. Sheridan Memorial Scholarship
(sponsored by Vermont Elks Association, Inc.)

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Roger J. Sheridan, former coach at Saint Michael's High School in Montpelier, basketball and football official, and member and secretary of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in physical education
- Intend to work as a physical education teacher
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents:

- Roger J. Sheridan Memorial Scholarship application
- Official signed transcript of high school grades
- Copy of college entrance test scores (SAT or ACT)
- Two current dated and signed one-page recommendation letters (one from a high school official and one from a coach or athletic director)
- Statement from parent(s) or guardian(s) summarizing the family's obligations and resources
- Essay from applicant stating his/her plans after graduation from college/university

Application: Obtain application from a local Elks Lodge

Amount: Two \$1,000 scholarships — one to a male applicant and one to a female applicant; Vermont residents are also invited to inquire about scholarships offered by Elks National Foundation; request information and application materials from your local Elks Lodge.

Selection: Commitment to chosen career/field of study, academic achievement, school/community involvement and/or service, and financial need

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 1 (male)
1 (female)

MAY I

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

Roxane Leopold Scholarship
(sponsored by King Street Center)

King Street Center created this scholarship to honor the achievements of Roxane Leopold, who served as executive director from 1985 to 2007, and to improve the lives of King Street Center youth and families through education and training.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loan)
- Have been enrolled in one of King Street Center's programs (Preschool, Afterschool Excellence, Teen Futures, Mentoring, or Kids on the Ball)
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents:

- Official transcript
- Personal essay on the impact that King Street Center had on your life
- One recommendation letter

Application:

Send required documents to:

King Street Center
Leopold Scholarship
ATTN: Kelli Shonter
PO Box 1615
Burlington, VT 05402

Phone: 802-862-6736

E-mail: kelli@kingstreetcenter.org

Amount: Four to six scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000

Selection: Official transcript, personal essay, and two recommendation letters

Average applicants: 7

Average awards: 7

Be sure to submit COMPLETE documents.

Check every document carefully to be sure it is completed in full, signed, and dated (if applicable).

One incomplete document may mean an incomplete application that is not considered by a scholarship committee.

St. Johnsbury Rotary Community Service Award (sponsored by the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club)

Each year, the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club provides several awards to area graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue education beyond high school. All applicants need to demonstrate the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." While scholastic achievement is important, the Rotary Club feels that community service should be the paramount criterion for our selection process.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Expect to graduate from Danville High School, Hazen Union High School, or St. Johnsbury Academy by the end of the current school year
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate school/community involvement/service

Required documents:

- St. Johnsbury Rotary Educational Award Application & Statement of Need
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your community service
- A student letter addressed to Rotary of not more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced, indicating your immediate and long-term goals, including your high school career and/or future career plans with details outlining your community service
- Resumé of community service

Application:

Obtain application from St. Johnsbury Rotary website:
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1447>

Amount: Up to four scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000

Selection: Community service, financial need, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: 6

Average awards: 2

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMIES

United States Air Force Academy (USAFA)

United States Naval Academy (USNA)

United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)

United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)

Eligibility:

- Be a high school graduate
- For USAFA, USNA, and USMA, be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 17 and 22
- For USMMA, be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 17 and 25
- For USAFA, USNA, and USMA, not be married, pregnant, or have any dependents

Required documents: Varies by academy

Application:

- Initiate a nomination by contacting a member of Vermont's congressional delegation:
Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Bernie Sanders
Representative Peter Welch
(The USAFA, USNA, and USMA also accept nominations from the Vice President or President of the United States.)
- AND initiate a file with the academy or academies of your choice in the spring of high school junior year (or as soon thereafter as possible):

United States Air Force Academy (USAFA)
USAFA, CO 80840-5025
www.academyadmissions.com

United States Naval Academy (USNA)
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5017

United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
West Point, NY 10996-1797

United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
516-773-5391

Amount: Appointments to the academies cover tuition, room, and board; some academies provide a monthly salary to the cadets or midshipmen

Selection: Academic achievement, SAT or ACT scores, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters, physical and medical examinations, and interview

Average applicants: N/A

Average awards: N/A

NONE

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Air National Guard Montgomery G.I. Bill Chapter 1606

(administered and paid by the Veterans Administration)

Eligibility:

- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
- Be a member of the Vermont Air National Guard with a six-year commitment
- Enroll in a VA-approved course of study or training program

Required documents: N/A

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Application:

Obtain additional information and details from:

- Vermont Air National Guard recruiter
800-242-4055
- Vermont Air National Guard retention office manager
802-660-5211

Amount: Maximum of \$11,412 toward the total cost of college/university; payments up to \$367 per month are made for up to 36 months (four nine-month school years) for full-time students; part-time students are paid based on the number of credit hours taken

Selection: Six-year service commitment and completion of basic and technical training

Average applicants: 470

Average awards: 470

NONE

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Air National Guard Montgomery G.I. Bill Kicker Program

(administered and paid by the Veterans Administration)

Eligibility:

- Meet eligibility criteria for the Montgomery G.I. Bill benefit
- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
- Enroll in a VA-approved course of study or training program
- Enlist for six years in an incentive-eligible career field in the Vermont Air National Guard

Required documents: N/A

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Application:

Obtain additional information and details from:

- Vermont Air National Guard recruiter
800-242-4055
- Vermont Air National Guard retention office manager
802-660-5211

Amount: Maximum of \$12,600 toward the total cost of college/university; payments up to \$350 per month are made for up to 36 months (four nine-month school years) for full-time students; part-time students are paid based on the number of credit hours taken

Selection: Six-year service commitment and completion of basic and technical training

Average applicants: 300

Average awards: 300

NONE

Any student	Any program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Army National Guard Montgomery Chapter 1606 G.I. Bill

(administered and paid by the Veterans Administration)

Eligibility:

- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
- Have become a member of the Selected Reserve or National Guard since July 1, 1985, with a six-year commitment
- Enroll in a VA-approved course of study or training program

Required documents: N/A

Renewability: May be renewable for up to four years.

Application:

Obtain additional information and details from:

- Local Vermont Army National Guard recruiter
- Local Guard unit
- Vermont Army National Guard Education Office (802-338-3378)

Amount: Payments up to \$368 per month are made for up to 36 months (four nine-month school years) for full-time students; part-time students are paid based on the number of credit hours taken
Effective October 1, 2015, federal tuition assistance and Chapter 1606 G.I. Bill cannot be utilized for the same course.

Selection: Six-year service commitment and completion of initial active duty training

Average applicants: 400

Average awards: 400



JUNE 30

High school students	Any program	Full time
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Vermont Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) Society Scholarship

This scholarship was created to encourage Vermont students to pursue a career in business. All business careers will be considered; however, preference will be given to those with an interest in the insurance and risk management sector.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek education or training related to business (*preference given to applicants who seek education or training in insurance/risk management*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate school/community involvement/service

Required documents:

- Letter or acceptance to an accredited college/university
- Recommendation letter
- Essay (one to two pages, double-spaced)
- Official transcript

Application:

Obtain application from:

KPowers@VermontMutual.com or Laura_Backus_Hall@ncci.com

Submit required documents to:

KPowers@VermontMutual.com

Amount: One \$500 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: TBD

Average awards: 1

High school or college students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont EPSCoR First Generation Scholarship

As part of the Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), the Center for Workforce Development and Diversity awards up to five scholarships annually to first-generation college students who choose a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

Eligibility:

- Be a Vermont resident and United States citizen
- Be the first generation in your family to attend a college/university (*minority students are encouraged to apply*)
- Be a graduating high school senior who will graduate from a Vermont high school, OR a current college student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Vermont
- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loan)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Seek a degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics major

Required documents:

- Vermont EPSCoR First Generation Scholarship application
- Essay detailing your post-college graduation career goals and objectives
- Current resumé or relevant experience
- Academic transcript
- Two recommendation letters (one from a teacher/faculty member and one from a clergy member, community member, or employer)

Application:

Obtain application from:

- www.uvm.edu/~cwdd/scholarships
- VT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development and Diversity
One Winooski Park
Box 137
Colchester, VT 05439

Phone: 802-654-3270

E-mail: cwdd@smcvt.edu

Amount: One \$5,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letters, essay detailing career goals, and interest in a STEM major as evidenced by previous coursework and outside activities

Average applicants: 50

Average awards: 5

High school or college students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont EPSCoR Native American Scholarship

As part of the Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), the Center for Workforce Development and Diversity awards one scholarship annually to a Native American Vermont resident who chooses a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

Eligibility:

- Be a Vermont resident and United States citizen
- Be a Native American
- Be a graduating high school senior who will graduate from a Vermont high school, OR a current college student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Vermont
- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont** approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loan)
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Seek a degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics major

Required documents:

- Vermont EPSCoR Native American Scholarship application
- Essay detailing your post-college graduation career goals and objectives
- Current resumé or relevant experience
- Academic transcript
- Two recommendation letters (one from a teacher/faculty member and one from a clergy member, community member, or employer)
- Copy of CDIB or tribal enrollment card

Application:

Obtain application from:

- www.uvm.edu/~cwdd/scholarships
- VT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development and Diversity
One Winooski Park
Box 137
Colchester, VT 05439

Phone: 802-654-3270

E-mail: cwdd@smcvt.edu

Amount: One \$5,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letters, essay detailing career goals, and interest in a STEM major as evidenced by previous coursework and outside activities

Average applicants: 5

Average awards: 1



JULY 15

Any student

Any program

Any enrollment

APRIL (contact VRGA for specific date)

High school students

Undergrad program

Any enrollment

Vermont Health Information Management Association Scholarship

This scholarship was created to support students who are enrolled in college-level courses specific to health information management or an HIM-specific certification program.

Eligibility:

- Enroll in college-level courses specific to health information management or an HIM-specific certification program
- Demonstrate evidence of program acceptance

Required documents:

- Vermont Health Information Management Association Scholarship Application
- Copy of current resumé
- Three recommendation letters
- 500-word essay
- Evidence of program acceptance letter

Application:

Obtain application from:
 Angela Bastian, Director, HIM
 University of Vermont Health Network, Medical Center
 111 Colchester Avenue
 Burlington, VT 05401

Phone: 802-847-2347

Amount: One scholarship ranging from \$250 to \$1,000

Selection: Resumé, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** TBD

Vermont Retail and Grocers Association (VRGA) Scholarship

This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to eligible students entering their first year at an accredited two- or four-year school.

Eligibility:

- Be a Vermont resident or be affiliated with a VRGA member in Vermont
- Be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year school
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than four weeks prior to the scholarship deadline (call 800-842-8503 for specific date)
- Meet one or more of the following conditions:
 - a) Be the dependent of an employee or owner of a VRGA member company (associate member or retail store member) located in or with responsibility in Vermont; or
 - b) Be an employee of a VRGA retail member store/associate member company in Vermont. The employee must be employed a minimum of 15 hours per week or 75 hours per year and have been employed at a VRGA retail member store or company for a minimum of one year at the time the student applies for this scholarship.

Required documents:

- Vermont Retail and Grocers Association Scholarship application
- Two recommendation letters (one from a teacher or school official and one from a current or previous employer)
- Official high school transcript
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- Copy of financial aid award letter from college/university

Application:

Obtain application from:
 Vermont Retail and Grocers Association (VRGA)
 148 State Street
 Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: Toll-free 800-842-8503 or 839-1928 in Montpelier area

Amount: Ten scholarships will be awarded (three \$1,500 scholarships based on merit and seven \$1,500 scholarships based on financial need and merit)

Selection: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters, and financial need (if applicable)

Average applicants: 65 **Average awards:** 10

High school or college students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Vermont Space Grant Undergraduate Scholarship

The Vermont Space Grant Consortium is funded in part by a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program to build a research infrastructure within the state, to encourage Vermont students to take more mathematics and sciences courses, and to promote careers in aerospace and other areas related to NASA goals.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located **within Vermont**
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a graduating high school senior attending a Vermont high school or be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program
- Seek a professional career in subjects that have direct relevance to the United States aerospace industry and the goals of NASA, including, but not limited to, mathematics, physics, engineering, other basic sciences such as medicine and earth science, or education of these disciplines
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA)

Required documents:

- Vermont Space Grant Undergraduate Scholarship application
- Essay detailing career goals and their direct relevance to the United States' aerospace industry and the goals of NASA
- Transcript
- Not more than two recommendation/reference letters

Application:

- Complete the online application at <http://bit.ly/VSGCUGScholarship>
- For information, contact:

Debra Fraser
Vermont Space Grant Consortium
University of Vermont
Farrell Hall
210 Colchester Avenue, Room 120
Burlington, VT 05405

Phone: 802-656-1429

E-mail: dfraser1@uvm.edu

Amount: Four \$5,000 undergraduate scholarships

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letter(s), and initiative

Average applicants: 15

Average awards: 4

Any student	Degree program	Any enrollment
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Vermont Trappers Association Scholarship

This scholarship was created to further the goals of professional wildlife conservation and/or agricultural excellence.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Major in wildlife management, wildlife biology, forestry, agriculture, fish and game management, or a related field

Required documents:

- Vermont Trappers Association Scholarship application
- Copy of acceptance letter from college/university
- One recommendation letter (from an educator)

Renewability: May be renewable for up to two years.

Application:

To obtain application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Kevin N. Lawrence, Scholarship Committee Chair
Vermont Trappers Association
5449 Main Street
Newbury, VT 05051

Phone: 802-866-5024

Amount: Four \$500 scholarships

Selection: Acceptance at an accredited college/university; interest in conservation of natural resources; and outdoor career, education, and employment goals

Average applicants: 20

Average awards: 4

Keep copies for your records.

Submit original forms and keep a copy of every document for your own records.



MAY 15

JULY 30

High school or college students | Degree program | Any enrollment

Any student | Degree program | Any enrollment

Windham Regional Woodlands Association Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created to support students who are enrolled in a two- or four-year undergraduate program or graduate program in forestry or an allied field (e.g., natural resource management, wildlife management).

Eligibility:

- Reside in Windham County
- Seek a degree in forestry or an allied field (e.g., natural resource management, wildlife management) *(For the purpose of this scholarship, more general programs such as agriculture, botany, turf management, or environmental science are not considered allied fields unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate how the chosen field is focused on forest management)*

Required documents:

- Windham Regional Woodlands Association Memorial Scholarship Application
- Official transcript: high school transcript(s) for students who have never attended college; college transcript(s) for students who have attended college
- Recommendation letter from teacher/faculty
- Essay
- List of extracurricular/volunteer activities

Application:

Obtain application from:
Windham Regional Woodlands Association, Inc.
130 Austine Drive, Suite 300
Brattleboro, VT 05301

E-mail: windhamwoodlands@gmail.com

Amount: One \$1,500 scholarship (high school student); one \$1,500 scholarship (college sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student)

Selection: Official transcript(s), recommendation letter, essay, list of extracurricular/volunteer activities, and personal interview (if required)

Average applicants: TBD **Average awards:** 2

Windsor County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a resident of Windsor County
- Be a member of the Windsor County Farm Bureau (applicant or applicant's family)
- Seek a degree in a field related to agriculture
- Attend a school located in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont

Required documents:

- Windsor County Farm Bureau Scholarship application
- Official transcript from high school or college
- Three recommendation letters attesting to your interest in agriculture or a related field
- Maximum 500-word essay describing your goals related to agriculture

Application:

Obtain application materials from:
• Windsor County high school guidance offices
• Marion Barr, Office Secretary
Windsor County Farm Bureau
Ascutney Basin Road, PO Box 295
Reading, VT 05062-0295

Amount: One or more scholarships totaling \$1,000

Selection: Academic achievement, community involvement, recommendation letters, and essay

Average applicants: 4 **Average awards:** 1–2

Deadlines are critical.

Submit all documents required for each particular scholarship BEFORE the deadline for that scholarship. ONE late document may mean a late application that is not considered by a scholarship committee.

The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) publishes this booklet to provide you with information about specific scholarships available to Vermont residents. Most of the scholarships listed are sponsored by private groups, including Vermont businesses, charitable or service organizations, veterans groups, and others.

The majority of financial aid available to Vermont students is provided by your college, university, or training school, the federal government, and VSAC. Scholarships are considered supplements to other aid, such as grants and loans.

Scholarships, like grants, are forms of “gift aid,” meaning there is no obligation (under most circumstances) to repay the funds. While grants are generally awarded according to financial need, scholarships are typically based on factors unique to each scholarship. These may include residency, degree program or major, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and — in some cases — financial need.

Remember that when you apply for scholarships, you will be competing against other students who apply. Keep in mind, though, that if a scholarship is based on academic achievement, you may not have to be the best student in your class; you simply need to be the best student applying for that scholarship. Similarly, if a scholarship is based on financial need, your need will be compared only to the need of other applicants within that scholarship pool.

Questions about scholarships?

- Contact VSAC.
- Contact your college or university.
- Contact your local high school, businesses, clubs, or town officials.
- Search the Web.



VSAC Scholarships Program

10 East Allen Street, PO Box 2000

Winooski, VT 05404

Toll-free **888-253-4819**

In the Burlington area **654-3798**

Visit us online at www.vsac.org

E-mail us at info@vsac.org

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