

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS:

Major countywide programs

- **Community Foundation for Palm Beach & Martin Counties (CFPBMC)** – one common app for 120+ local scholarships; many are for PBC seniors (min 2.0 GPA unless noted). Opens each winter. Apply via ScholarsApply portal. [Palm Beach Martin Foundation+2Scholars Apply+2](#)
- **George Snow Scholarship Fund** – need-based awards for seniors attending a **Palm Beach County** (or select Broward) high school; no minimum GPA/test score; any accredited college, university, or trade/technical school. [George Snow Scholarship Fund+1](#)
- **Pathfinder Scholarship Awards (Palm Beach Post)** – school-nominated awards across 18 categories; 54 winners from Palm Beach & Martin counties each year (1st: \$3,000; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,500). [Pathfinder Awards+1](#)
- **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation – Youth Scholarship Program** – typically 15 seniors nominated by a PBSO employee; renewable awards (historically \$1k–\$3k per year). [pbcsheriffsfoundation.com+2YouTube+2](#)
- **Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office Scholarships** – six \$1,500 awards for graduating PBC seniors; sometimes includes a paid summer internship. [pbcpa.gov+1](#)
- **South Florida Fair Scholarships** – >\$80,000 awarded annually; open to Palm Beach (and nearby county) residents; extra credit for Fair/4-H/FFA participation. [southfloridafair.com+1](#)

City/club/association scholarships

- **Alliance of Women Executives (AWE)** – \$1,500 for young women graduating from any PBC high school who will attend FAU, Lynn, Palm Beach Atlantic, or PBSC (min 3.0). [Alliance of Women Executives+1](#)
- **Rotary (West Palm Beach) "Service Above Self" Scholarship** – renewable up to 4 years; emphasizes community service. (Other Rotary clubs in Palm Beach/Boca/royal palm often run their own awards—check your city club.) [westpalmbeachrotary.com+1](#)
- **Palm Beach County Gator Club (UF-bound)** – scholarships for local grads attending the University of Florida. [Palm Beach County Gator Club+1](#)

- **Lake Worth Dollars for Scholars (incl. Barry Grunow Scholarship)** – local chapter awarding multiple scholarships; Grunow is open countywide for aspiring education majors. lakeworth.dollarsforscholars.org+1

Education- and healthcare-focused (local)

- **Take Stock in Children – Palm Beach (Johnson Scholars/SDPBC partnership)** – long-running program providing mentorship + Florida Prepaid scholarships (students usually enroll before senior year, but seniors in program receive awards). [Palm Beach County School District+1](#)
- **Palm Health Foundation (Nursing & Behavioral Health)** – needs-based scholarships for nursing and behavioral/mental-health degrees (apply Nov 1–Feb 1; most relevant if enrolling in those majors). [Palm Health Foundation](#)
- **PBSC Premier Scholarships (Palm Beach State College)** – for **graduating high-school seniors** planning to attend PBSC; app typically opens in October. [Palm Beach State College](#)
- **HCA Florida JFK Medical Staff Scholarship (via Education Foundation)** – for seniors in SDPBC Medical Academies pursuing healthcare. apply.educationfoundationpbc.org
- **Eda & Cliff Viner Community Scholars** – multi-year “last-dollar” scholarships for **South Palm Beach County seniors** (Boca/Delray area) attending Florida public colleges; min 3.0, 100+ service hours, financial need. vinerscholars.org

District resources you should watch

- **SDPBC Scholarships & Financial Aid page + monthly bulletins** – rolling list of local scholarships (incl. Lake Worth DFS, Mold-En Our Youth, ROTC, etc.). [Palm Beach County School District](#)
- **SDPBC Scholarship Search tool** – district’s free matching tool

Got it—here are **Florida-based scholarships (outside Palm Beach)** that strong applicants routinely win. I grouped them by type and picked options with clear statewide reach or broad regional coverage.

State programs (must-apply)

- **Florida Bright Futures (FAS/FMS)** – flagship state merit aid; GPA + SAT/ACT/CLT + service/work hours. Check the current cutoffs chart. [Florida Student Financial Aid+1](#)
- **Benacquist Scholarship (National Merit Finalists)** – for NMFs who receive a qualifying NMSC award and enroll at an eligible FL institution; covers a large portion of COA. [Florida Student Financial Aid+1](#)

Statewide foundations & associations

- **Southern Scholarship Foundation (rent-free housing)** – competitive “living scholarship” at UF, FSU, FAMU, FGCU, Santa Fe, TCC. Great ROI for top students. [Southern Scholarship Foundation+1](#)
- **Florida Realtors® Education Foundation (FREF)** – statewide; \$1k+ awards; extra weight for real-estate-related interests but open broadly to FL students. [Florida Realtors+2](#)[Florida Realtors+2](#)
- **Florida Engineering Society / Florida Engineering Foundation** – merit-based awards for engineering-bound seniors. [Florida Engineering Society+1](#)
- **Florida PTA (PTSA member required)** – \$2,000 one-time awards (University, CC, Vo-Tech, Fine Arts categories). [Florida PTA](#)
- **Florida Retired Educators Foundation (future teachers)** – \$4,000 over four years; must plan to teach in Florida. [Florida Retired Educators Association+1](#)

Credit unions & business-backed (good hit-rate if eligible)

- **Suncoast Credit Union Foundation Scholarships** – for seniors in Suncoast's service counties; attend a FL college/tech school. [Suncoast Credit Union+1](#)
- **Tropical Financial Credit Union (South FL)** – member-only awards (e.g., \$5,000 + two \$2,500). [Tropical Federal Credit Union+1](#)
- **VyStar Credit Union + Florida Prepaid (NE/Central FL)** – multiple two-year FL Prepaid scholarships via partnerships ("Path to Prosperity," HS Branch program). [VyStar Credit Union+1](#)

City/league & government-adjacent (civic-minded students)

- **Florida League of Cities – Public Service Pathways** – up to five **\$5,000** scholarships for students pursuing municipal/public-service fields. [WESH+1](#)
- **Municipal Youth Councils "Council2College"** – essay scholarship for students active in official city youth councils (statewide program window posted annually). [Florida League of Cities](#)
- **Palm Beach County League of Cities – Cruickshank Scholarship** – you can still use this county-based option if studying public service (include for PB students). [Cloudinary+1](#)
- **Broward League of Cities – Government Studies Scholarship** – model for nearby counties; similar programs exist around the state. [Broward League of Cities+1](#)
- **U.S. District Court (M.D. Fla.) High-School Essay** – \$2,000 top prize in participating counties (civics/advocacy theme). [Middle District of Florida](#)

Sector-specific extras (great for targeted applicants)

- **Nursing & Health** – Florida Nurses Association lists numerous FL nursing scholarships (some open to incoming freshmen). [Florida Nurse](#)

- **Agriculture** – County Farm Bureau chapters award local scholarships (varies by county). [Florida Farm Bureau+1](#)
- **Elks (Florida State Elks Association)** – several FL-only scholarships (HOPE, Van Duren, PT/OT), typically up to **\$5k/yr**. [Florida Elks+2](#)[Florida Elks+2](#)