

# Fun and Unique Scholarships for High School Students



## **Three Sentences**

**Scholarship:** Three Sentence Essay Weekly Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Zinch

Zinch allows students to learn about, get recruited by, and interact with more than 874 colleges and universities from all over the world. And it happens on a platform that students embrace – the web.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write a two to three sentence essay (max 250 characters) on the following prompt: The concept of “karma” has existed for thousands of years. Describe an instance in your life when you have been subject to good or bad karma & explain what you learned from the experience.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** All US high school and college students are eligible.

## **Writers of the Future**

**Scholarship:** Writers of the Future-Science Fiction Writing

**Company Providing Scholarship:** L. Ron Hubbard

Provides budding science fiction authors the opportunity to get some exposure in the field

**Award Amount:** \$1,000, \$750, \$500, annual grand prize of \$5,000.

**Number of Awards Available:** 4

**How to Apply:** Entries must be works of prose, up to 17,000 words in length. We regret we cannot consider poetry, or works intended for children. All types of science fiction, fantasy and dark fantasy are welcome.

**Where to Apply:** L. Ron Hubbard's Illustrators of the Future Contest

PO Box 3190 Los Angeles, CA 90078

<http://www.writersofthefuture.com/contest-rules>

**Eligibility:** The Contest is open only to those who have not professionally published a novel or short novel, or more than one novelette, or more than three short stories, in any medium. Professional publication is deemed to be payment, and at least 5,000 copies, or 5,000 hits.



## **Fire Sprinkler**

**Scholarship:** American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** American Fire Sprinkler Association

**Award Amount:** \$2,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 10

**How to Apply:** Read the "Fire Sprinkler Essay". Take a ten-question multiple-choice test. This is an open-book test and you may print the essay beforehand for reference during testing. For each question answered correctly, students will receive one (1) entry into a drawing for one of ten \$2,000 scholarships. For each question answered incorrectly, you will be given one more chance at the end of the exam to answer those questions correctly. A total of ten (10) entries into the drawing is possible if the student answers all ten questions correctly.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.afsascholarship.org/hsinformation.html>

**Eligibility:** Open to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or legal residents.

## **Duck Calling**

**Scholarship:** Chick and Sophie Memorial Duck Calling Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** N/A

In conjunction with the National Duck Calling Contest, they want to give students the opportunity to win money for college, even if they have an unusual talent instead of sports or academics.

**Award Amount:** \$2,000, \$1,000, \$750, \$500

**Number of Awards Available:** 4

**How to Apply:** Be able to make a satisfactory duck call on stage.

**Where to Apply:**

<http://stuttgartkansas.org/index.php?fuseaction=p0004.&mod=45>

**Eligibility:** Current graduating high school seniors.

## **Star Trek Double Whammy**

**Scholarship:** The Kor Memorial Scholarship and Starfleet Academy Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Klingon Language Institute (KLI)

The purpose of the Kor Memorial Scholarship is to recognize and encourage scholarship in fields of language study

**Award Amount:** \$500

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Familiarity with Klingon or other constructed languages is not required. A nomination letter and 2 letters of recommendation and a brief summary of why you want to study language are required.

**Where to Apply:** Klingon Language Institute

Kor Memorial Scholarship

P.O. Box 794 Blue Bell, PA 19422 USA

<http://www.kli.org/scholarship/>

**Eligibility:** Must be a full time student and wanting to take a language study course.



### **Tall but Don't Play Ball**

**Scholarship:** Tall Clubs International Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Tall Clubs International (TCI)

A social organization for tall people.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A

**How to Apply:** Must send email inquiries to club.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.tall.org/scholarships.cfm>

**Eligibility:** Under 21 years of age and attending your first year of college the following fall. All students must meet height requirement minimums of 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men.

## **"Stuck" at the Prom**

**Scholarship:** "Stuck" at the Prom Duck Brand Duct Tape Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ShurTech Brands, LLC

**Award Amount:** \$500-\$5,000, plus money for your school.

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A, each person in the couple wins money.

**How to Apply:** Contest participants must enter as a couple (two individuals). Each couple must attend a high school, home school association or other school-sanctioned prom, wearing complete prom attire and/or accessories made using Duck brand duct tape ("Duct Tape Prom Attire"). Other materials, in addition to duct tape, may be used or incorporated into the design. The prom attire must be an original creation made by the couple, and may not copy, incorporate or be based on the work of a third party – any entry as such is subject to disqualification at the discretion of Sponsor (see section entitled "No Infringement")

**Where to Apply:** [www.stuckatprom.com](http://www.stuckatprom.com)

**Eligibility:** The Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and Canada, including the District of Columbia, but excluding Colorado, Maryland, Vermont, Puerto Rico and the Province of Quebec, 14 years of age or older at the time of entry who are attending a high school, home school association or other school-sanctioned prom, and who submit their Contest Entry by the deadline. Employees of Sponsor, their family members, and persons living in the same household as employees or their family members are NOT eligible. All federal, state and local laws apply.

## **What Seemingly Useless Facts do you Know?**

**Scholarship:** Common Knowledge Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation

"Our mission is to create scholarly (educational) and scholarship (financial) opportunities in which participants of all levels have a fair and equal chance to participate and be successful." -CKSF

**Award Amount:** \$250-\$2,500

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A, can win more than once.

**How to Apply:** Scholarship competitions consist of one or more quizzes with topics ranging from general "common knowledge" to specific academic subjects, books, websites, and even movies. Students with the highest scores at the end of each competition win. Current and upcoming scholarship quizzes will appear in your account once you register.

**Where to Apply:** [http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=CKSF\\_Rules](http://www.cksf.org/index.cfm?Page=CKSF_Rules)

**Eligibility:** All U.S. high school, college, and graduate students are eligible (parents can compete, too)

## **What if Zombies Took Over Your School?**

**Scholarship:** The Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

What would you do if the zombie apocalypse was really happening?

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write a short essay (250 words or less) creating a plan of action if zombies were to overrun your school.

**Where to Apply:**

<https://www.scholarshipexperts.com/applicant/showScholarshipApplication.htm?scholarshipAppId=10682>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.



## The Battle of Good vs. Evil

**Scholarship:** Superpower Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

It is fun to imagine what it would be like as a superhero or villain. But if actually given the chance, could you rise to the challenge and fulfill the position?

**Award Amount:** \$2,500

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write a short essay (250 words or less) about a superhero or villain you would switch places with for a day and why.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.



## **Which Flavor are You?**

**Scholarship:** Flavor of the Month Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write a short essay (250 words or less) describing what ice cream flavor you would be and why.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.

## **Comedians Need Apply**

**Scholarship:** Make Us Laugh Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

Applying for scholarships isn't usually a fun time, but this company thinks it should be.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write a short essay (250 words or less) describing an event in your life, fact or fiction, that is funny or embarrassing and make them laugh!

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.

## **Is Education a Waste?**

**Scholarship:** Education Matters \$5k Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

Many are discouraged from higher education. But why? Ever been asked why college matters? What would you say to these skeptics?

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Submit an essay of 250 words or less answering why college is important. This is your chance to answer why you think college or education is important and that it isn't a waste of time and money.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.

## **Could You Survive “The Hunger Games”?**

**Scholarship:** HP PC Tribute Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Hewlett Packard Academy

Could you survive as a tribute in “The Hunger Games”? HP Provides leading technology for all students, but if you were faced with a challenge and couldn’t use technology, would you last?

**Award Amount:** HP Folio Hunger Games Special Edition Lap Top

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** If you think you have what it takes answer the question of what piece of technology would you give up as a tribute and how would you survive without it (500 words or less).

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** All college bound high school students and current college students are eligible and are welcome to apply. All applicants must have a US postal zip code within the US fifty states.



## **10 Reasons Why You're Awesome**

**Scholarship:** Top Ten List Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** ScholarshipExperts.com

You know you rock. You're friends know you rock. But this scholarship wants to know the top 10 reasons why they should pick you for a scholarship. This is your chance to brag and tell them just how awesome you are.

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Make a list of the top ten reasons why you should get this scholarship.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm>

**Eligibility:** Must be 13 years of age or older at time of application, a legal U.S. resident of the US, and must live in 1 of the 50 states or Washington DC.

## **What are the Laws of Life?**

**Scholarship:** Laws of Life Essay and Video Contest

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Templeton Press

John Templeton wanted to discover what it meant to live a good life. What is your purpose in life? What do you hope to achieve? Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Not all of us are philosophers but we do have plans.

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 6

**How to Apply:** Write an essay (500-1,000 words) about what your purpose in life is and how you think you will achieve it.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** Must be a high school seniors graduating in spring or summer and planning to be enrolled part- or full-time in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college, university or trade school in the United States or its territories in the fall.

## **Not All Games Start with a Power Button**

**Scholarship:** Get Up Get Active Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Get Up Get Active

Remember the good ol' days as kids when you always wanted to play outside? These days we spend much of our time indoors with technology. If you love to be outside and active then this scholarship is for you.

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

**Number of Awards Available:** 2

**How to Apply:** Write an essay, of no more than 500 words, about how you have personally gotten active and why you think it is important for young people to be active.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.getupgetactive.org/>

**Eligibility:** Must be a high school student or must be or intend to be an undergraduate or graduate student and recipients must agree to use funds for tuition, required textbooks and/or mandatory school-related fees.



## **Are You a VIP?**

**Scholarship:** Most Valuable Student Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Elks National Foundation

Have you participated in volunteer work or any extracurricular activities? Have you made a difference?

**Award Amount:** \$60,000 (total amount in fund, not per person)

**Number of Awards Available:** 500

**How to Apply:** Write an essay, of no more than 500 words, on a leadership role you held and how you made a difference and how the experience impacted you.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.elks.org>

<http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply (male and female students compete separately). Applicants must pursue a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university.

## **One Stop Shop**

**Scholarship:** Sweet Diggity Dawg Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Zinch

If you don't like writing long essays or applications then apply here.

**Award Amount:** \$20,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** All you need is to fill out the online application and you could be on your way to \$20,000 for college.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** Only open to current high school students graduating with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

## **What Makes You Sick?**

**Scholarship:** Young Epidemiology Study Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition

Are you curious what affects your health and the health of your community?

**Award Amount:** \$50,000 (total amount in fund, not per person)

**Number of Awards Available:** 120

**How to Apply:** Design a research project, of no more than 30 pages, about factors that affect health and you can improve them.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.collegeboard.com/yes>

**Eligibility:** Open to high school juniors and seniors who will graduate, must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and enrolled in a high school located in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Mariana Islands.

## Pasta's for Dinner

**Scholarship:** Annual Pasta Tales Essay Contest

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Olive Garden

If Pasta's what's for dinner, then apply to this scholarship. Olive Garden wants to give kids a chance at an education, not just for their taste buds, but how they would impact their community.

**Award Amount:** \$2,500

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Write an essay (50-250 words) about what you would do with \$5,000 to support your local community.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.olivegarden.com>

<http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Eligibility:** 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the U.S. and Canada can apply.



## **Finger Lickin' Fun**

**Scholarship:** KFC Colonel's Scholars

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Kentucky Fried Chicken Foundation

Have you spent time volunteering or being a leader in your community?

**Award Amount:** \$20,000

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A

**How to Apply:** Those that apply who best demonstrate family values and community spirit will be awarded.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.kfc scholars.org/>

**Eligibility:** Students graduating from high school, enrolling in a public (state-funded) college or university within your state of legal residence, earning a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.75.

## **Courageous Crusaders**

**Scholarship:** Courageous Persuaders Video Scholarship Competition

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Courageous Persuaders

This company is looking for the next Scorsese, to help them make a film to dissuade middle school students from underage drinking. “Each year, more than 10,000 young people, ages 16 to 25, die as a result of alcohol use,” Courageous Persuaders.

**Award Amount:** \$2,000

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A

**How to Apply:** Create a TV commercial (about 30 seconds) targeted at middle school students to warn them about the dangers of underage drinking.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.courageouspersuaders.com>

**Eligibility:** Open to all high school students in grades 9-12, not only those taking video production.

## **Media Frenzy**

**Scholarship:** Poster Contest for High School Students

**Company Providing Scholarship:** The Christophers, Inc

What statement would you like to make that would impact the world or better yet how you as one person could make a difference in the world. Is there a specific cause or plight that drives you? This is your chance to make it known to a large audience.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 8

**How to Apply:** Posters must include the statement “You can make a difference” and illustrate the idea that one person can change the world for the better. Posters must be 15 x 20 inches in size, including border or mat, if used. And must be the original work of the student, including all pictures.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.christophers.org>

**Eligibility:** Must be a student in grades 9 through 12 and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

## **Laboratory Design**

**Scholarship:** SEFA Student Design Contest

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Scientific Equipment and Furniture Association (SEFA)

Ever wonder what it'd be like to design your own lab? This is what SEFA is looking for. Innovative designs for any piece of laboratory equipment or furniture are accepted. Get ready to play Pinky and The Brain!

**Award Amount:** \$6,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 3

**How to Apply:** You or your team will work directly with an associate from the company to make your vision tangible in an essay of no more than 500 words.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.sefalabs.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

**Eligibility:** Must be a junior or senior in high school during the current academic year, students can work individually or as part of a team with teams consisting of a maximum of 3 participants, immediate family members of SEFA Member employees are not eligible to participate.



## **The Big 100**

**Scholarship:** 100 Scholarship Program

**Company Providing Scholarship:** 100 Black Men of America

There are many pressing issues concerning youth these days. You'll be hard pressed to a teenager who doesn't own a cell phone, TV with some sort of cable package, a computer or access to any of the preceding.

**Award Amount:** \$3,000

**Number of Awards Available:** N/A

**How to Apply:** A 600 word essay on the topics of politics, sagging, reality shows, social networks, or sexting and their impacts on youth and their communities.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.100blackmen.org/home.aspx?hm=go>

**Eligibility:** Must be an undergraduate student or high school student transitioning to college, must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, must be attending a postsecondary accredited institution or planning to attend, must plan to attend school for entire academic year, beginning in the fall.

**“Ready for my Close-Up Mr. Demille”**

**Scholarship:** Frame My Future Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Church Hill Classics

If you could take only one picture, draw a picture, make a collage or painting that would capture who you are and what you want to achieve, what would it be of?

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 6

**How to Apply:** The theme is “this is how I frame my future”. Take a picture, make a collage, write a poem, create a drawing, make a scrap book page or any other creative idea that you have that best shows what you want to achieve in your professional life after college.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.diplomaframe.com>

**Eligibility:** The scholarship contest is open to students attending a US college or university full time for the next fall term.



## Doodle 4 Google

**Scholarship:** Doodle 4 Google Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Google Inc.

Google is always looking for innovative ideas and encouraging youth to be creative.

**Award Amount:** \$30,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 5

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit a completed application form their own Google doodle based on the following theme: "If I could travel in time, I'd visit..."

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.google.com/intl/en/jobs/students/us/scholarships/>

**Eligibility:** Must be a K-12 student who is a U.S. citizen or a permanent U.S. legal resident, be enrolled in a U.S. based school and be living in the U.S and obtain parents or legal guardians prior permission to compete in the contest via a signed entry form.



## **Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Close the Loop**

**Scholarship:** Castle Ink Paperless Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Castle Ink

Sustainability is important to today's society and companies like Castle Ink want to know why it's important to you and how you can help the cause.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** Fill out online application and a brief summary of how you recycle, reduce or reuse. Also you can create a YouTube video, an inspired Tweet or Facebook post so your friends can see your message.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.castleink.com>

**Eligibility:** The scholarship is open to US residents who are college bound, who will begin college either this year or next year, as well as any student currently enrolled in any accredited institution.



## **Safety First**

**Scholarship:** Viral Video Scholarship Contest

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Davis Law Group

Started to educate the community about safe driving, this scholarship has grown to encapsulate any announcement about public safety that you feel personally concerned about.

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

**Number of Awards Available:** 2

**How to Apply:** Register online and submit a public safety announcement video. Topics can range from driving, underage drinking or pedestrian awareness. A Student Release and Talent Release Form must also be submitted.

**Where to Apply:** <http://dglawfirm.com/>

**Eligibility:** To win an applicant must attend, or plan on attending, an accredited college or university in the United States.

## **Shakespeare's Calling**

**Scholarship:** Playwright Discovery Award

**Company Providing Scholarship:** VSA Arts

How does disability affect your life? VSA Arts wants you to take a closer look at what it means to be disabled and how it affects your life and incorporate this into a play. It can be a fictional play or real life experience.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 5

**How to Apply:** Write a 1 act play of fewer than 40 pages incorporating the idea of disabilities. Submit two copies of your script with a completed application form. Submissions will not be returned. Submissions can be written copies, CD/DVD or audio recording, but must be in manuscript format.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.vsarts.org>

**Eligibility:** Authors must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., must be students in grades 6-12, all scripts must incorporate the subject of disability, any student with or without a disability is eligible to submit an entry, and entries must be original, unproduced, and unpublished at the time of submission.

## **How Much do You Want to Pay for College?**

**Scholarship:** How Do You Make College Cheaper Scholarship

**Company Providing Scholarship:** CheapScholar.org

College is expensive and most students will graduate with a mound of debt. Cheap Scholars wants to help reduce the amount of debt you'll be in.

**Award Amount:** \$500

**Number of Awards Available:** 1

**How to Apply:** How do you make college cheaper? Answer this question by posting an answer on [cheapscholar.org](http://cheapscholar.org), on CheapScholar's Twitter account or Facebook page. You can enter multiple times if you have multiple ideas.

**Where to Apply:** <http://cheapscholar.org/>

**Eligibility:** The final recipient must be currently attending or planning to attend a U.S. based College or University.



## **Firefox Flicks**

**Scholarship:** Firefox Flicks Global Video Contest

**Company Providing Scholarship:** Mozilla

Computers are widely used by students of all ages and as we progress through school we will be using the internet more and more. It is said that once something is posted on the internet you can never really get rid of it.

**Award Amount:** \$10,000

**Number of Awards Available:** 20

**How to Apply:** Create a video ad or story in one of four categories that helps people better understand the issues/dangers facing them online and show how Firefox helps them deal with these issues. Categories are privacy, choice, interoperability and opportunity.

**Where to Apply:** <http://www.onlinenvideocontests.com/contest/3538>

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be 13 years of age or older, but if you are a minor you will need parental consent. Also, you can submit individually or as a team.

