

Local Scholarships

Local scholarships will be available on the Naviance website starting March 13, 2018. Log in to Naviance and click on the “Colleges” tab. Select Scholarship list in the “Scholarships and Money” box. To select the local ones, click the drop down menu “Browse by category” and select “Local Scholarships” in the drop down box, then click on Go. Select a scholarship that interests you. To print a scholarship application, click “download” application form.

Please read the descriptions below to determine if you meet the qualifications. **Completed applications, unless otherwise specified, should be returned to Mrs. Hilty in the Guidance Office by Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 3:00 PM-no exceptions.** Most local scholarships will be presented at the Academic Awards Program on Wednesday, May 9. Here are some suggestions to help you with the process:

- Be sure to complete all required parts of the application. Some require essays and/or recommendations. It is your responsibility to see that all required parts are turned in on time. Remember: Some scholarships require more than one recommendation so you will need to print the recommendation page of some applications more than once. **Incomplete/late applications will not be considered.**
- Some teachers have already written recommendations for your college applications. They would be logical choices for your scholarship recommendations. As a courtesy to those individuals, be sure to ASK them if they are willing to print another copy. Teachers receive many requests for recommendations. Allow enough time for them to meet the deadlines. Recommendations are also due April 3. If you need recommendations for multiple applications, advise the writer how many copies will be needed and for which scholarships.
- Recommendations are **confidential**, therefore, please advise the writer to submit them to the Guidance Office unless otherwise specified on the application. No envelopes required! Teachers can put the rec on Mrs. Hilty’s desk. If you put the name of the person who you asked for a recommendation on your application, we will make sure that we receive their recommendation.
- Do not have a parent type your applications. Staple each application separately, and place each application in the correct mailbox in Guidance. GPA=Weighted Cumulative GPA, not marking period GPA.
- We may get new scholarships during the month of March so check back every week! **Don’t forget to write a thank you note to the sponsor if you win a scholarship.**

Below is a description of the 2018 local scholarships:

Arthur P. and Ruth H. Moebius Scholarship – Criteria includes need, scholastic achievement, leadership, activities, and character. Must include a copy of your EFC (1 page of FAFSA).

Aurora All Sports Booster Scholarship - For well-rounded athlete, extra-curricular and/or community activities, varsity letter winner, minimum 2.5 GPA, financial need, and family is a Boosters member.

Aurora Alumni Award- Award for a student who has a parent/grandparent who is an Aurora alumni, and it is recommended they be a member of the Alumni Association. Please type application.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Award – Criteria includes Aurora resident, activities, scholastic achievement, need.

Aurora Choir Boosters Scholarship – Need minimum 2 year participation in choral program, minimum 2.5 GPA, and family must be an ultimate booster member. Presented at choir banquet.

Aurora Community Theatre Scholarships - For those involved in theatre and/or musical activities.

Aurora Education Association Scholarship - For a student planning to teach at the primary or secondary level.

Aurora Harmon/High PTO Scholarship – Describe an influential person, how the scholarship would affect you, and activities. Minimum 2.5 GPA, parent is member of PTO and volunteered.

Aurora High School Class of 1975 Scholarship- Essays about your time and growing up at Aurora, and goals.

Aurora Schools Foundation Scholarships (ASF, City of Aurora Bicentennial and Linda Allenspach)- Includes an essay about how the scholarship would help you in future endeavors.

Aurora Schools Foundation Sonal Sanghami Diversity Program Scholarship-Essay describing what cultural diversity means to you and how you have demonstrated promoting diversity.

Aurora VFW Post 2629 Scholarship – Criteria includes involvement, activities, awards, describing an influential person. **Mail to the VFW.**

Band Booster Scholarship in Honor of Mr./Mrs. Brookhart - For outstanding band seniors. Family must be an ultimate booster member. Presented at band banquet. **DUE MONDAY, APRIL 9.**

“Do the Right Thing” Mr. A Scholarship –Must have attended Harmon for at least one year. Minimum 3.0 GPA and essay “Describe a teacher/course or an event from Harmon Middle School that had a significant impact.”

George & Genevieve Moore Family Trust Scholarship- For tobacco-free students earning as much money as the scholarship amount. Must attach your EFC (1 page on FAFSA). **DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 6.**

The Jennifer Lynn Elliott Memorial Scholarship - criteria includes adequate scholastic achievement, good moral character, contribution to school and community, need for financial assistance.

Kathleen Novak Howard Hanna Hometown Scholarship – Essays describing future plans and how you are represented Aurora.

National Honor Society Book Scholarship – Student does not need to be in NHS. Min 3.0 GPA, given service.

The Paulie W McGhee III Memorial Scholarship Fund- In memory of Paulie, criteria includes describing your character, leadership, spirit, service and future goals. **Use their website to complete application:**
<https://signnow.com/s/g2qZw8ME>

Red Cross/Student Council Scholarship – Must have attempted to give blood this school year.

The Rotary Club of Aurora Foundation Scholarship – **For Connections for Success (Mr. Mihalik’s) students only.**

Shaffer-Rothenberg Scholarship –Essays on citizenship and service.

Student Council Scholarship - For a student who has been a contributing member to Aurora High School.

Wenger Orthodontics Science Scholarship- For students entering the science field.

The Willetta Thomas Memorial Scholarship - Completing a vocational program or enroll in a technical program.