Dear High School Students,

Those ready for a new challenge: these resources are for you. Whether you are an incoming senior or an incoming freshman--whether you have created a blueprint for your future or haven’t yet begun to craft that future--this guide is for you.

This is not, and should not be considered as, a simple list of opportunities. Instead, we hope that you will share in our vision of redefining what it means to be a high school student, where not only an existing culture of college success is further strengthened, but the ideals of service, leadership, and intellectual independence are celebrated and expanded upon. We encourage students to take the opportunities presented in this booklet, over one hundred college scholarships, internships, summer programs, and study abroad programs, as a vital foundation to build upon year after year. Take these opportunities to actively question how to improve your community, to craft your own set of personal and moral values, and to truly recognize the potential of the difference you could make.

Each opportunity listed has been chosen by a fellow student like you, and carefully researched to ensure each program and award can positively benefit you, without having to break the bank. We’ve gathered and published advice on specific scholarships by students who have received these honors, and who have gone on to flourish in university and beyond. While many of these opportunities are competitive, confidence in your own abilities will take you farther than you would have ever thought possible. Regardless of your resume or GPA, we encourage you to rise to this challenge to showcase, or build upon, your passion and growth throughout your high school career.

You are only limited by your own ambition. The possibilities presented within these pages will be your roadmap, but only you can blaze forward to take the first step in creating your journey. Start a club, or go further to start a nonprofit. Launch an app. Conduct college level research. Sing, dance, act and perform with purpose, and let your individuality shine. It’s time to step outside the framework of traditional education to challenge, create and inspire.

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FREE COLLEGE ADVISING

Having a real person working one on one with you throughout the college process is an invaluable resource. These counselors have been through it themselves and can give you advice, personal attention, and assistance to prepare a stronger application. Elite college counselors are expensive (sometimes $10,000+), but there are programs dedicated to helping motivated students who can’t afford to pay for these expensive counselors. If you qualify, apply!

Program: LEDA Scholars Program
Eligibility: 3.6+ GPA; top 10% class ranking; US citizen, permanent resident, or DACA student; low-income background;
Website: http://ledascholars.org/our-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/
When to Apply: By December during your junior year
Description: This amazing, all-encompassing program takes a group of dedicated, high achieving high school juniors (preferably first generation) and guides them through the entire college process. Students go on an intense 7-week free summer program at Princeton University that includes college visits, leadership training, writing help, standardized test preparation, college guidance, and community building. Students get paired and form strong connections with college guidance counselors that get to know the students during the summer and then offer them continuous guidance throughout their senior year for the college admissions process. Many LEDA scholars get into Ivy League and other colleges.

Program: Matriculate
Eligibility: 3.5+ GPA; 90th percentile on the PSAT/NMSQT (1220), or SAT (1370), or ACT (28); annual family income under $80,000
Website: http://www.matriculate.org/
When to Apply: The winter of your junior year
Description: Matriculate works to match you to a current college student or recent graduate who will serve as your advisor throughout the college process. These advisors are from top schools, like Princeton and Yale, and receive training on top of their first hand experiences to be able to support you. They can help you with things like choosing colleges, writing essays, securing financial aid, and other questions you may have about the college application process or college in general. Students will be able to stay in contact with their advisor through text messages, emails, phone calls, and video chat.
Advice: I had personal experience with Matriculate and am so thankful for the program. My advisor became like a close friend to me and offered me quality information throughout the whole process. My favorite part of the program was that his advisor was just a text message away. (Jerry Registre, Director of Content Development at Peerlift)
Program: College Point
Eligibility: 3.5+ GPA; 90th percentile on the PSAT (1270), or SAT (1370), or ACT (28); annual family income under $80,000
Website: https://www.collegepoint.info/learn-more/
When to Apply: Recommended to apply the summer before your senior year
Description: College Point works to match you to a current college student or recent graduate who will serve as your advisor throughout the college process. These advisors are from top schools, like Stanford and Yale, and receive extensive training on top of their first hand experience to be able to support you. They can help you with things like choosing colleges, writing essays, securing financial aid, and other questions you may have about the college application process or college in general. College Point works closely with these organizations: College Advising Corps, College Possible, Matriculate, ScholarMatch.

Program: Strive For College
Eligibility: No listed requirements
Website: https://www.ustrive.com/
When to Apply: Recommended to apply the summer before your senior year
Description: Strive for College matches you with a college advisor who is a current college student, professional, or retiree to aid you throughout the college process. These advisors are volunteers who want to help you succeed. They can help you with things like choosing colleges, writing essays, securing financial aid, and other questions you may have about the college application process or college in general. Strive for College has their own application and platform where you can keep in contact with your advisor.
Advice: I also had personal experience with Strive and am very thankful for this program. The unique thing about Strive is that some of the advisors are professionals in the working world which means that they can also give insight into life after college and the professional world. This was true with my mentor, and I found the information to be very helpful in planning college goals. (Jerry Registre)

Program: Ron Brown Guided Pathway Support Program (GPS)
Eligibility: African American, strong grades, involvement in school and community
Website: https://ronbrowngps.fluidreview.com/
When to Apply: The summer before your junior or senior year
Description: Receive mentorship from high achieving college students and professionals that are similar in age, racial identity, income, and life experiences to you. These mentors have navigated through the top colleges/universities, graduate schools, and corporations in the country and are trained to teach you not only how to apply to and pay for college, but also how to navigate through college and be prepared for future success.
STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience, but it doesn't have to wait until college. By traveling abroad, students have the opportunity to study in a foreign nation and take in the culture of a new land. These programs allow you to travel across the world, for as short as two weeks to as long as a year, for free or a heavily reduced price. These are offered each year. Dates are subject to change - check the sites.

Program: EF Tours Global Citizen Scholarship
Deadline: Monday, November 7th (Dates subject to change by year)
Description: Selected students are chosen to travel on all expenses paid two week voyage to explore a specific issue of concern, which culminates in a three day Global Student Leaders Summit on this issue. Past trips have included global education in England, France, and Switzerland, the influence of technology on society in Berlin, Germany, and the future of food in Italy. If interested, one may either create a short video or write an essay to apply.
Advice: Don’t be afraid to think big! I won this scholarship my sophomore year, where I talked about how we can rework public education’s approach to foreign language learning. Tackle those big challenges with innovation, and you’ve got a real chance to go abroad this summer!

Program: Greenheart Travel Correspondents Scholarship
Website: [https://greenhearttravel.org/resources/scholarships](https://greenhearttravel.org/resources/scholarships)
Deadline: April (Dates subject to change by year)
Description: Several full and partial scholarships are offered for two week summer language schools, semester, and year-long programs abroad. Past locations have included Berlin, parts of China and Italy, and France. May include a blogging component, where you document your experience in exchange for scholarship funds.
Advice: I won a partial scholarship my junior year to travel to Berlin for two weeks and write about my experiences in a German school. This scholarship is a fantastic opportunity to take, as it is off the radar, and can give you a great time outside your comfort zone.

Program: AFS Project Change
Website: [http://www.afsusa.org/project-change/](http://www.afsusa.org/project-change/)
Deadline: January 17th
Description: Share an idea for a volunteer project that could have a meaningful impact abroad. Get votes from your family and friends on your idea, and you could win one of 10 full scholarships to spend 2 weeks with AFS making the winning project come to life.
Program: Abbey Road Travel Abroad Scholarships
Website: http://www.goabbeyroad.com/summer-scholarships-fellowships/
Deadline: December 1st
Description: Apply to win a fully funded or partially funded month long travel abroad experience in France, or look to receive $500 travel grants to offset the costs of their programs.
Advice: Be sure to look at their updated website, not the older site!

Program: AFS Scholarship Opportunities
Website: https://www.afsusa.org/study-abroad/scholarships/california
Deadline: Varies (Most in December, January and February)
Description: Multiple partial and full scholarships to study abroad in Italy, Japan, Latin America, India, and many other locations. Scholarships are offered for the summer, a semester or a year.

Program: U.S State Department CBYX Germany Exchange
Website: http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/
Deadline: Varies by year, possibly early February
Description: Embark on a year long, State Department funded study abroad experience in Germany. By being placed with a host family and having the opportunity to attend a local high school, you’ll be able to learn from and adapt to German culture, with no prior language experience required. If planning to take a gap year, this could be what you’re looking for.
Advice: Contact your local representative, and stay in contact, because having connections helps you secure an interview.

Program: National Security Language Initiative for Youth
Website: http://www.nsliforyouth.org/
Deadline: Late October
Description: All expenses paid summer and year long programs to travel to China, Korea, Russia, and more. Able to learn a foreign language while experiencing local culture and traditions. Valuable way to stand out and discover the culture of unconventional locations.

Program: Experiment Leadership Institute
Website: http://www.experiment.org/pn/programs/experiment-leadership-institute/
Deadline: Mid-January
Description: Multiple students are selected to receive fully funded scholarships to develop leadership skills abroad. Focused on civic engagement, global issues and personal development, participants may travel to India or South Africa for four weeks to explore human rights, public health, and politics.
Summer Programs

These are not the summer camps you did as a kid. Some are hosted at world renowned universities, others offer unique leadership guidance, others more allow cutting-edge research in science and technology, and all are affordable, impactful, and worthwhile. Make the most of your summer, regardless of your current grade, and apply to the programs listed below. These programs are offered each year. Dates are subject to change—check the sites.

Pre-College

Program: Yale Young Global Scholars
Website: http://globalscholars.yale.edu/
Deadline: January 31
Description: A two week leadership-development program for high school students from around the world. Choose between six intensive, interdisciplinary summer pre-collegiate experiences: Politics, Law, and Economics; International Affairs and Security; Sustainable Development and Social Entrepreneurship; Applied Science and Engineering; Biological and Biomedical Science; and Frontiers of Math and Science. Financial aid is available to students with demonstrated financial need.

Program: Princeton University Summer Journalism Program
Website: https://www.princeton.edu/sjp/
Deadline: Application will be available in November
Description: The Princeton University Summer Journalism Program welcome 35-40 high school students from low-income backgrounds every summer to Princeton's campus for an intensive, 10-day seminar on journalism. All expenses are paid, including travel! The program's goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism.

Program: Harvard Summer School
Website: www.summer.harvard.edu/high-school-programs
Deadline: Early Application and Financial Aid Deadline: Feb 1, 5 PM.; Regular Application: Monday, May 8, or earlier, if all course waitlists are full.
Description: Choose between 2 week (non-credit) Pre-College Program and 7 week (credit) Secondary School Program. In both programs you are fully immersed in Harvard College life—balancing time between classes, homework, and extracurricular activities. Financial aid is available.
Program: Summer at Brown
Website: http://www.brown.edu/academics/pre-college/pre-college-courses.php
Deadline: Rolling Admissions; completed applications must be received at least two weeks prior to the start date of an intended course or program.
Description: Brown University offers multiple Pre-College summer programs on campus, online and around the world. Brown offers multiple summer sessions 1-7 weeks in length, and more than 300 courses to choose from. This affords a strong opportunity to stand out to colleges while exploring academic and extracurricular passions in an intensive, Ivy League experience. Financial aid is available.

Program: Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies
Website: https://spcs.stanford.edu/
Deadline: Differs by program
Description: Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies advances the education of academically talented, intellectually curious, pre-college students. Students can enroll in the three week Summer Humanities Institute, Mathematics Camp, or a variety of STEM and non-related STEM courses during the Summer Institute and Summer Arts Institute. Need-based financial aid is available.

Program: Columbia University 3-Week Summer Immersion
Website: http://sps.columbia.edu/highschool/3-week
Deadline: February 1 (priority deadline)
Description: Program at Columbia University in New York City for rising freshmen through seniors to choose a course to examine in depth over a three-week time period, and to experience other facets of the college lifestyle. Both residential and commuter options. Financial aid is available for accepted students on a first-come, first-served basis. The $80 application fee is waived for students who apply before February 1st.

Program: Research Science Institute (RSI)
Website: https://www.cee.org/research-science-institute
Deadline: Not stated. Monitor the RSI website for additional information.
Description: RSI is the first cost-free to students, summer science & engineering program to combine on-campus course work in scientific theory with off-campus work in science and technology research. Open to all grades except 12th grade. Students strong in STEM are encouraged to apply. Students invited to the six week long program receive free tuition, room, and board. The only expense is transportation to and from MIT.

STEM Programs
Program: Google's Computer Science Summer Institute (CSSI)
Website: https://edu.google.com/resources/programs/computer-science-summer-institute/
Deadline: Applications open in January and deadline is announced at that time.
Description: A three week introduction to computer science for graduating high school seniors with a passion for technology — especially students from historically underrepresented groups. Attend the program at one of six Google office locations and experience Google’s unique culture and innovation firsthand. Residential and Day Camps available. Google covers transportation, tuition, and residential fees associated with the program.

Program: Girls Who Code
Deadline: January
Website: https://girlswhocode.com/summer-immersion-programs/
Description: Girls Who Code was founded with a single mission: to close the gender gap in technology. The summer program is a free seven-week summer programs for current 10th-11th grade girls to learn coding and get exposure to tech jobs.

Program: Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES)
Website: https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mites
Deadline: February 1
Description: MITES is a completely free program at MIT held to encourage first-generation students or students from underrepresented groups to develop their skills in science and engineering. Students take courses in calculus, science and the humanities during the eleven day program, and transportation is the only fee that is not covered by MIT.

Program: Canada/USA Mathcamp
Website: https://www.mathcamp.org/
Deadline: March 10
Description: Canada/USA Mathcamp is an intensive five-week-long summer program for mathematically talented high school students, designed to expose these students to the beauty of advanced mathematical ideas and to new ways of thinking. At Mathcamp, students can explore undergraduate and even graduate-level topics while building problem-solving skills that will help them in any field they choose to study.
Leadership Programs

Program:  Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute
Website:  http://bftf.org
Deadline:  An application for United States citizens is available on the website, due mid-April.
Description:  The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship (or BFTF for short) is a unique and exciting program initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of State, and hosted by Wake Forest University. During the program you will have a chance to interact with over 45 other students from over 30 countries in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Eurasia and the U.S. There will be classes and dialogues around certain topics as well as several small group intensive projects and exciting trips to several great locations, including Washington DC and Philadelphia, PA. This program is for students aged 16-18 only. All costs associated with this program is covered by the US Dept. of State.

Program:  HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Summit) - World Leadership Congress in Chicago (one can also enter a local seminar in Los Angeles/Southern California)
Website:  http://hoby.org/programs/world-leadership-congress/
Deadline:  June 15 (final deadline for registration fee)
Description:  This five-day program immerses students in college-level discussion focusing on individual, communal, national, and global leadership. “Ambassadors” from nearly twenty nations gather at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois to practice the social change model of leadership. Not only does HOBY provide students with global-wide networks, but it also creates irreplaceable memories with new friends of various backgrounds.

Program:  Wharton Leadership in the Business World
Website:  https://www.wharton.upenn.edu/leadership-business-world/
Deadline:  Early February
Description:  Affords rising high school seniors the possibility to explore business at the Wharton School in the University of Pennsylvania, widely considered as one of the premier business schools in the world. After a competitive application process, students will work in small groups, take classes with Wharton faculty, and collaborate in small groups to simulate real business practices. Need-based financial aid is available as well.
Program: MIT Launch
Website: https://mitlaunch.com/
Deadline: Opens in the Fall
Description: Selective entrepreneurship program aimed at providing a collaborative environment where high school students can study and apply their passions towards creating initiatives or organizations. Students take classes with MIT faculty, work in small groups, and conduct final pitches to business leaders. Need based financial aid is available.

Program: Telluride Association Summer Program
Deadline: January 24
Website: http://www.tellurideassociation.org/our-programs/high-school-students/summer-program-juniors-tasp/
Description: A Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP) is a free six-week educational experience for high school juniors that offers challenges and rewards rarely encountered in secondary school or even college. Each program is designed to bring together young people from around the world who share a passion for learning.

Program: Notre Dame Leadership Seminars
Website: http://precollege.nd.edu/leadership-seminars/
Deadline: The application deadline is typically at the end of January. All applicants will be notified of decisions around the middle of March.
Description: Notre Dame Leadership Seminars explore topics affecting the global community. The courses are centered around vibrant discussion and a robust exchange of ideas. Expenses for students accepted to Leadership Seminars—including transportation to and from Notre Dame—will be paid for by the University. Approximately 100 students are admitted to Leadership Seminars each year, and students are eligible to receive one college credit upon completion of the program. Please refer to the website above to learn more about the eligibility and application requirements.

Program: Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship High School Student Congress
Deadline: February 28
Website: http://www.henryclaycenter.org/site/
Description: The week-long Student Congresses gather fifty college or high school students together with lawmakers, academics, journalists, and business leaders to discuss the importance of applying the art of compromise in every aspect of their activities. Carefully-chosen guest speakers engage with the students throughout the week.
Internships

Internships are great opportunities to start exploring different fields, even prior to entering college. From government to computer science, internships allow students to put time and effort into an environment they can learn from and also provide assistance to different causes. Internships look great on resumes, as they show your dedication towards your future endeavors early on. They range from the summer, to the winter, and even for a few weeks in some cases. Internships have the power to catalyze your career, so find something you are passionate about and go for it! Dates are subject to change - check the sites.

Political Internships

Internship: Local U.S Congressman
Website: Ex) Congressman Adam Schiff--http://schiff.house.gov/help/internships
Deadline: Applications deadlines depend on the session you apply for, and sessions include Summer, Fall, and Spring. Dates are usually posted on the website for each session. Summer sessions are always the most applied to, so turn in your application early!
Description: The internship usually lasts around 3 to 4 months per session, with the Summer session being an exception. Duties are plentiful: clerical duties, communicating with constituents, helping with events related to the Congressman, etc. This internship is for those who wish to learn more about the workings of a Congressional office and about our country’s political process.
Application: The application process varies by Congressman, but often includes filling out an online application, submitting a resume, cover letter, and a writing sample.

Internship: Local State Assemblymember
Website: Ex) CA State Assemblyman Holder--https://a41.asmdc.org/internship-program
Deadline: Often rolling deadlines, but check with local Assemblymember to confirm.
Description: Assemblymembers serve in a state’s equivalent of the House of Representatives, and can often be more approachable or accessible than federal politicians. Find your state representative by entering your address at http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/
Application: Applications are usually submitted online on the Assemblymember’s website, and include basic questions, a resume, and a writing sample. If no program is online, call the district office to inquire about availability.
**Internship:** Local City Government Positions  
**Website:** Ex) Burbank City Clerk Zizette Mullins--http://www.burbankca.gov/about-us/city-officials/city-clerk-zizette-mullins  
**Application:** Local city government internships are mostly unlisted, so it is highly suggested to call the city department or official you are interested in, and ask them about available opportunities.  
**Description:** Duties will be dependent on the position offered, but common roles include maintaining databases and files, preparing for City Council meetings, and community outreach.

**Internship:** United States Senators  
**Website:** Ex) U.S Senator Kamela Harris--https://www.harris.senate.gov/content/internships  
**Application:** Competitive process to serve as an unpaid intern in a U.S Senator’s district or D.C office. Will include a resume, cover letter, and interview.  
**Description:** Similar to the duties of an intern for a U.S Congressman, but you are serving the entire state as opposed to one district, and therefore have an increased level of responsibility.

**Internship:** Local State Senator  
**Website:** Ex) CA State Senator Anthony Portantino-- http://sd25.senate.ca.gov/  
**Application:** May be unlisted on website, but call local district office to inquire about internship availability. Will include submitting an online form, resume, and completing an interview.  
**Description:** Much like other local political offices, primary roles will most likely include recording constituents’ concerns over the phone and email, drafting and creating certificates for district requests, and potentially attending meetings or staffing local events.

**STEM Internships**

**Internship:** National Institute of Health Summer Internship Program  
**Website:** http://bit.ly/2h3BqQw  
**Application:** Applications must be submitted online at: https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip. Opens in November and closes March before summer.  
**Description:** The Summer Internship Program (SIP) in Biomedical Research is open to high school, college and graduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in biomedical research. The goal of this program is to match student research interests with a basic neuroscience laboratory or clinical branch where those interests might be pursued. Participants work a minimum of eight weeks between May and September with established investigators. Multiple locations in multiple states are open. Underrepresented groups and those from difficult financial backgrounds are encouraged to apply to the NIH Step-Up research program. Website: http://bit.ly/2tUJQeh
**Internship:** Fred Hutch Cancer Institute Summer High School Internship Program  
**Application:** Online application, includes letters of recommendation. This is for students who have completed 11th grade but haven’t graduated high school. This year’s deadline was March 31st.  
**Description:** High school students are welcome to apply for an eight week, paid summer research internship at Fred Hutch. Selected interns will spend one full week in training. Interns will then be paired and matched to a host mentor who will supervise them over the remaining seven weeks on specific projects or activities in the host lab. Interns attend weekly workshops and seminars. The internship culminates with a reflection presentation during the final week.

**Internship:** BioQuest Academy  
**Website:** [https://www.cidresearch.org/articles/bioquest-for-students-tab](https://www.cidresearch.org/articles/bioquest-for-students-tab)  
**Deadline:** Mid March  
**Description:** Intensive biology and science focused two week research program at the Center for Infectious Disease Research. Become a part of a community that is passionate about innovative solutions to future global health challenges, and gain firsthand experience in an academic and research environment. Note: transportation and lodging not covered.

**Internship:** City of Hope Eugene and Ruth Roberts Summer Student Academy  
**Website:** [https://www.cityofhope.org/students-and-youth/summer-student-academy](https://www.cityofhope.org/students-and-youth/summer-student-academy)  
**Application:** Online, opens in January with a deadline in mid March  
**Description:** Receive a stipend of up to $4,000 for a 10 week, intensive research experience for high school students interested in medicine and science. Programs are highly competitive. Underrepresented students can also apply for the National Cancer Institute CURE Program, which affords select high schoolers the opportunity to research cancer in depth.

**Internship:** JPL Internships  
**Website:** [https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/intern/apply/summer-internship-program/](https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/intern/apply/summer-internship-program/)  
**Application:** It is online. Usually deadlines are in the beginning of April, as most of the internships are summer internships.  
**Description:** The JPL Summer Internship Program offers ten-week, full-time, summer internship opportunities at JPL to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. As part of their internships, students are partnered with JPL scientists or engineers, who serve as the students' mentors. Students complete designated projects outlined by their mentors, gaining educational experience in their fields of study while also contributing to NASA and JPL missions and science.
Internship:  Summer Student Program at the Jackson Laboratory (JAX)
Website:  http://bit.ly/1n3St31
Application:  Comprehensive online application due February 2nd
Description:  Immersive, residential 10 week paid internship focused on genetic research.  High school juniors and seniors receive a $5,250 stipend over the course of their internship at one of two locations in Connecticut or Maine.  Students are paired with experienced research mentors, and are able to take a series of sponsored trips to Boston, New York City and more.  Transportation is covered by JAX as well.

Internship:  Primes at MIT
Website:  http://math.mit.edu/research/highschool/primes/usa/apply-usa.php
Application:  Apply online before November 15th
Description:  This is a nationwide research program primarily focused on mathematics.  Female students, underrepresented minorities, and students with economically disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.  Students conduct research, receive mentorship by MIT graduate students and staff, and publish the results of their findings after a one-year period.  Very rigorous application, including mandatory solved problems sets.  Only available for high school juniors.

Advocacy Internships

Internship:  Amnesty International
Website:  http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/volunteer-positions-and-resources
Application:  Go to the website and find the location near you.
Description:  Amnesty, a global advocacy organization aimed at protecting human rights, offers volunteer and internship opportunities within the Los Angeles area.

Internship:  ACLU
Website:  https://www.aclu.org/action
Application:  Go under “Take Action” and choose what you would like based on your location.
Description:  Get involved in a range of legal and activist opportunities in diverse fields ranging from educational reform, immigration, and criminal justice.  Many opportunities for high school students, and many non-legal positions are open to students as well.
College Fly-Ins

College visits are important but can be expensive and difficult to manage; this is where fly-in programs step in. These programs bring in groups of students from around the country to visit top colleges for overnight programs that allow them to explore the college campus; connect with students, professors, and admissions officers; and engage in team-building, admissions overview, and other activities. Meals and programming are covered, and most programs offer full to partial aid for travel expenses. Dates are subject to change - check the sites.

College/University: Dartmouth College
Program Name: Native American Community Program
Program Date: October 8-11, 2017
Link: http://bit.ly/2vk24el
Deadline: August 4, 2017
Description: Targets students with an interest in Dartmouth’s Native community or Native American Studies program and those with connections to Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian communities.
Finance: Meals and programs free; travel scholarships available.

College/University: Bowdoin College
Program Name: Explore Bowdoin
Program Date: September 21-24 & November 29-31 | 2017
Link: http://www.bowdoin.edu/admissions/explore/
Deadline: August 18, September 22 | 2017
Description: Targets high achieving high school seniors from diverse backgrounds who would have trouble visiting without the program.
Finance: All expenses paid.

College/University: Brandeis University
Program Name: SEED Fly-In Program
Program Date: October 19-21, 2017
Link: http://www.brandeis.edu/admissions/seed/
Deadline: August 15, 2017
Description: Preference given to first-generation, low income, and minority students.
Finance: Meals and programs free; travel scholarships available.
College/University: Harvey Mudd College  
Program Name: Future Achievers in Science and Technology  
Program Date: September 28-30 & November 9-11 | 2017  
Link: https://www.hmc.edu/admission/fast/  
Deadline: August 25, 2017  
Description: Targets women, underrepresented minorities, first generation college students, students from low income or rural backgrounds, students with disabilities, and others from diverse backgrounds who would have trouble visiting without the program.  
Finance: All expenses paid.

College/University: Middlebury College  
Program Name: Discover Middlebury  
Program Date: October 8-10, 2017  
Link: http://www.middlebury.edu/admissions/visit/programs  
Deadline: August 11, 2017  
Description: Targets underrepresented students (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, and American Indian); students (regardless of ethnicity) with financial hardship; and first generation college students.  
Finance: All expenses paid.

College/University: Oberlin College  
Program Name: Multicultural Visit Program  
Program Date: October 26-28, November 9-11, Nov 30-Dec 2 | 2017  
Link: http://new.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/admissions/mvp/  
Deadline: October 5, October 19, November 9 | 2017  
Description: Targets underrepresented students (African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander); students from low income families (regardless of cultural or racial background), and first generation college students.  
Finance: All expenses paid.

College/University: Emory University  
Program Name: Emory's Cultural Overnight Recruitment Experience (CORE)  
Program Date: October 12-14, 2017  
Link: http://apply.emory.edu/core/  
Deadline: August 16, 2017  
Description: Targets talented, high-achieving high school seniors who are first generation college students and/or from underrepresented cultural or socioeconomic backgrounds.  
Finance: All expenses paid.
**College/University:** Babson College  
**Program Name:** Multicultural Overnight Experience  
**Program Date:** October 22-23, 2017  
**Link:** [http://www.babson.edu/admission/undergraduate/tours-events/multicultural-overnight-experience/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.babson.edu/admission/undergraduate/tours-events/multicultural-overnight-experience/Pages/home.aspx)  
**Deadline:** September 1, 2017  
**Description:** Targets a diverse group of students to experience life at Babson and learn about the many resources available at the college as well as engage with current students, faculty, and staff. All are welcome to apply.  
**Finance:** Meals and programs free; limited travel scholarships available.

**College/University:** Tufts University  
**Program Name:** Voices of Tufts Diversity Experiences  
**Program Date:** October 19-20, 2017: Engineering Experience | October 26-27, 2017: Arts & Sciences Experience  
**Link:** [http://admissions.tufts.edu/voices/voices-home/](http://admissions.tufts.edu/voices/voices-home/)  
**Deadline:** October 3, 2017: Engineering | October 11, 2017: Art  
**Description:** Targets a group of high achieving high school students to meet students / professors and explore the culture and resources available at Tufts.  
**Finance:** Meals and program free. Travel assistance available.

**College/University:** Rice University  
**Program Name:** Seeking Opportunities at Rice (SOAR)  
**Program Date:** September 30 - October 2, 2017  
**Link:** [http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/SOAR.asp](http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/SOAR.asp)  
**Deadline:** August 18, 2017  
**Description:** Targets a group of high achieving diverse students who show potential for success and will contribute to the environment around them to come and explore Rice University.  
**Finance:** All expenses paid.

**College/University:** Bucknell University  
**Program Name:** Journey to Bucknell  
**Program Date:** Oct. 29-31, 2017  
**Link:** [http://www.bucknell.edu/journeytobucknell](http://www.bucknell.edu/journeytobucknell)  
**Deadline:** September 29, 2017  
**Description:** Targets high-achieving underrepresented (African American, Asian American, biracial/multiracial, Latino/a, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander) students for a chance to explore Bucknell University.  
**Finance:** All expenses paid.
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

That $20,000 scholarship has your name on it. Not a senior? Totally fine. Get a head start by knowing what’s out there from the beginning. If you are a senior, now is your time to shine. Many national scholarships have early deadlines in November and October, so be sure to keep an eye out for deadlines. Apply and you can’t go wrong. Winning one large national scholarship can be the equivalent of winning dozens of local ones, and even being named a semifinalist in certain competitions can mean a big reward. These scholarships are offered every year. Dates are subject to change - check the sites.

Leadership and Service Scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholars
Amount: Up to $20,000
Deadline: End of October
Website: http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/
Description: The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports more than 1,400 exceptional college students each year, with annual scholarships of $3.45 million awarded through 3 nationally recognized programs. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive $20,000 and travel on an all expenses paid trip to Atlanta, GA for Scholars Weekend, receiving access to an exceptional network and family of dedicated current and former Coca-Cola Scholars.
Advice: Emphasize those service hours, and work to fill each activity and awards box!

AXA Achievement Scholarship
Amount: Scholarships of $2,500, $10,000 or $25,000
Deadline: 2018 AXA Achievement Scholarship closes in December
Website: https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html#loginPanel
Description: The AXA Achievement Scholarship provides over $1.4 million in scholarships to young people throughout the nation. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant in the amount of $1,000 will be made to the winner’s school. AXA Scholars must exhibit the following characteristics: ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family and community; ability to succeed in college. Special consideration is placed upon STEM related projects and demonstrated entrepreneurship.
National Honors Society
Amount: $2,325- $20,125
Deadline: February 6, 2018
Website: https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship?SSO=true
Description: NHS is the oldest and best-known student recognition program; for nearly 100 years, NHS members have been making a difference in their schools and communities through their scholarship, service, leadership, and character. To recognize the most outstanding NHS members, the organization has been awarding its respected NHS Scholarship to hundreds of NHS seniors every year - helping make their higher education aspirations more affordable.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship
Amount: $50,000, $40,000, and $30,000 awards (2 available of each). $20,000 (14 available). $4,000 (480 available). Local scholarships range from $1,000 to $12,500 per year.
Deadline: Applications for the 2018 contest open in September, 2017 and close on December.
Website: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm
Description: Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The 20 top finalists will participate in an all expenses paid “Leadership Weekend” in Chicago during which they’ll interview with the national judges. Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program
Amount: Up to $40,000 Per Year
Deadline: The application period is open from late September to late November.
Website: http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/
Description: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation’s best four-year colleges and universities. College Scholars receive up to $40,000 per year, college planning support, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community. Up to 40 College Scholars are selected for this program each year. A rigorous application review includes analysis of grades, standardized test scores, participation in available advanced courses, student essays, letters of recommendation, and family finances.

Burger King McLamore Foundation
Amount: $1000 - $50,000
Deadline: December 15
Website: https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program
Description: Recipients are selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and community service. All high school seniors are eligible to apply.
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program
Amount: Numerous recipients receive a $10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years – up to $40,000 total per recipient.
Deadline: No deadline is clearly listed on the website, but there’s an option to sign up for notifications. Applications have been accepted from October to January 1st in past years.
Website: http://bit.ly/2v8zXic
Description: Honoring the legacy and character of our nation’s 40th President, the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. In addition, Scholars are invited to participate in a special awards program.

Davidson Fellows
Amount: $50,000, $25,000 or $10,000
Deadline: Closes during February
Website: http://www.davidsongifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship
Description: Highly prestigious scholarship awarded to students who have created a significant piece of work within their given field. Acceptable fields include science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature, music and philosophy, along with an outside the box category. Winners attend an all-expenses paid awards reception in Washington, DC.

Coolidge Scholars
Amount: Four years of full college tuition to any institution
Deadline: Closes during February of the applicant’s junior year
Website: https://coolidgescholars.org/
Description: Highly selective scholarship awards a 4 year, full ride college scholarship to high school juniors with a track record of academic excellence, public policy interest, and service. This is a non-partisan, need-blind, program, and all students may apply.

Foot Locker Scholar Athletes
Amount: $20,000
Deadline: December 30, 2017
Website: https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/
Description: The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program honors twenty student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, in their schools, and within their communities. Nomination closes December 9th and the application closes December 30th.
STEM Based Scholarships

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
Amount: Up to $75,000
Website: https://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef-awards
Description: Each year more than approximately 1,800 student finalists earn the right to attend the Intel ISEF as a result of winning an Intel ISEF-affiliated fair at a local, regional, or national level. Intel ISEF finalists compete on average $4 million in awards and prizes and are judged on their creative ability and scientific thought, as well as the thoroughness, skill, and clarity shown in their projects. There are various scholarships listed on the website, each differing in amount, eligibility, and application process.

Regeneron Science Talent Search
Amount: $150,000-$250,000
Deadline: November 15, 2017
Website: https://student.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts
Description: The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS), a program of Society for Science & the Public (Society), is the nation’s most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors.

Siemens Competition
Amount: $1,000-$100,000
Deadline: September 19, 2017
Website: https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/about/competition-schedule
Description: The Siemens Foundation established the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology in 1999. The Competition is the nation’s premier science research competition for high school students and seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects.

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
Amount: $1,000 to $12,000
Deadline: April 3, 2018 (Varies by location)
Website: http://www.jshs.org/getinvolved.html
California website: https://www.chem.uci.edu/~jshs/general.php
Description: Broad program that allows high school students to conduct independent research projects, present them at regional and national conferences, and potentially win scholarship funds based on their research submissions.
Scholarships for Underrepresented Communities

APCA (Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement)
Amount: $2000 (national); $1000 (state)
Deadline: End of January
Website: http://apca-att.org/programs/apca-scholarship-program/
Description: All students who apply will be considered for the national scholarships awards. Students who are not awarded national scholarships will be considered for state scholarships as supported by local APCA chapters. The application packet is listed on the FRQ page on the APCA website under “application materials”.

Horatio Alger Scholarship
Amount: $6,000 to $10,500 in state awards, or $25,000 as a national prize
Deadline: October 25, 2017
Website: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/
Description: Multiple national and state scholarships awarded, and favors those who have overcame difficult circumstances, demonstrated leadership, passion and determination.

Jackie Robinson Scholarship
Amount: Up to $28,000
Deadline: February 15, 2018
Website: https://www.jackierobinson.org/applyi/applicants/
Description: Awards multiple scholarships to qualified minority high school seniors, with an emphasis on community service, leadership potential, and financial need.

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
Amount: $2,500 to $20,000
Deadline: Opens during September and ends during January
Website: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarships.html
Description: Selects Asian American and Pacific Islander students to receive scholarship awards. Emphasis is placed on community service, leadership and academic achievement. Encourages first generation college students and those from underserved backgrounds to apply.
Ronald McDonald Hacer Scholarship
Amount: $100,000 national awards, local awards vary
Deadline: September 27, 2017
Website: https://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships
Description: This scholarship is one of the largest scholarships available for Hispanic students. It awards a total of $100,000 ($25,000 per year for 4 years) to 5 students as part of the Ronald McDonald House Charities program. This is a competitive but valuable scholarship for Hispanic students.

Ron Brown Scholarship
Amount: $40,000 ($10,000 per year for 4 years)
Website: https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/eligibility-requirements
Description: In memory of the great Ronald H. Brown, first African American Secretary of Commerce, this scholarship empowers ethnic African Americans by awarding $40,000 dollars and a strong lasting network of top students, professionals, and corporations to high achieving high school African American high school students across the US.

US Senate Youth Program
Amount: $10,000
Website: http://ussenateyouth.org
Deadline: Deadlines vary by state, but many are in August, September and October
Description: In this government sponsored program, two high school juniors or seniors from each state and the District of Columbia spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Students will meet and hear from senators and supreme court justices. All costs are covered by the Hearst Foundation, and students receive a $10,000 scholarship award for future college studies. Applicants must be serving in a current leadership position, residing in the state they apply to represent, and demonstrate a strong interest in serving others.

Questbridge College Match Scholarship
Amount: Full ride to a Questbridge college partner
Deadline: September 27, 2017
Website: https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match
Description: Questbridge, a nonprofit focused on making college accessible to low-income students, operates College Match to connect students from disadvantaged backgrounds to 39 selective partner colleges. These schools, including prestigious colleges like Yale and Stanford, offer full 4-year scholarships to all Questbridge Finalists that are matched with their school. An application includes test scores, letters of recommendation, transcripts, essays, and school reports, and no fee is required.
Awards

A range of accessible programs and competitions that don't grant scholarship money but can give you prestigious awards and honors. Dates are subject to change - check the sites.

National Youngarts Foundation
Website:  http://www.youngarts.org
Deadline: Application open until October 13th
Description: This national competition offers up to $10,000, lifetime mentoring, and the chance to be named a US Presidential Scholar in the Arts for those interested in the cinematic arts, classical music, dance, design arts, jazz, photography, theater visual arts, singing, and writing. Winners also gain access to free one week master classes with proven experts in their chosen field.

New York Times Student Editorial
Website:  http://nyti.ms/2mQBEss
Deadline: Closes during April
Description: The newspaper looks for “short, evidence-based persuasive essays like the editorials [it] publishes every day.” High school students across the country are encouraged to write a 450 word or less editorial to persuade others on an issue of their choice, and the top ten submissions are published on the New York Times contests page.

Technovation
Website:  http://technovationchallenge.org/
Deadline: Closes during March
Description: Technovation invites girls up to 18 years of age to solve global issues by creating teams and developing groundbreaking mobile apps. Technovation provides individualized mentorship, a supportive curriculum, and the opportunity for app finalists to pitch ideas to a diverse audience of professionals in Silicon Valley. Transportation costs are covered for finalists.

Hamilton Scholars
Deadline: Varies
Website:  http://hamiltonscholars.org/
Description: The Hamilton Scholars program selects 35-40 high school juniors who dedicate themselves to academics, service, and leadership. This five-year program provides mentorship and networking opportunities throughout the college application process, the Scholars’ entire time in college, and his or her transition to the workforce. Special emphasis is placed on those from disadvantaged families and those who are the first in their family to attend college.
"To make college more affordable, I can't emphasize how important it is to apply to scholarships. Apply, Apply, Apply! There are so many opportunities available. Ask organizations you are involved with if they offer scholarships, teachers if they know of any, or professionals you are close with. You lose nothing by asking. Chances are they will have something or will be willing to help you in other ways."

-Luis F, Dartmouth '21

"Passion is something that cannot be falsified and is a trait admission officers love to see. When interviewers ask you a question and can hear the passion in your tone, they are much more receptive to what you have to say. If you want to stand out to admissions officers, focus on your specific passions in your essays and in your discussion. You'll find that adults have greater respect for you if you don't list your accomplishments to brag, but rather to share the experiences that have been most meaningful to you."

-Abby J, Harvard '21

"If there was one aspect of the college process that I wish I knew before, I would say doing research on the types of financial aid available at schools. Some schools offer grants and campus-based scholarships but you won't know about it if you don't ask. Look for state and company-sponsored grants as well. There is money out there for you but it's up to you to find it. A general tip with financial aid is to apply early. Stay on top of those deadlines!"

-Zainab B, Towson '21
The Peerlift Team

Peerlift is a bold youth-led online platform and nonprofit dedicated to democratizing college access across the US. We all hope you enjoyed the opportunities we put together for you, but there’s a whole lot more (think 300+ more) of these opportunities on our website, peerlift.org. Hint: it's all free! To bring these free resources to your community, just email us at outreach@peerlift.org!

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