

Spencerville High School Scholarship Information

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The following are scholarships from local, state, and national organizations. The scholarship opportunities listed below have been received by Spencerville High School and have deadlines in the ensuing weeks and months. Students should check the criteria to make sure they are eligible before applying. If no specific criteria are mentioned, then, all seniors are eligible to apply.

Following each scholarship, there will be a letter which indicates whether it is sponsored by a local, state, or national organization. (L=Local, S=State, N=National) Students should apply first for local and state scholarships since their odds of winning are much better.

It is important to note that these are not the only scholarship opportunities that exist. They are the only ones that are mailed or sent to the high school. Students are highly encouraged to access scholarship search sites on the internet for other possibilities. In addition, students should have their parents check with their employers for perspective scholarship opportunities. If you would like more information about each scholarship, stop by the guidance counselor's office or go to the website listed.

SEPTEMBER

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship (N) Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the U.S. are eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the competition. These scholarships range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis at a U.S. college or university. Details and application can be found at www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm

Deadline: November 14, 2024

Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant (N) This grant provides undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks members in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time student, be unmarried, and under the age of 24 during the academic year in which they are applying. To request an EEG application, please email Scholarship@elks.org or call 773-755-4732.

Deadline: November 1, 2024

Elks National Foundation Legacy Award (N) Available to high school seniors whose parents or grandparents are ELKS members. Applicants must have taken the ACT or SAT and apply to an accredited U.S. college or university. 200-300 \$4,000 scholarships are available. Details and application can be found at www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm.

Deadline: February 3, 2025

B.P.O. Elks #54 Exalted Rulers' Award (L) Any prospective student (male or female) residing within the jurisdiction of the B.P.O Elks – Lima Lodge #54 who plans to pursue an eligible educational program at a career or technical institution, college or university may apply. Applicants must be either a child or grandchild of a member in good standing of the B.P.O Elks Lodge #54 of Lima, Ohio. Several \$1,500 local scholarships are available. Applications are available at elks54awards@gmail.com.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

B.P.O Elks #54 Student Leader/Volunteer Award (L) This volunteer award is designed to recognize outstanding young men and women for leadership and achievements in service to the community, church, clubs, industry, farming, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, and school. Individuals applying for this award must be a senior and attend a high school located in Allen, eastern Auglaize, or Putnam counties in Ohio. This award is judged on the basis of leadership and volunteer activities in both school and in the community as well as scholastics. Between two and ten \$500 awards will be given and the most outstanding applicant will receive a \$1,000 award. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

OCTOBER

Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant (L) The applicant must be a graduating senior currently enrolled in a school district in the Norwest Region of the Ohio School Boards Association, and have plans to major in teacher education at an accredited college or university in the state of Ohio. The applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and demonstrate potential as an educational leader demonstrating professional competence, community involvement, and evidence of good character. A minimum of four \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Details and application can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/nw-region.

Deadline: December 1, 2024

Burger King Scholarship (N) Must be a high school senior living in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico. Applicants need to have a GPA of 2.00 or higher and must be active in their community through volunteering, sports, clubs and/or religious organizations. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time next year at a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Last year alone, \$4.5 million in scholarships were awarded to nearly 4,200 deserving students. Various amounts up to \$50,000 will be awarded. Details and application can be found at www.bk-scholars.com.

Deadline: December 16, 2024

Hagan Scholarship (N) Must have a 3.50 GPA and work 240 hours during the twelve months prior to each fall semester in college. Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for Federal Income Tax Purposes must not exceed \$100,000. \$7,500 will be awarded each semester while in college. Details and application can be found at www.hsfmo.org

Deadline: December 1, 2024

NOVEMBER

Charles L. Warren Memorial Heritage Scholarship (S) Must attend an OACAC high school which Spencerville is and have a GPA of a 3.00 or better. Applicant must also demonstrate and show a continued commitment to cultural and intellectual diversity and attend an Ohio college or university after graduation. The scholarship is a one-time \$1,500 award. Details and application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/232565930682159>

Deadline: January 8, 2025

Ohio/US JCI Senate Scholarship (S) There are three categories to choose from: Academic-Based, Need-Based & Vocational/Trade School-Based. You may only choose one category. Two \$1,000 academic-based scholarships will be awarded. Four \$1,000 need-based scholarships will be awarded; one of which must be given to a student who is a resident of Allen, Putnam or Van Wert county. Also, one \$1,000 vocational-based scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: January 17, 2025

Allen County Bar Association Scholarship (L) Must be a high school senior in Allen County and planning to attend an institution of higher education next fall. This scholarship is based entirely on an essay. Topic: Should universities that receive government funding be allowed to give admission preference to legacy (children of alumni) applicants? Why or why not? There is one \$1,000 scholarship being offered for the best essay. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 16, 2025

DECEMBER

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons Scholarship (L) Must be a graduation high school senior. All applicants must first complete a FAFSA form and know your Student Aid Index (SAI). Three \$1,500 scholarships will be granted in each of the 25 Masonic Districts - one to a male student and one to a female student. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 1, 2025

Midwest Electric, Inc. Children of Members Scholarship (L) Applicants must be a son, daughter, or legal ward of a Midwest Electric, Inc. residential member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of competition. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.5. Students are judged on their scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, cooperative principle essay, and question essay. Top applicants will participate in interviews with judges. Approximately \$9,500 given out in various amounts to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place and honorable mention. Details and application can be found at <https://midwestrec.com/scholarships>.

Deadline: February 14, 2025

Midwest Electric, Inc. Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship (L) Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a Midwest, Inc.'s permanent residential member receiving service during this year. Eligible students, with a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA must attend a technical college or trade school after graduation. The top applicants will be selected based on GPA and community involvement and will participate in interviews with judges. Applications and interviews will be reviewed based on scholastic record, personal achievement, and school and community activities. This award of \$1,500 will be given to one high school senior. Details and application can be found at <https://midwestrec.com/scholarships>.

Deadline: February 14, 2025

West Central Ohio Manufacturing Partnership STEM Scholarship (L) Planning to enroll or already enrolled full-time at an accredited career technical center, trade specific school, or community college in the US. Must be a current high school senior or a current community college or career technical center student with a cumulative 2.25 or above GPA. This scholarship is for students studying manufacturing trades, engineering, maintenance, robotics, automation, and electronics. Five, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Hauss-Helms Foundation Educational Grant (L) Must be a high school senior or enrolled in college. Must reside in Allen or Auglaize County, have a GPA of 3.0 or better as of the end of the second nine weeks of their senior year in high school must have an ACT composite score of 16 or above, be in the top 50% of your grade, and have a financial need. To show financial need, a copy of the entire completed Student Aid Report (SAR) in FAFSA will be required. Details and application can be found at www.hauss-helmsfoundation.org.

Deadline: March 17, 2025

JANUARY

M. Laretta Goodwin Scholarship (L) Must be a graduating senior or an SHS graduate. The applicant must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (senior GPA based on 7 semester; graduate GPA based on previous year of college). Preference will be given to students pursuing a technical degree. One letter of recommendation from an adult other than a relative, high school counselor, or principal is required. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Rebecca McClure Music Scholarship (L) Need to be a senior or graduate of SHS and pursuing a career in music education, therapy, etc. or participating in a college band or choir. This is a yearly scholarship. If more than one student applies, the money may be divided if deemed appropriate. A short essay stating why music has been important to you and what you hope to achieve in your "musical" future is required. The winner will receive a \$300 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Joe Mack Agricultural Career Scholarship (L) This scholarship is for a senior who is going to further their education in an Ag related field and has a record of performance in activities in school and in the community. Must have at least 2 years of Vo-Ag classes. The applicant should have good academic and department standing in their high school Vo-Ag classes. Work experience, supervised agricultural experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills, and academics will be additional considerations. Must have a GPA of 2.7 or higher. The Spencerville student is eligible for the scholarship for 2 years, but must apply annually. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Two letters of recommendation are required. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Betsy Youngpeter Memorial Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at SHS. Need to be accepted to a four-year college or university. Preference will be given to students planning to major in nursing or related medical field. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member other than the principal or counselor is required. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Charles and Marie Violet Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at SHS. Preference will be given to students going into education, but it is not necessary. One letter of recommendation from someone (non family member) outside of the school is required. This is a \$300 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Spencerville Educational Foundation Student Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at SHS. Must have a minimum 2.70 GPA. Need to have a sound interest and positive attitude toward further education and a record of performance of activities in school and in the community. Two letters of recommendation are required. One needs to be from a Spencerville Local School District employee (excluding counselor and principal) and the other one needs to come from an employer or community member not related to you. Various amounts up to \$3,000 given. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Greg Hover Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at SHS, have a minimum 3.5 GPA, and be accepted at an accredited university. Preference will be given to a student with a demonstrated aptitude in chemistry of physics. A brief essay (500-700 words) in response to the following quotation is required:

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and hold on to that childlike wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." – Stephen Hawking

This is a \$500 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Rob Richardson Scholarship (L) Must be a senior with a minimum 3.00 GPA and already accepted at an accredited 1 year, 2 year, or 4 year technical school, college, or university. A brief essay stating how has being a bearcat prepared you for the future is required. This scholarship is for \$1,000. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

FCCLA Scholarship (L) Must be a senior with a minimum 3.50 GPA and already accepted at an accredited 1 year, 2 year, or 4 year technical school, college, or university. The applicant must have taken at least one Home Economics class with Miss Purdy at some time during their high school career. A brief essay stating what does it mean to be a bearcat is required. This scholarship is for \$300. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Kathy Comer Scholarship (L) Must be a senior with a minimum 3.00 GPA and already accepted at an accredited 1 year, 2 year, or 4 year technical school, college, or university. The applicant must be going into education or related field. This scholarship is for \$300. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Hillbilly Truck Pull Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at Spencerville High School and accepted at an accredited university or trade school. Preference will be given to a student pursuing an agricultural related degree or attending a trade school. Applicant must have held a job, done volunteer work or been actively involved in church while in high school. A one-page essay stating 1) why volunteer work is important and 2) what benefits does it provide for local communities is required. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Ron and Lori Ringwald Scholarship (L) Must be a senior with a minimum 3.5 GPA and already accepted at an accredited university. Preference will be given to a student who demonstrates leadership and pursuing a health-related degree with intention of returning to serve the greater Spencerville community upon completion of that degree. A brief essay stating 1) why attending Spencerville High School has been important to them and 2) what their future educational and employment plans are and how they will use them to give back is required. This scholarship is for \$1,000. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship (L) Must be a high school senior or enrolled in college whose parent(s)/guardian reside in Auglaize County and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Need to pursue a two-year or four-year degree in a natural resource, agricultural related program, engineering or trade school. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Details and application can be found at www.auglaizeswcd.org or an application can be picked up in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: February 28, 2025

Smith Jones Family Foundation Be Great Book Scholarship (L) Must be a senior graduating and living in Allen County with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Must be a full-time student, enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college, university, technical or trade school next year. This scholarship will be applied directly to your student account. This is a \$1,000 scholarship and is renewable up to four consecutive years. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 7, 2025

American Association of University Women / Lima Branch (AAUW) Scholarship (L) Must be female and plan to be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall semester. Applicant needs to submit a letter of reference from a non-family member. A 350 word or less essay is due. Must donate 10 hours of volunteer time to the AAUW book fair. A minimum of ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to women of Allen County. This scholarship can be applied for in college also. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 7, 2025

Ohio Forestry Association E.B. Miller Memorial Scholarship (S) Must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen, and high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college with a two-year minimum program in forest resource education. The size and number of scholarship awards will be based on the return on investments from the month prior to the selection being a made. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded each year. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Ohio Natural Energy Foundation Scholarship (S) Need to pursue a career in the crude oil and natural gas industry, or related energy field. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. It is a \$1,500 annual scholarship which may be renewed up to 4 years. A short essay consisting of a minimum of 250 words detailing your career goals related to the natural gas and oil industry, how your degree or certificate will help towards your goals, and personal or family influences that guided you into this career path is required. Also, need to provide a resume that includes academic achievements, extracurricular activities, awards/recognitions, community service, and work history. Details can be found at www.OhioNaturalEnergy.org. Applications are also available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 1, 2025

Allen County Township Association Scholarship (L) Must be a senior planning to attend college and pursue an associate degree or higher. A 500-word essay on the topic, "How do you intend to use your college education to make a positive impact on Allen County, Ohio in the future?" is due. Two, \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 28, 2025

Charles River Biomedical Research College Scholarship (L) Must be a senior attending a high school in Allen County and intend to pursue a degree in biological or chemical sciences. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 1, 2025

Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship (L) Graduating seniors from customer schools (SHS) are eligible to apply. A one-page essay that includes the student's college major and describes how receiving a scholarship would impact their life is required. Must provide a Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Application must be submitted online. Details and application can be found at <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/2vxLes>.

Deadline: March 15, 2025

WTLW TV Broadcast Scholarship (L) Must be a senior that plans to attend a post-secondary educational institution and is interested in pursuing a career in broadcast television and/or related career in broadcast journalism, public relations, sales marketing, graphics design, web design, photo journalism, or other forms of mass media. The student must attend a high school located within WTLW TV's viewing area. In addition, an essay, no longer than one page answering specific questions, is required. This scholarship is for \$1,000. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 1, 2025

Lima Host Lion's Swords Memorial Scholarship (L) Must attend a college, university or trade school in the summer or fall immediately following high school graduation. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applicant must have completed a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer and/or community service. There are three \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships. A short essay consisting of a minimum of 300-500 words describing your experiences in community service and describing what you hope to accomplish in the future is required. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Ronald W. Richards Scholarship (L) Must be a senior in Allen County, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and major in some field of music in college. Must complete a 250 plus word essay entitled "My Plans for a Career in Music". Two letters of recommendation are required and if chosen the winner must perform a vocal or instrumental solo at a couple of places. This scholarship is for \$1,000 and is renewable up to four years. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: February 27, 2025

OhioMeansJobs Allen County Scholarship (L) This scholarship will be awarded to one senior from each school district who plans to work in the Allen County region. Any high school senior planning to attend post-secondary or vocational training, going straight to the workforce, pursuing a skilled trade, or joining the military can apply. This scholarship is for \$1,000. Details and application can be found at <https://omjallen.com/career-services/scholarship>.

Deadline: April 18, 2025

FEBRUARY

Junior Service League of Lima Scholarship (L) Need to pursue a degree in education or an education related field. One 250-500 word essay answering two questions below is also required. "Who and/or what has influenced you and helped guide you toward an intended education major?" and "Explain how you will make an impact on the future of a young person/student?" Two, \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: February 28, 2025

Hagan Scholarship (N) Must have a 3.50 GPA and work 240 hours during the twelve months prior to each fall semester in college. Applicant's Adjusted Gross Household Income reported for Federal Income Tax Purposes must not exceed \$100,000. \$7,500 will be awarded each semester while in college. Details and application can be found at www.hsfmo.org.

Deadline: March 15, 2025

Jim Murray Memorial Scholarship (S) Must be entering college in the fall, majoring in instrumental music education or music composition and theory. One 300-500 word essay addressing your college goals, what you intend to do with your education, why you are interested in music education, and why you believe music is important for the human person is required. The amount of the scholarship to be awarded was not included. Details and application can be found at <http://www.jmurrayscholarship.org>.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Spencerville Education Association (SEA) Scholarship (L) Must be a senior at SHS pursuing a degree in education. This is a \$500 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 30, 2025

Hod and Audrey McCollow Memorial Scholarship (L) Must be a graduating senior from Spencerville High School who desires a career in a health- or business-related field. Should no graduating senior meet that criteria, then the scholarship will be open to any senior entering a degree program. Preference will be given to the applicant who at the time of graduation evidences a financial need to initiate his/her post high school education program. Applicant must show evidence of leadership ability, either at school or in their community and he or she must possess good aptitude, attitude, and personal characteristics. There are two \$250 scholarships available. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2025

SHS Alumni Scholarship (L) Must be a Spencerville High School senior or graduate attending college. The number of scholarships given out will depend on the donations given to the association throughout the year. This scholarship is usually \$300, but it can vary. Recipients are asked to attend the banquet to receive their award. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Venedocia Lion's Club Scholarship (L) Must be a senior in our area who plans to attend an institution of higher learning beginning in the fall. Applicants should have already been accepted to such an institution and should be residents of York or Jennings Townships of Van Wert County, or children of club members in good standing. An essay of 200 words plus describing yourself, your accomplishments in high school, and your plans for the future must be attached. This is a \$500 scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Spencerville-Jennings PTO Scholarship (L) Applicant must be a person that is going forward to obtain a degree in education in the summer or fall term immediately following graduation. A 3.00 or higher GPA is required. There will be one scholarship awarded in the amount of \$500 made payable to the student after submission of proof of enrollment. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Stolly Insurance Group SUCCEED Scholarship (L) This scholarship is for any senior who is a primary resident of Ohio and will enroll in post-secondary education next year. There are two categories for which an applicant will be considered: 1) a young leader pursuing his or her post-secondary education that **is** related to a current or retired employee of Stolly Insurance Group; 2) a young leader pursuing his or her post-secondary education that **is not** related to a current or retired employee of Stolly Insurance Group. A 500-word essay is required. Three scholarships are worth \$1,000 each. Details and application can be found at <https://www.stolly.com/succeed-scholarship>.

Deadline: March 28, 2025

MARCH

Lima Memorial Health System Nursing Scholarship (L) Must be a senior and have a GPA of 3.0 and above. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who exhibit characteristics that will enable Lima Memorial Health System to continue providing excellent patient care. Scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing enrollment in a local nursing program OR entering into a Registered Nursing program as a full-time student OR entering into a Licensed Practical Nursing program as a full-time student. Each scholarship will cover the total costs of the nursing program, to include, tuition, books, lab fees, etc. In return for a scholarship award, the recipient must agree to work at LMHS for a minimum of 24 hours per month while actively enrolled in a nursing program (to include summer months). Scholarship recipient will agree to enter into the Nursing Work Agreement following attainment of degree in return for scholarship funds awarded. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: April 7, 2025

Stetson Patrick Etkorn Memorial Scholarship (L) Must be a senior and have a GPA of 2.5 or better. A student must also be enrolling in a post-secondary institution and attach an essay on the topic of a major life challenge you faced and how you preserved to the completed application. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: May 2, 2025

Farm Focus Scholarship (L) Must be a Van Wert County resident. Applicant must be a current high school senior or be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student majoring in an agricultural related program at a university, college, or technical school. GPA needs to be 2.50 or higher. There are two scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are available. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 28, 2025

VFW Scholarship (L) Must be a senior. Must have a relative who is affiliated with the VFW. The amount given varies year to year. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office or you can pick one up from the VFW.

Deadline: April 16, 2025

Don G. Doty Memorial Scholarship (L) Must be a son, daughter, stepchild, or grandchild of an American Legion, Post 191, member. The member (sponsor) must be a current member of Post 191 for at least two years and in good standing at the time of their death. Applicant must attach a 1-2 page statement of "Plans and Educational Goals." Applicant must provide proof of acceptance from an accredited college, university, or technical school. Scholarships this year will not exceed \$2,000 each. No more than six scholarships will be awarded this school year. Applications are available in the guidance counselor's office or can be picked up at the American Legion.

Deadline: April 21, 2025