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We have gone through various search engines to try and make a comprehensive list of what is available to our middle school students. Provided is some information, deadlines, and web links to get more information or apply. We will update this page as we are made aware of new opportunities. Please take this chance to apply NOW and get the scholarships that are waiting for you!

Scholarship	Award Amount	Deadline	Information	Link to Website
Animal Rescue TV Art Contest - "Animal Rescue"	Prize Package	Monthly	We're asking our young "Animal Rescue" fans (age 16 and under) to send us drawings of their favorite animals. Every month we will select one drawing to post on our website.	http://www.animalrescuetv.com Submit entries to: Telco Productions, Inc. 2730 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 200 Santa Monica, CA 90403
Animal Rescue TV Short Essay Contest "Why I love my Pet"	Prize Package	Monthly	Here is your chance to let everyone know how much your pet means to you. Tell us (in 100 words or less) why you love your pet. Selected essays will be posted on our website and each month one lucky winner will receive an "Animal Rescue" Package. Every month we will select one drawing to post on our website.	http://www.animalrescuetv.com/why-i-lovemy- pet.shtml Submit entries to: Telco Productions, Inc. 2730 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 200 Santa Monica, CA 90403 Email Entries to: mail@animalrescuetv.com
AUGUST				
Make Me Laugh Scholarship	\$1,500	8/31/15	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "OMG finding and applying for scholarships is serious business, but it's time to lighten things up a little. We don't want to know why you deserve \$1,500 or how great your grades are, we simply want to LOL. Describe an incident in your life, funny or embarrassing (fact or fiction), and make us laugh!"	Rules and Guidelines
SEPTEMBER				
"MAKE YOUR MARK" BOOKMARK CONTEST (UESP/ZIONS)	Award: \$1,000 college savings scholarship account with the Utah Educational Savings Plan	Deadline: September 30, 2015	Criteria: For students K-12. Submit a bookmark design on the official form (see website Link).	Rules and Guidelines
Shout it Out	\$1,500	9/30/2015	Have something on your mind? Let it out, or better yet SHOUT it out. Give your thoughts a voice and earn free college money at the same time. Our Shout It Out Scholarship committee wants to know what you have to say. Whether it's a message for the world or just a quick "hi mom," this is your opportunity to speak up and win money for college. We're listening! Applicants must: - Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application - Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2020) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education -Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?"	Rules and Guidelines
Team America Rocketry Challenge		9/1/15-12/4/2015	Team America Rocketry Challenge is a national model rocket competition open to US junior high school and high school students (grades 7-12). It is sponsored by AIA and the National Association of Rocketry. The top 100 teams compete for \$60,000 in scholarships. For more information, send email torocketcontest@aia-aerospace.org.	www.rocketcontest.org

October	-			
Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award	up to \$10,000	2015–2016 Deadline I: 10/1/2015 Deadline II: 12/1/2015 Deadline III: 2/1/2016	From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation share a passion for helping exceptional young people achieve their potential. Each year, From the Top chooses approximately 20 exceptional pre-collegiate musicians ages 8–18 with financial need for the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award. Over the past eight years, From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation have awarded more than \$1.8 million to deserving young musicians. Please read "Explore the Application Process" for information on how to apply.	Rules and Guidelines
Youth Free Expression Network Film Contest	\$6,000	10/31/15	Complete the online application and upload your video response of 4 minutes or less to YouTube telling about a time when parents, a teacher (have to long in to get the rest of the information)	Youth Free Expression Network Film Contest
Zombie Apocalypse	\$2,000	10/31/15	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Imagine that your high school/college has been overrun with Zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Use your brain to flesh out a plan to avoid the Zombies, including where you would hide and the top 5 things you would bring with you to stay alive."	Rules and Guidelines
NOVEMBER			•	
Create Real Impact	Multiple awards ranging from \$500- \$1500	11/5/2015	Create an original work showcasing your idea for a SOLUTION to the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving. Note: The focus of this contest are solutions to the problem of driving distractions such as texting, talking on the phone, eating, applying makeup, showing off, etc. behind the wheel. While extremely dangerous and highly illegal, drinking and driving/impaired driving is NOT the focus of this contest. Entries involving drinking and driving/impaired driving WILL NOT be accepted. <u>Video</u> : 2 minutes max – uploaded to YouTube. It is required that the video be publicly accessible and Impact Teen Drivers is tagged. Description must include the entry name, appropriate cast and crew credits, and any back-story on the piece. <u>Music</u> : 2 minutes max, file uploaded directly to our website. Description must include lyrics for the song with all necessary performance credits, name of piece, and any back-story on the work. <u>Creative Writing</u> : 1,200 words max – upload your original file directly to our website through the upload link on the registration page. Entries with more than 1,200 words will not be eligible and will be automatically removed from consideration. <u>Artwork</u> : Poster or t-shirt original artwork – upload your file directly to our website through the upload link on the registration page. Entries using borrowed imagery must secure expressed and written permission for use within the piece as well as from Impact Teen Drivers. Create Real Impact Contest Awards are open only to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia between the ages of 14 and 22 years. Entrants must be enrolled as full-time students in an accredited educational institution (secondary [middle/high] school, trade school, college, or university). All applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited.	Rules and Guidelines
l AM Power Poetry	\$1,000	11/6/15	As you grow older, the person you become isn't necessarily the person you always thought you'd turn out to be- and that's not a bad thing. Usually, it's the difficulties in life that help you to learn and grow stronger. Every individual is shaped by unique life experiences and at the end of the day, no two people are exactly alike. We want to know how you define yourself. If you were a word in the dictionary and someone flipped to your page, what would they find there? Essentially, what makes youyou? How did you become the person you are today? Share your poem with us for your chance to win \$1,000 for college. - You must be between 13 and 25 years old at the time of submission.	Rules and Guidelines
Angela Award	\$1,000	11/30/15	This award honors one female student in grades 5–8, who is involved in or has a strong connection to science. The award has been established in honor of Gerry Wheeler, Executive Director Emeritus, and his outstanding dedication to NSTA and lifelong commitment to science education	Angela Award

Prudential Spirit of Community	Students chosen as Local Honorees receive a Certificate of Achievement from their schools or organizations. Those who qualify (50 hours of service for age 14 and younger, 100 hours for those older) also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a non-profit, charitabile organization of their choice.	11/3/15	The application must: - students have to be nominated - is in grades 5-12 as of November 4 - describe an individual's community service activity or an individual's significant leadership in a group activity that has taken place during the previous year, - be completed and submitted to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 4, and - be certified by the principal of a middle level or high school or the head of an officially designated local organization. These individuals should review implementation instructions carefully.	Rules and Guidelines		
Maryknoll Student Essay Contest	PRIZES: 1st PLACE: \$1,000 per division 2nd PLACE: \$300 per division 3rd PLACE: \$150 per division	11/3/15	ASSIGNMENT: Write an essay, sharing a real-life story of mercy that has inspired you. What does this story teach you about the need for mercy in our world today? LENGTH:500–750 words. Pages should be typed or neatly handwritten in ink and stapled. Note: Spelling and grammar count. RULES:Students in grades 6–8 (Division I) and grades 9–12 (Division II) qualify. Entries must be written in English, only one entry per student. Children of Maryknoll employees, associates and affiliates are not eligible.	Maryknoll Essay Contest		
Education Matters Scholarship	\$5,000	11/30/15	As a scholarship seeker, you're probably already well-aware of the importance of an education. But, what about the naysayers? Have you come across someone who's tried to talk you out of college, saying that it's not worth it? While continuing your education takes time, and money, there's a certain value that everyone is hoping to achieve. Our Education Matters Scholarship is giving you the chance to state why education matters. Why does education matter to you? What is the value you hope to receive from college? What would you do to convince the college cynics? Speaking up for education could lead to helping you pay for your own. One applicant will be awarded our \$5,000 Education Matters scholarship Applicants must: - Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application - Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2020) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education - Complete an online scholarship search profile at ScholarshipExperts.com - Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"	Rules and Guidlines		

DECEMBER				
Christopher Reeve Award	\$1,000	12/1/15	 Nominees must be high school seniors or younger and the awardee must be a high school senior or younger at the time the recipient is notified in March. Nominations are accepted from September 1st through November 7th, 2013. One award recipient is selected in March and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Merriam-Webster, Inc. for post-secondary education. *Please note that the nominator cannot be a relative of the nominee. 	Rules and Guidelines
Fleet Reserve Association Essay Contest	The essay contest's grand national prize is \$5,000 with additional prizes of \$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place in grades seven through twelve. Each winners will receive an attractive plaque citing his or her achievement. Every entrant judged at the national level receives a certificate of recognition.	12/1/15	2015-2016 Theme: What the United States flag stands for? The essay contest's grand national prize is \$5,000 with additional prizes of \$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place in grades seven through twelve. All winners will receive an attractive plaque citing their achievement. Every entrant judged at the national level receives a "Certificate of Recognition." Additional prizes may be awarded to students winning at local branch and regional levels of competition. FRA's Essay Contest is open to all students grades 7 through 12 (including those who are home schooled).	Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines
AFA Teens Video Competition	AFA will award \$500 to the grand- prize winner and \$250 to the first runner-up. AFA will require these applicants' social security numbers in order to process payment. On February 1, AFA will notify the grand- prize winner and runner-up.	12/1/15	In a further effort to provide an outlet for teenagers to think creatively about Alzheimer's disease and to engage the younger generation in this cause, AFA is pleased to offer the AFA Teens Video Competition for teens ages 13-19. AFA will award \$500 to the grand-prize winner and \$250 to the first runner-up. The deadline for applications is December 1 of each year. Students are required to submit an autobiography and create an artistic or documentary (non-fiction) video of two minutes or less that conveys the following: - A moment in relation to Alzheimer's disease when you learned something about your understanding of the disease, learned something about caregiving, or decided to become a community volunteer/activist. . On February 1, AFA will notify the grand-prize winner and runner-up.	Contest Rules
NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest	Essays will be judged in two categories: Senior (grades 9-12) and Junior (grades 8 and below), with separate cash prizes awarded to the winners in each category. First place cash prizes are \$1,000, \$600 for second place, \$200 for third place, and \$100 for fourth place.	12/1/15	Description: The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund sponsors a scholarly writing contest for grades K-12. The theme for the essay is "What Does The Second Amendment Mean to You?"	Entry Form Rules and Guidelines
Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship	Get \$5000 Give \$5,000	12/11/15	The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships recognize and reward students who have made a significant impact in the fight against hunger. The scholarship recipients each receive \$5,000 for their education as well as a matching grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship is named for the Sodexo Foundation's founder and former president, who was an unstoppable champion in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to Steve's efforts, which made these scholarships possible, an emerging generation of leaders will be cultivated in the fight against hunger. Find more information on their website.	Rules and Guidelines

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YFEP YOUTH FILM CONTEST: The theme for the 12th Annual Youth Free Expression Film Contest is "THAT'S NOT FUNNY! CAN COMEDY CROSS A LINE?"	\$1,000	12/14/2015	Criteria: For students age 12-19. Entries can be videos of any kind, including documentary, animation, experimental, satire, fictional narrative, or music video. Make a film that is 4 minutes or less and that responds to this prompt: "We keep hearing scary claims about video games: they're too violent, they make kids antisocial, they're bad for us. But when do games ever get to speak for themselves? Now is your chance. Make a short film about why video games are important to you. Is it the stories, the graphics, the challenge, the teamwork? How does it feel when critics talk about video games, and games? Are there times when you think video games actually go too far?" Award: The top three winners receive awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, as well as a trip to New York with a guest, and a one-year membership to the Rubin Museum of Art. The first place winner will receive a \$5,000 partial scholarship to the New York Film Academy.	Rules and Guidelines
SBO Magazine Music	\$1,000	12/31/15	This Year's Theme: "Learning music is more that a class at school it also?" Contest deadline: Contest entries must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2015. School Band & Orchestra is pleased to announce the 16th annual scholarship competition for music students, grades four to 12. Since its inception, the SBO Essay Scholarship Contest has awarded more than \$280,000 in scholarship funds and music products to 140 students and their school programs.	Rules and Guidelines
Unigo \$10K Scholardhip	\$10,000	12/31/15	College is one of the most amazing experiences of your life. It's a leap into possibility, into the unknown. It will shape the course of your future. Even though many people have been through the college experience, every generation faces unique challenges. We want to know yours. Whether you're already in college or planning to go, what's the biggest challenge facing college students today and how it can be addressed? In 250 words or less, tell us what you think Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question:"What's the biggest challenge facing college students today and how can it be addressed?"	Rules and Guidelines
Top 10 List Scholarship	\$1,500	12/31/15	Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship." Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship."	Rules and Guidelines

January				
Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	Variety of awards	ТВА	There are two different awards: 1 for Art and 1 for Writing. You are welcome to apply for one or both. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are open to US and Canadian students in grades 7-12. It is sponsored by Scholastic Inc. and administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Inc. More than 250,000 students enter the competition each year. Gold Portfolio Award recipients receive \$10,000 scholarships (5 for art, 5 for writing, 2 for photography). For more information, call 1-212-343-6493, write to The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, or send email to A&WGeneralinfo@scholastic.com.	Rules and Guidelines Scholarships and awards
JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST	Amount : \$500 – \$10,000	Deadline : Jan. 6, 2016	Criteria: Open to students in grades 9-12. Must submit a 1,000-word essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in <i>Profiles of Courage</i> . Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956. Use at least five varied, reliable sources, including primary sources. Application must list a nominating teacher.	Rules and Guidelines
StudentCam Documentary	Up to \$5,000	11/2/15-1/20/16	Students in grades 6-12 are asked to create a short (5-7 minute) video documentary on a topic related to the competition theme listed below. Lots more information online!	Rules and Guidelines
DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition		1/31/16	Information on Chegg.com	Rules and Guidelines
l Have a Dream	\$1,500	1/31/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "We want to knowwhat do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams with us for a chance to win \$1,500 for college."	How to Apply
February				
ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA VIDEO COMPETITION	AFA is pleased to offer the AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship. Scholarship awards to deserving college-bound students will be a \$5,000 scholarship to the winner; and \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships to the first and second runners-up, respectively. Additionally, seven \$500 scholarships will be awarded for Honorable Mention.	2/15/2016	This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Students are required to submit an autobiography and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions: How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life? What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease?	Rules and Guidelines
Math Moves U Middle School Scholarship	\$1,000	2/7/16	Submissions will be evaluated based on creativity, originality, time commitment, the use of math equations to demonstrate how math moves you or the world around you. Specifically, how well the student answers the question: "Math is in the world all around us. Morning, noon, and night -how does math move you or the world around you?	Rules and Guidelines
Davidson Fellows		2/1/16	Davidson Fellowships are awarded by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development to US students under age 18 who have completed a significant piece of work in the fields of Mathematics, Science, Technology, Music, Literature, Philosophy or Outside the Box. The significant piece of work should have the potential to benefit society. The focus of the program is on gifted and talented students. There is no minimum age for eligibility. Four \$50,000 scholarships, seven \$25,000 scholarships, and five \$10,000 scholarships are awarded each year. For more information send email to davidsonfellows@ditd.org.	Rules and Guidelines

Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship Contest	\$10,000	5/26/15-2/25/16 ages 14 & up	Here's How: • Submit original photo, artwork or computer graphics for the front of a greeting card • Contest submissions accepted from March 18, 2013 - January 15, 2014 Winner will be announced March 14, 2014 • Age Eligibility: Must be 14 years or older at time of entry and be enrolled in High School, College, University or Homeschool	Contest Rules
Optimist International Essay Contest	\$2,500	2/28/16	Interested students must contact their local Optimist Club. They need to submit an essay on the pre- assigned topic. To find out a contact, please e-mail the Programs Department at programs@optimist.org. The Essay Contest planning pages are intended for use by Optimist Clubs in organizing and conducting a contest in their Club. They contain no information on entering the contest and are of no use to students	Rules and Guidelines Optimist International Essay Contest
MARCH			wishing to enter the contest. Students must contact their local Optimist Club.	
Young Naturalist Awards	7th grade - \$500 8th Grade - \$750	3/1/16	The Young Naturalist Awards is a research-based science essay contest open to US and Canadian students in grades 7-12. It is sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History and the Chase Manhattan Foundation. Two scholarships are awarded to the winning essays at each grade level	Rules and Guidelines
Kohl's Kids Who Care Program	up to \$5,000	ТВА	The Kohl's Kids Who Care Program (www.kohlskids.com) honors students age 6-18 who are involved in community service. Candidates enter by being NOMINATED (nominations begin January 31, 2014) by an adult age 21 years or older. Nominees are considered in two age groups, 6-12 and 13-18, with three prize levels within each group. More than 2,000 children will receive a total of more than \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes. More than 2,000 store winners each receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card, 194 regional winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and 10 national winners each receive a \$5,000 scholarship	Kohl's Kids Who Care Program Rules and Guidelines
Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition	Variety of awards	There are various awards, so there are different deadlines	Note that the rules and deadlines for Haiku Society of America contests sometimes change from year to year. We kindly ask that if you forward the contest announcements to anyone, please be sure to give them the entire announcement for the current year. We thank you now for your future cooperation and know that these changes will help ensure that all of our contests run smoothly for years to come. We look forward to your entries! The deadlines for upcoming HSA-sponsored contests are listed below: • Bernard Lionel Einbond Renku Contest: February 28, 2016 • Nicholas Virgilio Haiku Contest: March 25, 2016 • Mildred Kanterman Merit Book Awards: March 31, 2016	Haiku Contests
Superpower Scholarship	\$2,500	3/31/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?"	Rules and Guidelines

April				
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes	\$5,000	4/15/2016 Opens 1/4/16	The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited, highly diverse young people from all across America. Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. The top ten winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. The primary goal of the Prize is to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others.	How to Nominate
All About Education Scholarship	\$3,000	4/30/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application School can get expensive, so we want to know how winning a \$3,000 All About Education Scholarship could help make a difference in your life. Will it ease the burden of student loans? Will it offer you the opportunity to pursue a dream? Will it help you inspire others to work towards their own goals?	Rules and Guidelines
MAY				
East Villagers Service Scholar Essay and Art Contest		5/2/16	This is the fifth year the East Villagers Non-Profit Community is offering an opportunity for young service-minded scholars to express their passion for community service through essays and artworks. Winners from Northern California will be invited to present their work at the annual Service Scholar Award Celebration hosted by the Ping & Amy Chao Family Foundation. Students must complete 5 hours of community service and fill out the Service Requirement Form to provide proof. All students enrolled in Middle School through High School in the United States are eligible to apply.	Rules and Guidelines
Brower Youth Award	\$3,000	TBA May 2016	Outstanding leadership means that you played the major leadership role in creating, organizing and implementing your project or campaign(s). We are looking for individuals with vision, motivation, and leadership skills. Project impact includes how the project benefited the environment and community in terms of measurable results (e.g. acres of wildlife protected or restored, number of people engaged in environmental issues because of the project, numbers of children no longer exposed to toxins, etc.). Ages: 13-22	http://www.broweryouthawards.org/apply/#over view
			Award: \$3000 plus trip to CA and short film porduces about student work.	
Fifth Month Scholarship	\$1,500	5/31/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here's a high five to you for being original."	Rules and Guidelines
JUNE				
Do Over Scholarship	\$1,500	6/30/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why? "	Rules and Guidelines
JULY				
Flavor of the Month Scholarship	\$1,500	7/31/16	Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. In fact, July is National Ice Cream Month and that's the inspiration behind this award. We think people are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, while some are very comforting.	Rules and Guidelines