

Senior Scholarships 101

November 1, 2023

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Director of Scholarships



Learning Objectives



- Criteria & eligibility
- Types of scholarships & examples
- Application process
- Award process

Hillsborough Education Foundation



- We believe strengthening public education builds a better community.
- We believe that public school success is vital to our county's prosperity.
- We believe that a community engaged in making educational excellence a priority will transform Hillsborough County.



2022 – 2023 Awards



- Over 220 scholarships
 - \$500 to 4-Year University Florida Prepaid

Total value =

\$645,000+

Donors



Who Are They?

Individuals / Families

- Gift in honor of someone
- Memorial
- Endowments

Companies

- Outback Steakhouse
- The Industrial Company

Non-Profit Organizations

- Sorority alumni
- Kiwanis
- Derek Jeter Turn 2 Foundation
- Gasparilla Krewes







Eligibility

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- Hillsborough county seniors
- Public school
 - Charter
 - **⇒** Virtual
- Homeschool
- Private school



Eligibility



- GPA (Unweighted)
 - Cumulative State GPA
- Traditional universities, community & technical colleges
- Major
- High school
- Community service & extracurricular
- Financial need and more....



Financial Need



- Household qualifies for a social assistance program
 - ⇒ Free or reduced lunch (supported by most recent 1040 tax form)
 - Medicaid
 - **TANF**
 - **■** WIC
 - **■** SNAP
 - → Housing assistance
- Documentation required
 - Upload with application OR
 - 2 weeks after requested for pre-award



- Traditional College / University
- Technical College / Trade School
- 1-year
- Multi-year
 - Require annual update
 - Some are conditional
 - GPA minimums
- \$500 to \$40,000



Arthur H. Henderson Memorial Kiwanis Scholarship

- Minimum 3.25 UNWEIGHTED GPA
- Financial need
- 75+ community service hours
- 2 additional essays
- Preference for students majoring Education, or Early Childhood Preschool Education / Development



Braulio & Adelfa Alonso Scholarship

- Alonso High School senior
- Must attend a college or university



Outback Steakhouse Scholarship

- Must have minimum 3.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA
- Must attend a higher education culinary program

The Application

Apply!



Application Period

November 1 through January 31, 2024

2022-23

- 2182 started application
- 1165 completed application

Application



Online platform - AwardSpring

- One general application
 - Filters answers for all scholarships
- 2 required essays
 - Additional essays based on qualification
- Four sections
 - Student information
 - Postsecondary school & future plans
 - Household & financial information
 - Acknowledgements & authorizations
 - Parent / Guardian or student over 18

Getting to the Application



- Go to EducationFoundation.com/SeniorScholarships
- Click on Submit your application

Hillsborough Education Foundation awards twelfth grade students with aspirations of continuing their education after high school at a university, community or technical college with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$40,000.

Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria such as GPA, field of study, financial need, challenges overcome, SAT/ACT scores, school, community service or extracurricular activity participation and vary from scholarship to scholarship.

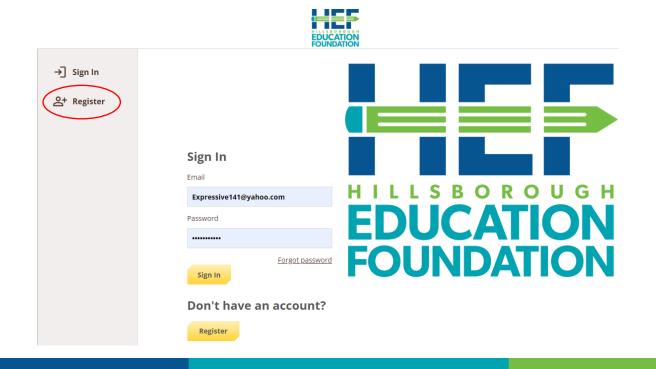
Class of 2024 Seniors, the senior scholarship application window is open now through January 31, 2024!



AwardSpring - Register



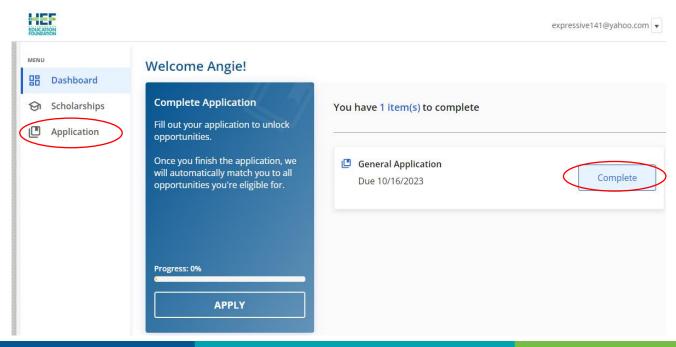
Click on **Register** and use the student's information



AwardSpring - Dashboard

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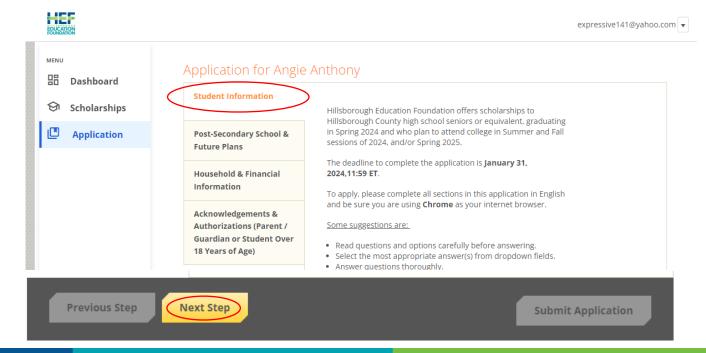
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- Click on **Application** or **Complete** to begin



AwardSpring - Application



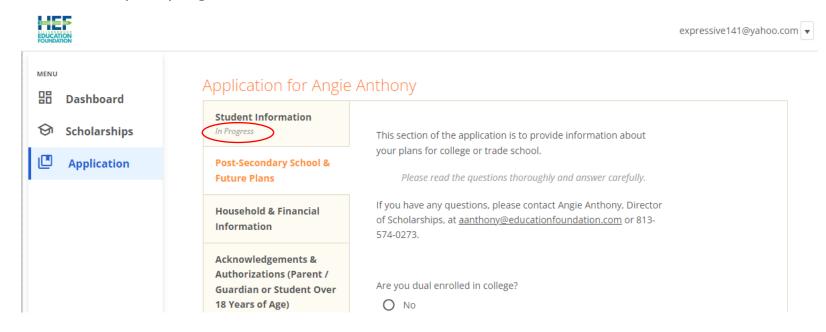
- Application tabs show sections to be completed and your progress
- Click **Next Step** to go to the next section
- Saves as you go



AwardSpring – Application



- You do not need to complete everything at the same time
- Tabs show your progress status



AwardSpring – Application





All sections will show status as **completed** when you finish the general application

Application for Angie Anthony



Hillsborough Education Foundation offers scholarships to Hillsborough County high school seniors or equivalent, graduating in Spring 2024 and who plan to attend college in Summer and Fall sessions of 2024, and/or Spring 2025.

The deadline to complete the application is **January 31**, **2024**,11:59 ET.

To apply, please complete all sections in this application in English and be sure you are using **Chrome** as your internet browser.

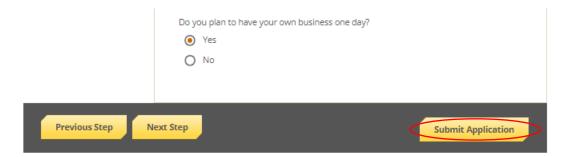
Some suggestions are:

- Read guestions and options carefully before answering.
- Select the most appropriate answer(s) from dropdown fields.
- · Answer questions thoroughly.
- Type essay answers in Word and spellcheck before pasting into the application - <u>GRAMMAR & SPELLING COUNT.</u>
- If you don't know an answer, don't guess ask a

AwardSpring - Application



- When all sections are completed, the **Submit Application** button will be enabled
- Click Submit Application
- You can return to make changes after submitting



AwardSpring – Follow-Ups



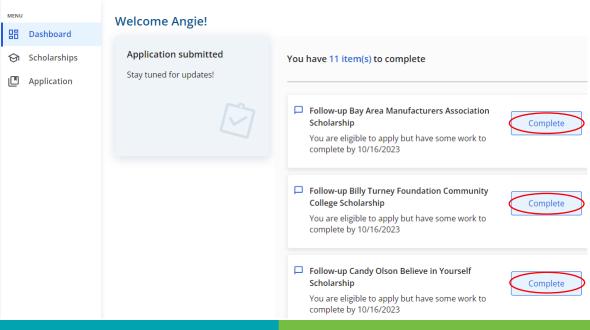
Lands back on **Dashboard** and shows follow ups for scholarships you qualify for

Click on **Complete** to see what you need to do next to complete your application for specific scholarships

Letter of recommendations

Additional essays

Upload financial need documentation



AwardSpring – Follow Ups

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Dashboard

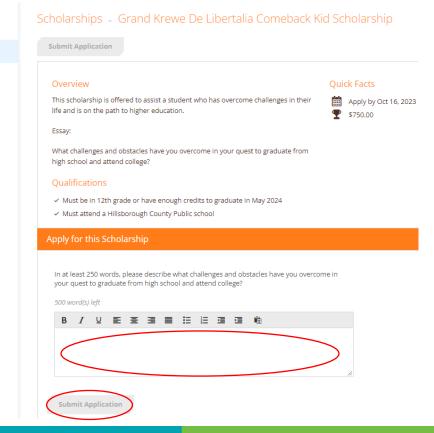
Scholarships

Application



Complete the additional information and clickSubmit Application

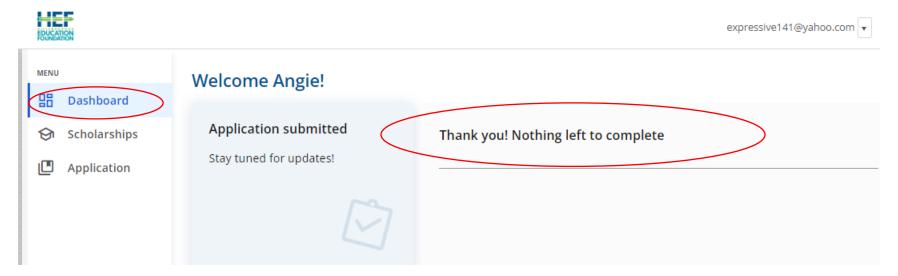
 You will need to do this for each scholarship that requires additional work



AwardSpring – Complete



- **Dashboard** indicates when all additional items are completed
- Click on Scholarships to see a list

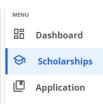


AwardSpring - Status





- Applied
- Not Qualified
- Complete Follow-up



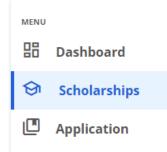
Scholarships

Filter ▼

Scholarship Name &	Award \$	<u>Deadline</u> ♦	Status
Adelle R. Harris Memorial Scholarship This scholarship is for a high school seniors with	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Not Qualified
Alex Anston "Hooked on Education" M This scholarship is for high school seniors with a	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Not Qualified
Andrew Lubrano Scholarship This scholarship is for high school seniors with a	N/A	m Due Oct 18, 2023	Not Qualified
Aparicio-Levy Technical College Schola This scholarship is for high school seniors who h	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Not Qualified
Arthur H. Henderson Memorial Kiwani This scholarship is for high school seniors with a	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Complete Follow-Up
AVID Hawks Scholarship This scholarship is for an Armwood High School	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Not Qualified
Bay Area Manufacturers Association S This scholarship is for high school seniors with fi	N/A	Due Oct 18, 2023	Applied
Billy Turney Foundation Community C This scholarship is for a high school senior who	N/A	m Due Oct 18, 2023	Applied

AwardSpring – Scholarships





Scholarships - Bay Area Manufacturers Association Scholarship

Overview

This scholarship is for high school seniors with financial need and a minimum 3.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA, who will major in STEM or a manufacturing-related field.

Qualifications

- ✓ Must be attending a Hillsborough County Public school
- ✓ Must be in 12th grade or have enough credits to graduate in May 2024
- ✓ Must demonstrate financial need
- ✓ Minimum UNWEIGHTED GPA of 3.0
- ✓ Must major in STEM or manufacturing

Quick Facts

Apply by Jan 31, 2024



\$1,500.00

Reviews

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- Donors
- 3 independent volunteer reviewers
- Conflict of interest
- Not included
 - Student name & contact information
 - Financial need
 - Race / ethnicity
 - Gender

Review Categories



- Unweighted GPA
- Extracurricular activities & leadership
- Community service hours
- Content of essays
 - Grammar & spelling count
- Employment hours

Awards

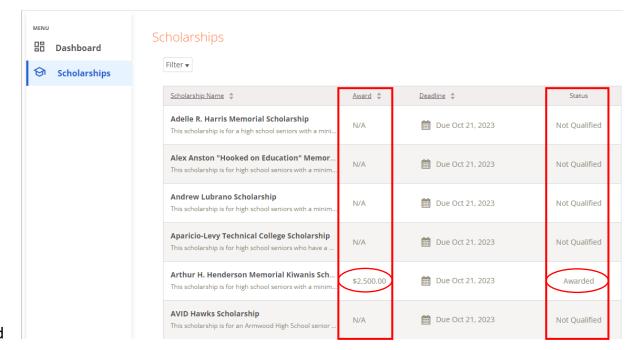
Awards



- Status
 - Applied
 - Not Applied
 - Not Qualified
 - Awarded
 - Denied
- Award amounts will display
- Preliminary awards

 ⇒ Financial need documents

 will be requested, if not uploaded



Awards

- Mid-April
 - Email from Angie Anthony / AwardSpring
 - Check your dashboard
- Award packet through USPS
 - ➡ Enrollment Verification Form college
 - Information Release Form
 - Social media, press releases, etc. no obligation
 - ⇒ Thank you letter for donor
- Check is sent directly to the school
- Tuition, books, fees, housing & meal plans
- Claim funds by February 28, 2025



Dear Angie,

Congratulations!

Hillsborough Education Foundation is pleased to inform you that you are the recipient of the Arthur H. Henderson Memorial Kiwanis Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00.

We will be verifying your GPA with the Hillsborough County Public School District and will send an Award Packet to you through regular mail at the beginning of June which will outline the next steps for you to claim your funds.

Please contact me at aanthony@educationfoundation.com or 813-574-0273 if you have any questions in the meantime and again, congratulations!

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Helpful Hints

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- Read instructions and questions thoroughly
 - <u>Unweighted GPA</u> (Cumulative State GPA)
- Review answer choices carefully
- Select all extracurricular activities that apply
- Answer the essay questions
 - Stay on topic
 - Word count
 - ⇒ High scoring points
- Spelling and grammar count
 - Scoring points
 - ⇒ Spell & grammar check in word, then copy/paste

Don't wait till the last minute!

Don't forget to
hit Submit
Application!

Important Dates





November 1, 2023 Application opens



January 31, 2024
Application closes



Mid-April – May 2024 Notifications

Expressing Gratitude

"Because of you I get to pursue a college education, a dream, and a future."

"You are not only making our dreams a reality, but you are also sowing the seeds of hope in the hearts of our families, who sacrificed their lives to bring us into this country."

"I look forward to being able to give back to the community once I begin to understand how my career plays an important role toward a diverse society."

"Saying thank you a million times wouldn't fully capture how appreciative I am for all your support. But once more, thank you so much for all of your help in making my dreams come true."

Questions

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