



# Senior Scholarships 101

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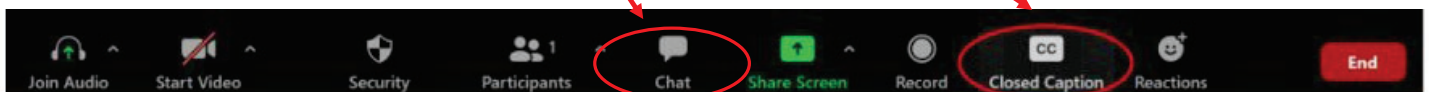
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Director of Scholarships



## Housekeeping



- We are recording this presentation and will post to our website
- Closed captioning is available
- Hold questions for Q & A at the end
  - Enter questions into the chat at that time



# 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.

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## Learning Objectives



- Criteria & eligibility
  - Types of scholarships & examples
  - Application process
  - Award process
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## 2023 – 2024 Awards



- Over 330 scholarships
  - \$500 to 4-Year University Florida Prepaid
- Total value =

**\$906,000**

# Donors



## Who Are They?

### Individuals / Families

- Gift in honor of someone
- Memorial
- Endowments

### Companies

- Suncoast Credit Union
- Outback Steakhouse

### Non-Profit Organizations

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

Over 100 Named Scholarships



# Eligibility

## Eligibility



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

*class of  
2025*



# Eligibility

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



# Demonstrating Financial Need

- Household qualifies for **ONE** of the following social assistance programs:
  - Free or Reduced Lunch (*Requires Tax Form 1040*)
  - Medicaid
  - WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)
  - TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
  - SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
  - Housing Assistance



# Demonstrating Financial Need



## ⇒ Household qualifies for **free or reduced lunch**

- ⇒ Maximum annual pre-tax earnings
  - (Line 9 on tax form 1040)
- ⇒ Supported by most recent 1040 tax form
  - 2023 or 2024 Tax Return
  - You can hide the social security numbers

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL
1	\$27,861
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532
For each additional family member, add	+\$9,953

# Demonstrating Financial Need



## ⇒ Documentation required

- ⇒ Upload with application **OR**
- ⇒ 2 weeks after requested for preliminary award



# Scholarships

## Scholarships



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



# Scholarships



## Arthur H. Henderson Memorial Kiwanis Scholarship

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

# Scholarships



## Braulio & Adelfa Alonso Scholarship

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

# Scholarships



## Outback Steakhouse Scholarship

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

# The Application

# Apply!



## Application Period

- November 1 through January 31, 2025

## 2023-24

- 2,777 started application
- 1,541 completed application

# Application



- Online platform - AwardSpring
- One general application
  - Filters answers for all scholarships
- 2 required 250-word 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



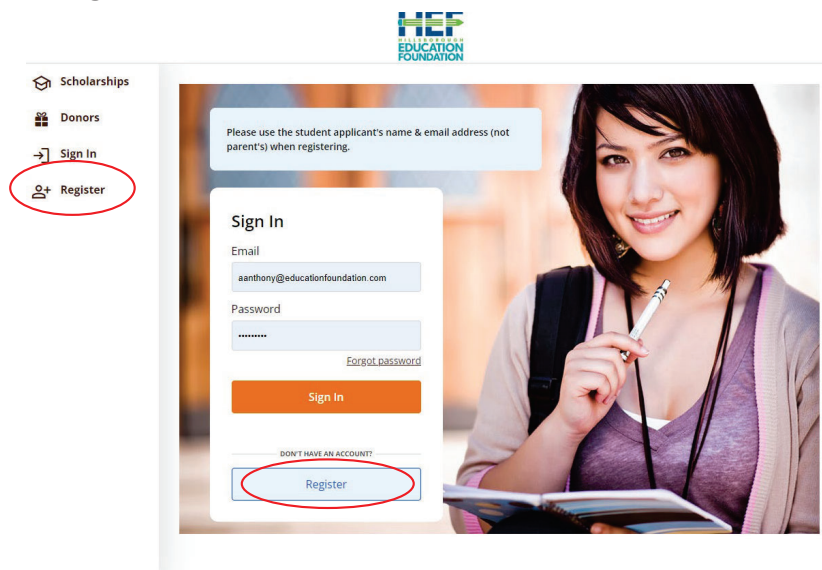
- ➡ Go to [EducationFoundation.com/SeniorScholarships](https://EducationFoundation.com/SeniorScholarships)
- ➡ Click on link to **Submit your application**



# AwardSpring - Register



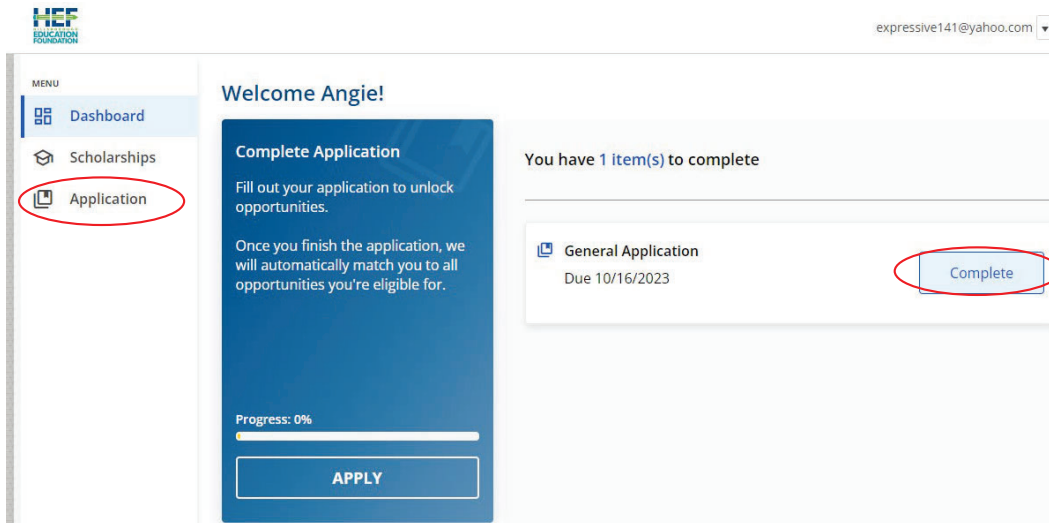
- ➡ Click on **Register** and use the student's information



# AwardSpring - Dashboard



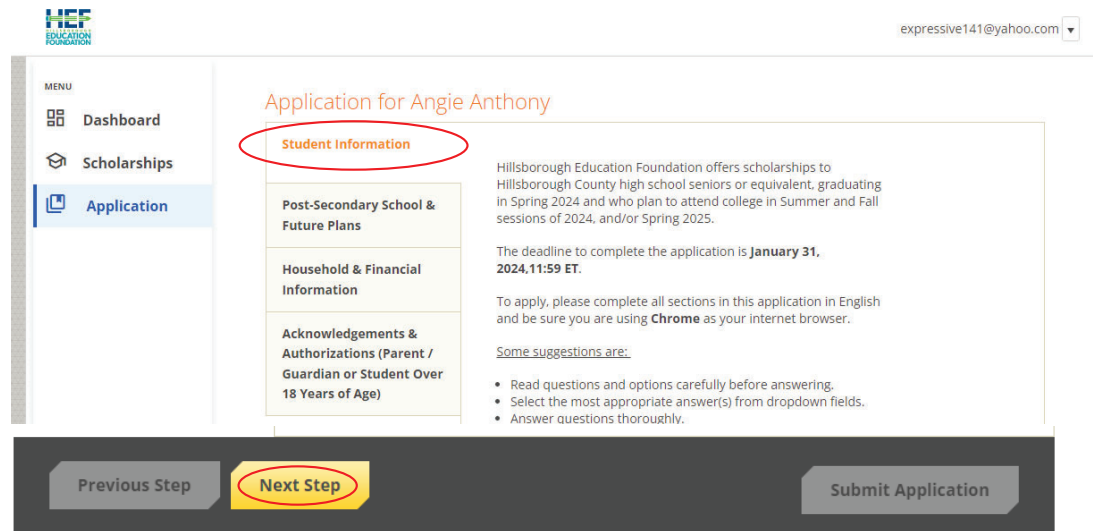
- ➡ Lands on the **Dashboard** when you log in
- ➡ Click on **Application** or **Complete** to begin



# 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

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### Application for Angie Anthony

**Student Information**  
In Progress

**Post-Secondary School & Future Plans**

**Household & Financial Information**

**Acknowledgements & Authorizations (Parent / Guardian or Student Over 18 Years of Age)**

This section of the application is to provide information about your plans for college or trade school.

*Please read the questions thoroughly and answer carefully.*

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Anthony, Director of Scholarships, at [aanthony@educationfoundation.com](mailto:aanthony@educationfoundation.com) or 813-574-0273.

Are you dual enrolled in college?

No

# AwardSpring – Application



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

### Application for Angie Anthony

**Student Information**  
Completed

**Post-Secondary School & Future Plans**  
Completed

**Household & Financial Information**  
Completed

**Acknowledgements & Authorizations (Parent / Guardian or Student Over 18 Years of Age)**  
Completed

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 questions 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 - **GRAMMAR & SPELLING COUNT**.
- 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

Do you plan to have your own business one day?

Yes

No

Previous Step   Next Step   **Submit Application**

# 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

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Welcome Angie!

Application submitted  
Stay tuned for updates!

You have 11 item(s) to complete

- Follow-up Bay Area Manufacturers Association Scholarship  
You are eligible to apply but have some work to complete by 10/16/2023 **Complete**
- Follow-up Billy Turney Foundation Community College Scholarship  
You are eligible to apply but have some work to complete by 10/16/2023 **Complete**
- Follow-up Candy Olson Believe in Yourself Scholarship  
You are eligible to apply but have some work to complete by 10/16/2023 **Complete**

# AwardSpring – Follow Ups



- ➡ Complete the additional information and click **Submit Application**
- ➡ You will need to do this for each scholarship that requires additional work

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Scholarships - Grand Krewe De Libertalia Comeback Kid Scholarship

Submit Application

**Overview**

This scholarship is offered to assist a student who has overcome challenges in their life and is on the path to higher education.

**Quick Facts**

- Apply by Oct 16, 2023
- \$750.00

**Essay:**

What challenges and obstacles have you overcome in your quest to graduate from high school and attend college?

**Qualifications**

- ✓ Must be in 12th grade or have enough credits to graduate in May 2024
- ✓ Must attend a Hillsborough County Public school

**Apply for this Scholarship**

In at least 250 words, please describe what challenges and obstacles have you overcome in your quest to graduate from high school and attend college?

500 word(s) left

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**Submit Application**

# AwardSpring – Complete



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

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expressive141@yahoo.com

**Welcome Angie!**

Application submitted

Stay tuned for updates!

**Thank you! Nothing left to complete**



# AwardSpring - Status



- ☰ Statuses
  - ☰ Applied
  - ☰ Not Qualified
  - ☰ Complete Follow-up

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## Scholarships

Filter ▾

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

# AwardSpring – Scholarships



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## 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.

### Quick Facts

- 📅 Apply by Jan 31, 2024
- 🏆 \$1,500.00

### 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

# Reviews

## Reviews



- 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 by email, if not uploaded

Scholarship Name	Award	Deadline	Status
<b>Adelle R. Harris Memorial Scholarship</b> This scholarship is for a high school seniors with a mini...	N/A	Due Oct 21, 2023	Not Qualified
<b>Alex Anston "Hooked on Education" Memor...</b> This scholarship is for high school seniors with a minim...	N/A	Due Oct 21, 2023	Not Qualified
<b>Andrew Lubrano Scholarship</b> This scholarship is for high school seniors with a minim...	N/A	Due Oct 21, 2023	Not Qualified
<b>Aparicio-Levy Technical College Scholarship</b> This scholarship is for high school seniors who have a ...	N/A	Due Oct 21, 2023	Not Qualified
<b>Arthur H. Henderson Memorial Kiwanis Sch...</b> This scholarship is for high school seniors with a minim...	\$2,500.00	Due Oct 21, 2023	Awarded
<b>AVID Hawks Scholarship</b> This scholarship is for an Armwood High School senior ...	N/A	Due Oct 21, 2023	Not Qualified

# Awards

- Mid-April
  - Email from Angie Anthony / AwardSpring
  - Check your dashboard
- Claiming Funds
  - 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, 2026**



# Helpful Hints

## Helpful Hints



- ⇒ Read instructions and questions thoroughly
  - ⇒ Unweighted GPA (Cumulative State GPA)
- ⇒ Review answer choices carefully
- ⇒ Select all extracurricular activities that apply
- ⇒ Answer the essay questions & follow ups
  - ⇒ 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, 2024  
Application opens



January 31, 2025  
Application closes



Mid-April – May 2025  
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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