

# SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

## RJ Reynolds High School

### September 29, 2025

#### **2026-27 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

The FAFSA form is now available for the 2026-27 school year.

Create a FAFSA ID <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

#### **Residency Determination Service (RDS)**

Complete your RDS through <https://www.ncresidency.org/>. RDS Resources will answer all questions, from knowing the basics to helping students with undocumented parents, to the appeals process - all is readily available through easy-to-navigate instructions.

RDS enables a student to use one residency determination for applying to multiple North Carolina public colleges and universities and to demonstrate residency for state aid programs consideration at all (public and private) North Carolina colleges and universities. <https://www.cfnc.org/education-professionals/get-help-with-residency-determination/>

#### **Are you a Crosby Scholar?**

Crosby Scholars has OVER 30 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES that are only available for Crosby Scholars Seniors! To learn more about the different types of scholarships that will be open soon. Check out Crosby's [Scholarship Pathways](#) for additional information and scholarships.

#### **WINSTON-SALEM / FORSYTH COUNTY EMANCIPATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Academic Excellence (at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale), character, service to the community, strength of essay, personal interview, demonstrate financial need

Awards: \$1,000 (several)

Deadline: October 30, 2025

Contact: Application available on the [RJR Website in Student Services](#)

#### **NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Criteria: UW GPA of 3.0, SAT/ACT not required but strongly encouraged, be willing to teach in a STEM, special education, or elementary education (K-6) licensure area in a North Carolina public school, traditional or charter.

Partner Institutions: Appalachian State, East Carolina, Elon, Fayetteville State, Meredith, NC A&T, NC State, UNC Chapel-Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Pembroke

Awards: up to \$10,000 a year

Deadline: Application will open in October 2025 for the 2026-27 academic year

Contact: <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/ncteachingfellows/apply/>

#### **UNCG SPARTAN EDUCATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Criteria: Seniors who plan to major in Education (Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Deaf Education, Special Education, or Dual Elementary & Special Education) and have at least a 3.8 weighted cumulative GPA.

Deadline: For best consideration apply by January 1, 2026

Awards: Up to \$28,000 scholarships distributed incrementally over four years

Contact: Visit <https://soe.uncg.edu/soe-scholarships-funding/teacher-education-fellows/> for more information and the application

### **EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Criteria: Varies by scholarship  
Awards: Varies by scholarship  
Deadline: Deadlines for ECU scholarships start as early as October 15th  
Contact: Link to ECU scholarship opportunities <https://ecu.academicworks.com/opportunities>

### **NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Criteria: On a team at a NCHSAA member high school  
Awards: Various  
Deadline: Various  
Contact: Applications and information at <https://www.nchsa.org/nchsa-scholarship-opportunities/>

### **UNCF SCHOLARSHIPS, PROGRAMS, INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Criteria: UNCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority group members. Each year, they award more than \$100 million in scholarships to students attending more than 1,100 schools across the country, including the UNCF prestigious network of 37 HBCUs.  
Awards: Various  
Deadline: Various  
Contact: Search for opportunities at <https://uncf.org/scholarships> For more information on UNCF Scholarships and Program opportunities call (202) 810-0258

### **LENOIR-RHYNE TEACHING SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Criteria: Scholars will be selected based on their potential for academic excellence as a university student and a sincere desire to serve others through a career in teaching. Typically, selected scholars have a 3.0 GPA or better, are involved in the school and community, have completed service hours and have demonstrated a vision for their future.  
Awards: Several scholarships for four years (along with other scholarships and financial aid)  
Deadline: To be considered for the program, submit a completed application for admission by November 15 and a completed scholarship application by December 1.  
Contact: Apply at <https://www.lr.edu/academics/research-scholarship/teaching-scholars#a21586>

### **NC ELKS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Criteria: Senior must be participating in a school curriculum that involves health care activities. It is also recommended that the applicant be in the top 25% of his/her class and be actively involved in nursing related activities.  
Awards: \$1,000 for one year  
Deadline: December 9, 2025  
Contact: Scholarship information and application available at <http://ncelks.org/programs/nursing-scholarship/>

### **THE JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION**

Criteria: Applicant must be graduating, minority high school senior, plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution, show leadership potential, demonstrate a dedication to community service, present evidence of financial need  
Awards: Various – about 60 awards annually  
Deadline: January 9, 2025  
Contact: Go to: <https://jackierobinson.org/apply/>

### **ELON UNIVERSITY – ODYSSEY PROGRAM**

Criteria: A merit-based program for academically strong, civically engaged, action-oriented student leaders in their communities and demonstrate high financial need.  
Awards: Multiple scholarships  
Deadline: January 15, 2026  
Contact: Go to: [Elon University / Undergraduate Admissions / Odyssey Program](#)

### **RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

- Criteria: The Program which was named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences. Demonstrate financial need.
- Awards: Scholarships 20-25 (\$10,000 per year for four years)
- Deadline: December 1, 2025
- Contact: Information and application available at: <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/>

### **JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- Criteria: Students with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or higher and demonstrate financial need. Will consider participation in advanced courses and commitment to learning. Leadership, persistence and service to others. Will consider applicants with family annual gross income up to \$95,000 The average family income of Cooke Foundation scholars selected this past year was \$34,000
- Awards: Various scholarships – can be as much as \$55,000 per year
- Deadline: November 12, 2025 Student will apply through the Common App.
- Contact: More information and online application at: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>