

**KYB Leadership Workshop
June 12, 2026
Brown-Daniel Library
Tennessee State University**

**Adopt the Scholarship Mindset!!!!
Part 1**

Find more curated scholarship information at the Scholarship Tigers blog:
<https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

Scholarships for High School Students

Freewriting Towards a \$2,000 Scholarship

Freewrite (write on paper anything that comes to your mind for two to three minutes, not worrying about grammar or being correct) on the following:

What's your plan to avoid a horde of zombies. Where would you hide and what top 5 things would you bring with you to stay alive.

After this pre-writing, you can explore and work on the \$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>
\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, D: Oct 31, 2026

Submit an online written response or a video response to the following prompt:

"Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive." (250 words or less)

More Scholarships for High School Students

The above scholarship is an example of a scholarship that depends on your creativity and your entry rather than any GPA. There are several scholarships out there that don't require any GPA.

1. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>
\$1,000-\$10,000 Unigo Scholarships, monthly

Unigo.com is a database of scholarships for students. Unigo also offers its own scholarships, mostly monthly, that don't require any GPA.

Here are some of them:

\$1,500 Do-Over Scholarship, D: June 30, 2026
\$1,500 Make Me Laugh Scholarship, D: Aug 31, 2026
\$5,000 Education Matters Scholarship, D: Nov 30, 2026
\$10,000 Unigo \$10K Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2026

Here are some general guidelines for all of Unigo scholarships: "This award is for U.S. students. Must be a legal U.S. resident. Must be a resident of one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia. Must be 14 years of age or older at time of application.

2. <https://dosomething.org/pays-to-do-good>
\$250-\$10,000 DoSomething Scholarships, ages 13-25, Deadlines vary

From webpage: "Are you between the ages of 13 and 25 years old and live in the U.S. (or are a U.S. citizen, but living abroad), interested in volunteering, and looking for scholarship opportunities? Then you're in the right spot.

Enter for the opportunity to earn a scholarship by doing community service. No essays, no GPA requirements, no recommendations, no applications...and you can enter multiple scholarships. Official rules apply.

And don't worry if you haven't chosen a college, university or trade school yet, we'll hold on to your money until you have!"

These scholarships can range from \$250 to \$10,000, so I would recommend checking every two weeks or so.

3. <https://www.diplomaframe.com/contests/scholarship>
\$5,000, two \$2,000, and one \$2,000 Frame My Future Scholarships, opens around Oct 2026 and closes around April 15, 2027 [you most likely need to be a full-time student attending a college or university in the 2027-2028 academic year, be a legal resident of the 50 United States including U.S. Territories]

From webpage: "Submit an original photo, video, essay, painting, poem, or creative piece expressing what YOU hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after college."

4. <https://bold.org/scholarships/cariloops-caregiver-scholarship/>
\$3,250 first winner, \$2,250 second winner, \$1,500 third winner Cariloop's Caregiver Scholarship, D: June 30, 2026

Selected criteria from webpage: “Low income and current student who is or was the main caregiver in their family and/or the community

To apply, share your Caregiving story with us!

Your response should be submitted as a video and should address the following: what caregiving has looked like for you, how it has shaped you, and why this scholarship support matters. Please be sure to fully answer all parts of the prompt. Videos should not exceed 2 minutes in length.

If for any reason you are unable to submit a video for this scholarship application, please contact bold.org to request an accommodation.”

More Scholarships at Bold.org

<https://bold.org/scholarships/>

Scholarships administered by Bold.org vary from \$500-\$25,000

To look for scholarships for high school students, choose “High School” under **Education Level** and “Open” under **Any Status**.

5. <https://stosselintheclassroom.org/student-contests/>

\$28,000 total in various contests, Stossel in the Classroom Student Contests, new guidelines often appear around September 2026

Selected criteria from website: “Each year, middle school, high school, and college students get the chance to speak out on big ideas—and compete for cash prizes.

The contest helps students build valuable skills in communication, critical thinking, and digital media. Students may enter on their own, or teachers can assign it and earn rewards for participation.”

Other Websites to Find More Scholarships

The following websites are where you can find more scholarships (these are not listed in any particular order of importance).

<https://bold.org/scholarships/>

<https://tmcf.org/scholarships/>

<https://scholarships360.org/>

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

<https://uncf.org/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/get-help-paying-for-college/scholarships-grants-institutional-aid>

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://myredkite.com/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.tun.com/scholarships/>

Avoid Scholarship Scams

Avoid scams. Scholarships, contests, and giveaways should never charge anything, ask for your social security number, or guarantee you awards.

Here are two good articles to help you avoid scholarship scams:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams>

“How to Avoid Scholarship and Financial Aid Scams,” Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/how-to-avoid-scholarship-scams>

“How to Avoid Scholarship Scams,” Cole Claybourn, Mar 15, 2025

More Information about the Scholarship Mindset

This handout will be posted soon at the Scholarship Tigers Blog: <https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mr. Mike Turner, Writing Consultant/Instructor and Scholarship Coach, mjturner@tnstate.edu

For a deep dive into the components of the Scholarship Mindset, please refer to the 20-page PDF handout, “Academic Woes Don’t Have to Create Financial Woes: Invest in your Academic and Financial Future,” found here: <https://scholarshiptigers.com/2026/02/10/over-50000-in-scholarships-and-more-a-handout-to-propel-you-forward/>