

Scholarship/Financial Aid Night

Presented by: Pioneer Counseling Department

Thursday January 11, 2024

Agenda

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| • Welcome and Introductions | Connie Akins/Counseling Dept. Chair |
| • Financial Aid Vocabulary & Scholarship Info | Sara Vance/Counselor |
| • AAACF Scholarships | Maryellen Ferrero/Community Outreach Officer |
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Financial Terms Defined

Scholarships

Free money offered by nonprofit and private organizations to help students pay for college.

Grant

A grant is a form of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. A variety of federal grants are available.

Work-Study Jobs

The Federal Work-Study Programs allow you to earn money to pay for school by working part-time. Students earn the current federal minimum wage. Work study depends on: when you apply, your financial need, and the college's funding level.

Loans

Money a student/parent borrows that must be paid back with interest. If a student applies for financial aid, they may be offered loans as part of the college's financial aid offer.

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Just released in the last few weeks
- Giant overhaul of this year's application
- ALL students should complete the FAFSA regardless of family income
 - Fill it out as soon as possible
- The FAFSA helps colleges determine a student's financial aid package
 - Now available in both English and Spanish
 - FAFSA Application: <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Scholarship Advice

- Start early
- Be aware of deadlines
- Keep track of all items needed to complete an application
- Many scholarship applications require the following items:
 - High School Transcript
 - Request from PHS Records Office: Ms. Martinez
(martinezb@aaps.k12.mi.us)
 - Letter of recommendation/Reference Form
 - Student Essay
- Let the student drive the process
- Once committed to a college, meet with the financial aid office

Scholarship Search Engines

Allows students to enter their specific information and then receive ongoing emails of available scholarships where they meet the criteria.

<https://www.fastweb.com>

<https://www.scholarships.com>

<https://finaid.org>

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

AAACF Local Scholarships

Presented by:

Maryellen Ferrero/Community Outreach Officer



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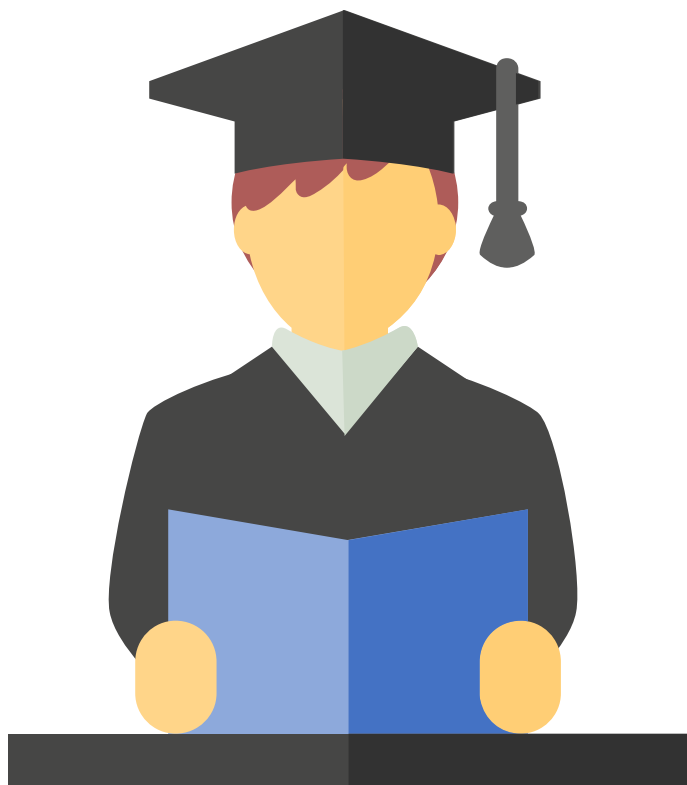
www.aaacf.org/scholarships

About AAACF



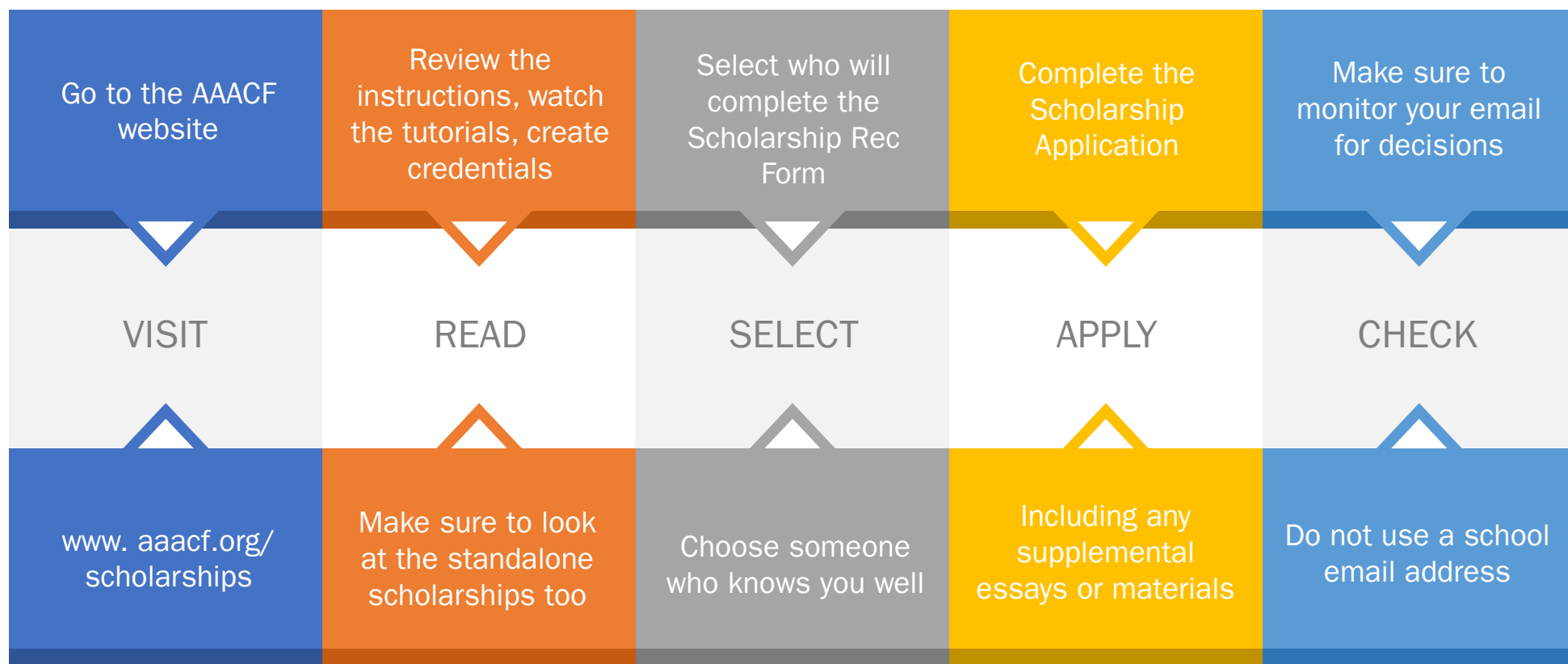
The Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation enriches the quality of life in our region through its knowledgeable leadership, engaged grantmaking, and creative partnerships with donors to make philanthropic investments and build endowment.

AAACF's Impact



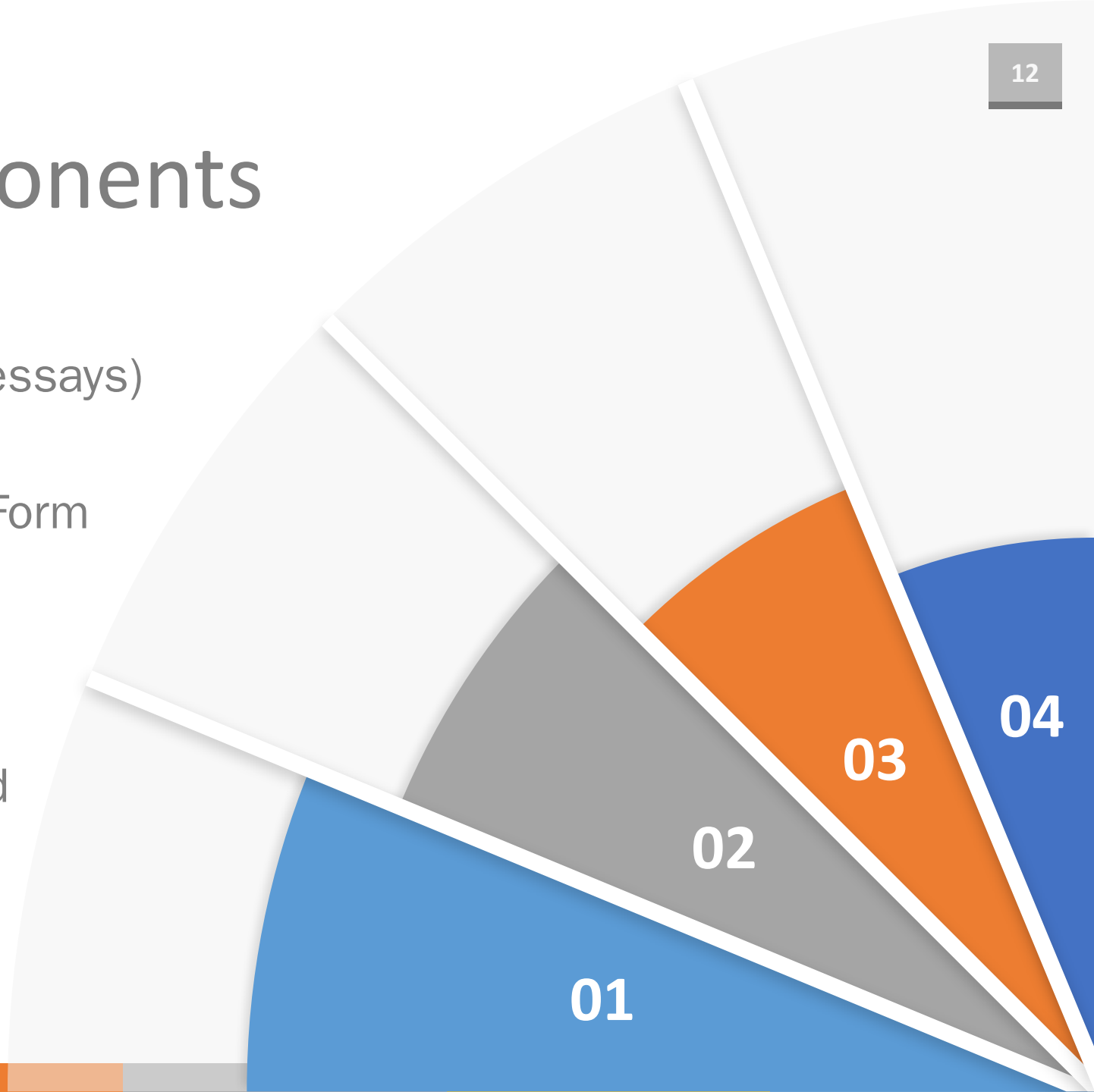
In 2022, AAACF awarded over \$550,000 in scholarship funds in support of students as they continue their post secondary educations.

Scholarship Application Process



Application Components

- ☒ Online Application (includes 2 essays)
- ☐ Scholarship Recommendation Form
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Additional Materials – if needed



Scholarship Details



Students can
be awarded
multiple
scholarships

Undocumented
students are
eligible to apply

Awards
range
in size from
\$1,000 to
\$26,000

FAFSA
completion
encouraged
but not
mandatory

PHS Scholarship Details

of scholarships AAPS
students may be eligible
for

19

13 – Number of scholarships Pioneer High School students may be eligible for

6 – Number of scholarships ONLY Pioneer High School students may be eligible for

130 - Number of scholarship applications AAACF received for its most applied for scholarship

3 - Number of scholarship applications AAACF received for its least applied for scholarship

PHS Scholarship

Scholarship Name	Scholarship Eligibility	Application Process	Award Amount	Application Deadline
Andrea Greiner Memorial Scholarship Fund	Graduating senior of Pioneer High School (PHS) whose scholastic achievements and personal traits are consistent with the example Andrea Greiner set, Planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university to pursue a degree, Need for financial assistance to continue their education will be a consideration. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of (1) academic success - B average, 3.0 or better (2) service to their community or school (3) involvement in extracurricular school life, and (4) personal traits of optimism, determination, courage and a zest for life. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have overcome challenges or faced a disability or health condition	www.aaacf.org/scholarships	\$ 2,400.00	February 20, 2024 at 3 PM
Art Armstrong Memorial Scholarship	Evidence of personal growth through hockey team involvement, Demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the ice, Leadership qualities and strong work habits, Academic scholarship and/or strong academic improvement, Dedication to the team and Pioneer High School (PHS), Community involvement, Financial need will be a consideration	www.aaacf.org/scholarships	\$ 2,200.00	February 20, 2024 at 3 PM
Bryan J. Westfield Scholarship Fund	Graduating Pioneer High School (PHS) senior who has run women's track & field and/or cross country for two or more years.	Students must be nominated by the coach so there is no application process	\$ 1,000.00	April 16, 2024
Butch Warren Memorial Scholarship	Graduating senior of Pioneer High School (PHS) OR any child of a former D & C employee (who is still employed by Ferguson); Full-time student at a Michigan public university or college OR Michigan technical school; Demonstrated excellent academic performance; Financial need may be considered	www.aaacf.org/scholarships	\$ 2,000.00	February 20, 2024 at 3 PM
Nathan Lyndell Hall Memorial Scholarship	Graduating senior of Pioneer High School (PHS); Four consecutive years of participation in one high school sport; Accepted to a two-year or four-year college or university; Minimum 3.2 GPA; Two years of community service involvement during high school	www.aaacf.org/scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	February 20, 2024 at 3 PM
Richard Weldon Memorial Scholarship	Graduating senior of Pioneer High School (PHS); Lettered in athletics, theater, and/or music while at PHS; Employed for at least 12 consecutive months while in high school	www.aaacf.org/scholarships	\$ 900.00	February 20, 2024 at 3 PM



Apply Today!

Pioneer Athletic Department Scholarships

<https://pioneerathletics.net>

Robert B. Westfall Memorial Award

- \$20,000 awarded among several students
- Outstanding athletic ability and leadership qualities
- Must show financial need
- Deadline: May 1st

Bob Ufer Memorial Award

- One \$10,000 awarded annually
- Must have participated in athletics at Pioneer
- Excelled academically at Pioneer
- Committed to attending the University of Michigan
- Deadline: April 15th

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Richard Weldon Memorial Athletic Scholarship

- Graduating senior who earned a Varsity Letter
- Employed for 12 consecutive months while attending PHS
- Demonstrates financial need
- For college tuition and books
- Apply through Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

Bryan J. Westfield Scholarship

- \$1500 grant
- Graduating senior who participated in Pioneer's Women's Track and Field/Cross Country and earned a Varsity Letter in one of those sports.
- Preferably from a historically disadvantaged background
- For college tuition and books
- Apply through Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

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Nathan Lyndell Memorial Scholarship

- Three \$500 awards
- Graduating senior
- Four consecutive years of participation in one high school sport
- Acceptance to a 2 year or 4 year college
- Apply through Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

Robert E. Lewis Memorial Scholarship

- One \$1000 award
- Outstanding student and athlete

Washtenaw Community College Scholarships

[WCC Scholarship Page](#)

President's Honor Scholarship

- Applicants must have a 3.2 gpa
- Pays full tuition for two consecutive semesters (fall and winter)
- \$300 bookstore credit for each semester
- Application Deadline: March 22, 2024

Procassini Honor Scholarship

- Based on academic achievement and/or outstanding accomplishments in HS
- Pays full tuition for two consecutive semesters (fall and winter)
- \$300 bookstore credit for each semester
- Application Deadline: March 22, 2024

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Excellence Scholarship

- Any high school graduate in Washtenaw County
- \$1500 for each semester
- Excellence in any area: academics, sports, community service, art, or overcoming a significant obstacle
- Application Deadline: March 22nd

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Kiwanis Scholarship

- High school graduates in Washtenaw County who show financial need
- \$3500 for one school year
- Covers tuition, books, materials, and fees
- Priority Deadline of June 10, 2024
- Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor

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Rotary Club Scholarship

- 8 student recipients
- \$1,250 in tuition each semester
- Graduating senior in Ann Arbor Public Schools
- Students not receiving other aid considered first
- Application Deadline: June 10, 2024

Washtenaw Community College Scholarships

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Morse B. Barker Memorial Scholarship

- \$2,000 split between fall and winter semesters
- Graduating senior from an Ann Arbor Public High School
- Permanent resident of Washtenaw County
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Deadline: March 22, 2024

Michigan Achievement Scholarship

- Up to \$5,500 per school year in scholarships from the State of Michigan
- Michigan high school graduates OR those with a GED in 2023 or after
- Resident of Michigan since July 1, 2022
- Must have FAFSA completed
- Demonstrate financial need
- Attending a Michigan community college, career training program, public university, or private university
- Go to michigan.gov for more information

AAPS College Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Chartwells Scholarship

Students pursuing Culinary Arts

Two Awards of \$5,000 each

ABM Services Scholarship

For a student pursuing a business related field with

Five awards of \$4,000 each

Durham Transportation Services Scholarship

Students with financial need who demonstrate good citizenship and community involvement

Three awards of \$5,000 each

- Applications open on Wednesday, January 17th
- Apply at a2schools.submittable.com
- Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

Multicultural Scholarships

United Negro College Fund

- uncf.org
- Nation's largest private scholarship provider to minorities
- Awards more than \$100 million to students, yearly
- Multiple scholarships with varied criteria and deadlines

Gates Millennium Scholars Program

- thegatesscholarship.org
- High school senior with a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian-Pacific Islander or Hispanic-American heritage
- Eligible for a Pell Grant
- Demonstrate financial need and leadership qualities
- Deadline: September 15th of senior year. Finalists interviewed in March. Scholars selected in April

Multicultural Scholarships

Jackie Robinson Foundation

- Graduating, minority high school senior
- Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and financial need
- Plan to attend 4-year college within the U.S.
- Deadline: January 10, 2024

Ronald Brown Scholarship

- African-American
- Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and financial need
- Participate in community service
- Deadline: December 1, 2023

Multicultural Scholarships

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Scholarships

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Applicants apply through a local chapter
- Multiple scholarships with varied criteria and deadlines.

Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarships

- Applicants can apply through a local chapter
- \$2000 award and merit based
- Academically sound, well rounded applicant
- Opens in January and Closes in March

Multicultural Scholarships

McDonald's Hacer National Scholarship

- <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>
- Offers scholarships to 30 outstanding Hispanic students
- Based on academic achievement, community involvement, personal statement, and financial need
- Deadline: February 5, 2024

CINTAS Foundation

- cintasfoundation.org
- Fellowships for demonstrated excellence in architecture, creative writing, music composition, and visual arts
- Cuban citizenship or direct descent
- Varied deadlines for different fellowships: check website

TIP

Tuition Incentive Program

- Commonly referred to as TIP, provides Medicaid eligible recipients the opportunity to earn an certificate/associate degree, during a students bachelor degree program.
- Students are eligible to receive tuition assistance if they had Medicaid for at least 24 months within a 36 month period between ages 9 and high school graduation.
- Must be a Michigan resident, U.S. citizen, permanent residence with approved refugee status.
- Must be enrolled in college at least half-time.
- Must make the institution's SAP policy.

Financial Aid 101

Presented by: Darion McPherson

Senior Financial Aid Administrator-Outreach
University of Michigan Financial Aid Office

Financial Aid Materials and Presentation Slides

All materials passed out at the
Scholarship/Financial Aid Night along with these
presentation slides will be posted at the
PHS Counseling Website

<https://aapihicounseling.weebly.com>

Questions and Answers

Conclusion