

2025-26 Scholarship List

South Central Jr. – Sr. High School

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – THIS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 1, 2025! All students planning to further their education after high school should fill this out. This form is the qualifier for federal and state aid and allows students and parents to receive student loan information as well. Some colleges require students to fill this out before they will consider awarding them any merit based scholarships. The filing deadline for the state of Indiana is April 15, 2026. However, please note, different colleges have different (sometimes earlier) deadlines. For more information visit the official FAFSA website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> . **Seniors (Class of 2026), make sure to fill out the FAFSA for year 2026-27, the year that you will be starting college.** For any graduating a semester early and planning to start college before August 2026, you will ALSO need to file the 2025-26 FAFSA to be considered for Federal Student Aid.

General Scholarship Search Engines

<http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships/> - This scholarship database offers over 20,000 free-to-apply, sortable scholarships based on location, major, GPA, ethnicity, etc. In addition, they answer some frequently asked questions such as avoiding scholarship scams and tips on applying for scholarships.

Make sure you check out www.fastweb.com Fastweb has a database of over 1.3 million different scholarships offered by thousands of different institutions and organizations worldwide worth over 3 billion dollars. After entering your resume into the Fastweb database, you will receive a list of scholarships for which you are eligible to apply. This is one of the best search engines.

Additional Scholarship Resources:

Additional Scholarship search site www.scholarships.com

Federal Department of Education www.ed.gov

General college site www.collegeboard.org

StudentScholarship.org www.studentscholarship.org

Search Engine for Scholarships www.myscholly.com

Merit Aid Scholarships: www.meritaid.com

Scholarship Scams

Protect yourself from scholarship scams.

1. If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam.
2. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
3. Spend the time, not the money.
4. Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships.
5. Nobody can guarantee that you will win a scholarship.
6. Legitimate scholarship foundations do not charge application fees.
7. If you are suspicious of an offer, it is usually with good reason.

Merit Based Scholarship/College Specific Scholarships

Many colleges offer scholarships specific to their school and even specific to the major that you plan to have. Make sure to check out the website for each college you apply to for details. Typically, students can type in the name of the college followed by “Freshman Scholarships” to an internet search engine and it will pull up the list. Merit scholarships can be based on such things as G.P.A. and SAT and/or ACT test scores. Some colleges automatically consider students for these once they get all materials (application, transcripts, SAT/ACT test scores. Other schools require a separate application for consideration). --- There are a few colleges that require SAT and ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency and this can take about a month so don't delay. Deadlines to be considered for these Merit Scholarships can be as early as November 1st!!

NCAA/NAIA

Students who intend to or hope to continue their athletic career in college should make sure they have registered with the appropriate Clearinghouse Eligibility Center. Mrs. Randall and/or Mr. Wilhelm will be happy to assist student athletes with this.

Scholarship Universe (For Purdue University)

Scholarship Universe is a matching system that maximizes scholarship opportunities for students. It allows you to create an academic profile that enables you to connect with various internal and external scholarship opportunities.

Other Scholarships, Contests, Opportunities and Awards for Seniors

“Leave Your Mark” Scholarship

Due April 30, 2026

In memory of **Mark Steuer**, his family has established a scholarship fund to help current South Central seniors going into a trade/ technical school, the field of robotics, or taking any other non-traditional path. Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of **\$500** each.

Mark was a very loved son, brother, nephew, cousin, and friend. He had always been intrigued by the idea of working with his hands and creating something tangible. He was drawn to the world of trades and robotics. Mark was proud to be a Satellite. He loved deeply and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. The hope with this scholarship is to allow his legacy to live on by giving other South Central seniors, with similar aspirations as his, an opportunity to succeed in their future careers.

Here is the link. Please make a copy to edit/complete -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x9dU25t3DmV3r6Jo1p5vPK-zBZSu17bsITaWKzdbno/edit?usp=sharing>

(Please email to perezb@scentral.k12.in.us or turn into Mrs. Brianna Perez (Elementary) or the high school office)

Indiana Laborers' Training Trust Fund

Due Date: April 30, 2026

Dependent sons and daughters of members of LIUNA Local Unions affiliated with the LIUNA State of Indiana Laborers' District Council can use this link <https://indianalaborerstraining.org/scholarship-award/> to complete an application for the Virgil E. & Charles R. Morris Scholarship.

You may also see Mrs. McSparin for a copy of the application.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>

BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Choose Your Class Year and Start Qualifying

Complete each step by the following deadlines for your class year to earn your entries for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships. The earlier you complete each step, the more chances you'll have to win.



Class of 2026

Your last chance, your big chance, to qualify for a BigFuture Scholarship.

[Get Started Seniors](#)



Class of 2027

Junior year is your launchpad to scholarships and finding your future college.

[Get Started Juniors](#)



Class of 2028

Welcome to the club sophomores! Start qualifying for BigFuture Scholarships.

[Get Started Sophomores](#)

Service League of Michigan City Scholarship

Due Date: June 1st, 2026

The Service League of Michigan City awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student who is in pursuit of a career in health related fields of study. Application is posted below, but if you would like a paper copy, come see Mrs. McSparin.

**Service League of Michigan City, Indiana
Endowment Fund Scholarship**

The Service League of Michigan City established a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to a student who is in pursuit of a career in health related fields of study.

Applicant requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- The applicant must have graduated from an accredited high school while being a resident of LaPorte county.
- The applicant must be enrolled in an accredited university/college for the upcoming fall semester.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better must be achieved.
- An official high school/college transcript must be attached to application.
- Two letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) must be included with the application.
- Applicants must include a narrative describing the most meaningful achievement in their life and how it relates to their field of study and future goals.
- The application deadline is June 1 of the current year.

Applications are also available at the Service League building on 301 E. Garfield Street, Michigan City, Indiana. Service League is open on Mondays and Fridays Wednesdays from 9 AM-12 noon and 1 PM to 4 PM. On Wednesdays the hours are 9 AM-6 PM. Other questions regarding the scholarship can be answered by calling 219-872-1144.

Revised August, 2025

Service League of Michigan City, Indiana
301 E. Garfield Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-872-1144 slofmc@att.net

Endowment Fund Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

High School and graduation date _____

University or College of enrollment _____

Declared major _____ Credits Completed _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Community/Civic Activities _____

Achievements and Awards

Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) from someone other than a family member.

Attach a narrative describing your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals. An official transcript from your high school or college must accompany this application.

Send the completed packet to the Service League address above. The deadline for submission of your application is June 1 of the current year.

Superintendent Scholarship

Due Date: May 8th, 2026

The superintendent scholarship supports students who are motivated, goal-driven, and planning for their future. This \$500 scholarship may be used for college, trade school, certifications, training, supplies, or any other educational expenses.

See Mrs. McSparin for the application.



Superintendent Scholarship

Provided by South Central

**\$500
Scholarship
Offer!**

2025/2026

Application is Now Open!

Pick up an application form
from Mrs. McSparin

Application Deadline : May 8th, 2026

All Seniors are Encouraged to Apply!

Students will be recongized
at the Senior Awards
Program in the Spring

219-767-2266
wmcsparin@scentral.k12.in.us

Aaron Osburn Memorial Scholarship

Due Date: May 8th, 2026

Seniors who are members of the South Central Student Council/Senate are eligible to apply. Aaron was a student at South Central at the time of his death. He was active in extra-curriculars and was particularly involved in Student Senate/Council. A \$400 scholarship will be given in his honor.

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Name _____

Please list activities you have been involved in while in high school:

Please attach a short essay on you experience and involvement in the South Central Student Council and why you feel you deserve this scholarship.

South Central CTA Scholarship

Due Date: May 6th, 2026

For students going into education- pick up an application from Mrs. McSparin.

South Central CTA Scholarship Application Form – Due May 6, 2026

\$250 award

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

College You Plan to Attend _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Area of Study _____

Why do you want to go into the Education field of study?

How would this Scholarship assist you in college?

List your High School and Community activities, awards, honors, and accomplishments. This can also be done in the form of an attached Resume.

**Attach recommendations from two adults, one of which must be a faculty member. Neither can be a family member.

South Central PTO Scholarship

Due Date: May 8th

The South Central PTO scholarship application is now available. Please see Mrs. McSparin for the application. It must be turned into Mrs. McSparin by May 8th.

Other Contests and Opportunities Not Specific to Seniors/For Other Grades

Big Future (College Board) Scholarships

Due Dates Vary

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>

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