



2022 Scholarships

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The APS Foundation Scholarship

The APS Foundation scholarship was created through the generosity of individuals, families and organizations throughout our community. This scholarship helps foster the college and career bound culture within the district, and will provide two scholarships to APS students this year.

Since its inception in 1987, the Aurora Public Schools Foundation has served to foster support of education within the Aurora Public School District by bringing together teachers, business-people, parents, alumni and community leaders.



Our Vision: Possibility becomes reality for every student.

Our Mission: Cultivate community investment to enrich student opportunity.

- Two, \$1,000, scholarships will be awarded this spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Demonstrates leadership, and extracurricular involvement;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation; and
- Write an essay of 500 - 1,000 words on their goals and values, and who helped them most to make decisions about their college or career path.



Aurora Gateway Rotary Presidential Scholarship of Excellence and Student Achievement

The Rotary Club's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. The Aurora Gateway Rotary Club lives out this mission in the Aurora community; and in service to others developed the Aurora Gateway Rotary Scholarship benefiting graduating seniors in Aurora Public Schools.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year to high school seniors. The scholarships will be paid directly to the student's institution of higher education for the purpose of tuition, fees and books. The recipients will be selected by members of the Aurora Gateway Rotary Club.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A student who is graduating from an Aurora Public Schools high school;
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 or higher;
- A student who has participated in a minimum of two community service projects during their high school career;
- Applicants must be pursuing a certificate, credentialed or degree program at a technical, two or four year college.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of most current and official stamped high school transcripts;
- Students must provide two letters of recommendation – one from a teacher and one from a community member;
- Students must submit a written explanation not to exceed 250 words stating why this scholarship is beneficial;
- Students must submit a written letter of at least 500 words to the selection committee detailing how they live out the [Rotary Guiding Principles of Ethics, Integrity and Service](#).
- Please incorporate how these Guiding Principles align with your future career plans.
- Scholarship finalists will be asked to complete an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

This is an unrestricted scholarship based on overall achievement or criteria stated in this document.

Bob Caviness Scholarship

Robert “Bob” F. Caviness was a World War II Navy veteran. Thanks to the WWII G.I. Bill, Bob was the first member of the vast Caviness family to be able to attend and graduate from college. He had a passion for history, teaching, and coaching young people, so he became a teacher. Bob began his teaching career in Washington in 1949. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Colorado in 1955 where Bob began teaching at Aurora Central High School. Bob was one of the original teachers at William C. Hinkley High School when it opened in 1963. Bob’s teaching career was 43 years long. His athletic coaching career spanned over 60 years.



Bob Caviness started the Aurora Relays in 1957. The Relays became one of the first coed track meets in Colorado and is one of the oldest continuing meets in the state. He also started the Aurora Invitational Cross Country Meet-also the oldest cross country meet in the state of Colorado. He received numerous awards over the 60 years of his coaching career for his contributions to Colorado Cross Country and Track and Field. Bob was the 1985 Region 6 National Cross Country Coach of the Year, and he was inducted to the Colorado Coaching Hall of Fame in 1988. Over the years, he also has the privilege of coaching several Colorado State Cross Country champions, many Track and Field State Champions and top place finishers. Teaching and coaching young people were his passions as he eagerly looked forward to each and every school day. Bob was also a strong supporter of all Aurora Public School students and staff during his tenure there, and he continued to actively cheer on and support APS students and athletes during his retirement. Bob was very thankful for the G.I. Bill that enabled him to attend college and achieve his dream of becoming a teacher and coach. He actively encouraged his students and athletes to find an avenue; scholarships for academics, athletics, or even the military – for them to be able to attend college and find a career for which they were passionate.

Bob passed away in June of 2009. This memorial scholarship has been set up in order to help Aurora Public School Student athletes.

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student’s institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Former participant or qualifier of the Robert F. Caviness Invitational as an APS High School student;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (One from a teacher and one from an athletic/extra-curricular coach); and
- 500-1500 word essay on one of the following topics: 1) “Track and Field made a difference in my life” OR 2) “My coach influenced my life by...” OR 3) Submit your resume from your future, as if you have just graduated from college and are seeking your first job in the career of your choice.

Dee and Steve Lambert Scholarship

The Dee and Steve Lambert Scholarship honors Steve Lambert, a graduate of Aurora Central High School. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Aurora Central High School who meets the selection criteria specified in the next section of this document.

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institution of higher education.
- Further the student can receive \$2,000 each year for up to three additional years by maintaining a 3.0 GPA, submitting a report card and submitting the upcoming semester's schedule to the Aurora Public Schools Foundation.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduating senior from Aurora Central High School;
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Plan to pursue a degree in engineering;
- Demonstrate financial need through a personal statement; and
- Demonstrate volunteer and community service activity.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a completed application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript
- Demonstrate financial need through a personal statement
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, from either teacher, administrator, counselor, coach or current/former employer.
- A short essay (500 words or less) as to why they would like to pursue a degree in engineering.

Denise Davis Scholarship

Denise Davis, an Assessment and Training Specialist for Arapahoe County Employment and Training, was a passionate advocate for students at William Smith High School and throughout Aurora Public School.

Making a difference in the lives of young parents and students was Davis' mission. Armed with only a desk, telephone, and computer, Davis set a network of support and resources for teens by working with the Arapahoe Office of Employment and Training and the Metro Denver Provider Network.

The Denise Davis Scholarship fund has been established to continue Davis' work and will be awarded to teen parents seeking higher education.

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in the spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education;
- Renewable after first year at higher education institution for one additional \$2,000 scholarship based upon student keeping a full time status (by providing Foundation with second year schedule) and maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA (by providing Foundation first year transcript).

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A graduate/current student of William Smith High School;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Demonstrate involvement in school or community service activities;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from high school faculty members; and
- Submit a one page outline of your school/community service; your educational plans upon graduation; and how this scholarship will assist you.

Dorothy Osborn Barry Education Fund

The Dorothy Osborn Barry Educational Fund is intended for women who have overcome obstacles in their lives, and are determined to change their direction and better themselves by pursuing a course of education or training that will help them become self-reliant.

- One, \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education for tuition, fees, books, and supplies.



Recipients of the Dorothy Osborn Barry Educational Fund will be selected based upon the application and the woman's:

- Determination to change her circumstance;
- Potential for success;
- Financial need;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Attitude and character, not aptitude; and
- Ability to express herself verbally and in writing.

Applicants must be women who:

- Demonstrate the desire and need to make a second start in their lives;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School with a school diploma or GED, OR present proof of admission to an institution of higher learning or trade school; and
- United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Women who apply for this scholarship must complete the electronic application and attach the following:

- Submit a completed application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript, GED, OR present proof of admission to an institution of higher learning or trade school;
- A personally written essay, of 1,000 words or less, expressing a desire for a second chance with the determination to be successful in that effort; and
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher.



Gene Yahn Memorial Scholarship

Gene Yahn was a teacher, coach, and supporter of Aurora Central High School Athletics for 22 years. In his memory, his family wanted to recognize current Aurora Central student athletes who embodied the same type of hard work and determination that Gene found to be so important throughout his lifetime. The Gene Yahn Memorial Scholarship will be presented to one male and one female student athlete annually from 2021-2026. The recipients will be selected by the Yahn family with support from the ACHS Athletic Department.

- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded each year to a female and one \$500 scholarship will be awarded each year to a male. The scholarships will be paid directly to the student's institution of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A student athlete who has participated in a varsity level, CHSAA sanctioned sport for at least two seasons and a written letter of recommendation from an athletic coach for a student athlete that has competed in only one varsity level season;
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 or higher;
- A student who has participated in a minimum of two community service projects during their high school career;
- The student must have applied to at least one post-secondary institution;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Aurora Central High School.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Students must submit a written letter of at least 300 words to the selection committee detailing why they are a deserving applicant. This letter must also include what the student plans to do following their high school graduation.

Gerkin Family Expository Writing Scholarship

This award is intended to reward writers who can create a strong single effect on their audience through a portfolio of two different types of expository pieces including, but not limited to, research paper, essay, personal essay, memoir, article or other expository piece. (For example, a student may submit a research paper and a memoir, but not two research papers or two memoirs.) Fiction and Poetry will not be accepted. Each piece should take risks in terms of language to show the author knows how to manipulate language for voice. Writing should demonstrate a strong use of rhythm, diction and utilize a strong tone.

- One, \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide one letter of recommendation; and
- Submit an Expository Portfolio (minimum of two pieces): Each piece must be a minimum of 800 words and maximum of 1,500 words. Each piece must be double-spaced. Any material coming from an outside source must be appropriately documented using APA, MLA, or other similar style manual.

Kristin D. Hiza Memorial Scholarship

Kristin Diann (Horgan) Hiza was born in Yonkers on September 22, 1977. She earned a BS degree (with honors) in Athletic Training from Springfield College and a Master's degree in Education from Denver University. Kristin was a beloved 4th and 5th grade teacher at Tollgate Elementary. Kristin's courageous spirit, love for life, and dedication to teaching made a positive impact on her students and fellow educators. This scholarship award is made in memory of Kristin D. Hiza.



- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- A personally written essay, of 500 words or less, describing your financial need and how this scholarship will assist you;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts; and
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation.

Richard Anderson and Anderson Family Autism Scholarship

This scholarship, established in 2014 is intended for an Aurora Public School graduating senior who has been diagnosed with Autism. This scholarship is to be used to further their education goals in a post secondary school. The scholarship was established because, in our search for scholarships for students with autism, we found that an autistic student may not qualify for many scholarships. An autistic student has different challenges in their life. The purpose of this scholarship is to help an autistic student attend a post secondary school so that they can further their educational goals.

The objective of this scholarship is to award an Autistic student who may not otherwise have a chance to further their education after high school.

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

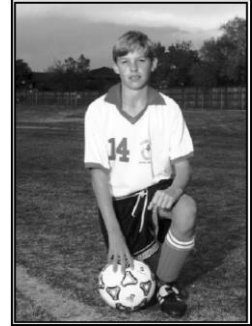
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0;
- Have an Autism diagnosis;
- Financial need;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a completed application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript;
- Provide documentation from a licensed Medical Physician, or school counselor, that they have been diagnosed with Autism;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a teacher at their high school; and
- A short essay (250 words or less) as to what their area of study will be and why they would like to pursue a degree in that field.

T. Matt Hirschfeld Scholarship

Matt attended Gateway High School from 1992-1994. A charming young man, Matt participated in sports and school activities, including skiing, and fishing. He especially loved biking and soccer. Matt had a dimpled smile and was always willing to help friends and family.



The scholarship objective is to reward an average student who may not always get recognized for effort versus academic achievement.

- One \$2,000 scholarship for a student attending a 4-year institution or One \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending a 2-year institution (\$500 each year for a 4-year institution or \$500 each year for a 2-year institution – If a student attends a 2-year institution and transfers to a 4-year institution they can apply for an additional \$1,000 award). Awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Gateway High School;
- A cumulative minimum GPA between 2.0 to 3.25;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (one not from a teacher); and
- Please answer the following questions:
 - How will this scholarship help you reach your educational and career goals?
 - List the community, school and sports or recreational activities you have been involved in during your high school career.
 - Describe how these activities have made a positive contribution to your school or community.
 - Describe ways in which you help others on a regular basis.

The Myrtle Replogle Travis and Russell Romaine Travis Memorial Scholarship

The Replogle-Travis Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior at Aurora Central High School.

The scholarship award may be applied toward the pursuit of higher education at any university, college or accredited technical school.

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.



Students must meet the following requirements:

- A high value of scholarship and achievement;
- A wholesome influence upon others;
- A genuine concern for those in need;
- An abiding personal faith;
- No racial discrimination;
- No involvement with drugs or alcohol;
- Low income family member;
- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- Be in good standing at Aurora Central High School and a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Aurora Central High School; and
- United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation; and
- Write an essay of 1,000 words or less on their goals, values and how they meet the requirements above.

Kara Abbott Memorial Scholarship

The Kara Abbott Memorial Scholarship honors Kara Abbott, a dedicated and passionate math teacher at East Middle School for 8 years. Kara Hayden Abbott was born March 21, 1984 in Houston, Texas. She grew up in Aurora, Colorado and attended Rangeview High School, where she played basketball, learned



German and traveled to Italy- an interest she continued to pursue throughout her adult life. After high school, she attended the University of Colorado, where she obtained her bachelor's degree, but soon learned her passion was in teaching. She went back to school, receiving a second bachelor's and master's degree in Education at Mississippi State University. She returned to Aurora with her pup, Bella, and Kara was exactly where she wanted to be. East Middle School was her home. Before her passing, she had committed to learning Spanish in order to better connect with her students. She loved teaching, and was motivated watching her students succeed.

The scholarship is awarded to a senior student who plans to continue their education post-high school. The award amount is \$5,000 payable to the recipient's account at the educational institution of choice. The scholarship recipient should possess qualities such as being reflective, driven, and passionate about self-development and contribution to community. The scholarship recipient should have a 3.0 grade point average or higher and a history of participation in extracurricular activities. Special consideration will be given to applicants who are pursuing a career in education.

Award: Four awards to four recipients for \$5,000 each (payable to the recipient's account at their educational institution of choice). The scholarship can be used for tuition, fees or books.

To Be Eligible You Must:

- Be a graduating high school senior who attended East Middle School;
- Be currently attending an Aurora Public School high school, graduating this year with at least a 3.0 GPA;
- Be planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college, university or technical school, beginning in the fall after graduation; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Personal Essay - In 750-1000 words, describe an experience where you learned an

important lesson. How has this experience shaped your development, and how does it continue to drive you? Describe your future goals and how you will use this lesson to achieve these goals and to positively influence others.

- Statement of financial need - Students must submit a written explanation not to exceed 250 words stating why this scholarship is beneficial.
- High school transcript
- High school activities – Student must list high school and extracurricular activities and year(s) of participation. One additional sheet may be used for this information, if needed. *Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school paper, tutoring, jobs.*
- Two (2) letters of recommendation are required from a teacher, administrator, counselor or community member.