

# PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program is an opportunity for high schools to highlight and promote service and citizenship by students and to recognize students for their leadership in those areas. Each high school in the country may select two students to receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. The Corporation for National and Community Service provides \$500, which is matched with a \$500 scholarship from a community organization. Over 31,000 scholarships have been awarded to date to students who have strengthened communities by demonstrating outstanding leadership in service.

**Eligibility:** Schools are encouraged to recognize students who truly demonstrate outstanding leadership in service, rather than those who merely meet the minimum requirements of 100 hours of service to the community. The students must be high school juniors or seniors, have contributed at least 100 hours of service within the past 12 months, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and attend a public, private, charter, or parochial school located in the U.S., an Indian tribe, a U.S. territory, or a Department of Defense school.

**Selection process:** High school officials must determine how scholarship recipients are selected. They can do so with help from members of the community. Schools must complete a certification form for each student. These forms are sent to every high school guidance department in the spring. **School officials can also take advantage of the online certification process. This can be accessed from the program's web site: [www.nationalservice.org/scholarships](http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships).**

**Local matching scholarship:** For a student to receive \$500 from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the school must secure local matching funds of at least \$500. The intent of the local matching source is to encourage strong partnerships between schools and communities. Matching funds may come from the school, local businesses, nonprofit organizations, or civic groups.

**Scholarship disbursement:** Scholarship checks are sent to students upon receipt of college enrollment verification. High school juniors who are selected as scholarship recipients will receive their scholarships when they enroll in college the following year.

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