



## 8 great scholarships for Eagle Scouts

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These days, higher education comes with a higher price tag. These scholarships for Eagle Scouts will help take out some of the sting.

If you know of a scholarship not listed here, please share the name and link in the comments.

### Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship for Catholic Scouts

**How much:** Seven scholarships: one at \$5,000 for first place, one at \$4,000 for second, one at \$3,000 for third, and four at \$2,000. (The 2019 scholarships, totaling \$20,000, represent a 67 percent increase over the 2018 award amounts.)

**Who's eligible:** Catholic high school seniors who are Scouts or Venturers in any BSA program. Applicants must have earned the Eagle Scout Award, Silver Award, Summit Award or Quartermaster Award.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2019

**What's required:** Photo and application listing service to Scouting, church and the community

**Link:** [National Catholic Committee on Scouting scholarship](#)

**Questions:** Email [nccs@scouting.org](mailto:nccs@scouting.org)

**Note:** Sixty-seven Boy Scouts have been awarded the Emmett J Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship since its inception in 2005.

## National Jewish Committee on Scouting scholarships

**How much:** Ranging from \$500 to \$4,000

**Who's eligible:** Active Eagle Scouts who have earned the Ner Tamid or Etz Chaim religious emblem and are active in their synagogue. Some of the scholarships require the applicant to demonstrate financial need.

**Deadline:** Jan. 31, 2019

**What's required:** Application listing school and Scouting record.

**Link:** [National Jewish Committee on Scouting scholarships](#)

**Questions:** Email [office@jewishscouting.org](mailto:office@jewishscouting.org)

## American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

**How much:** \$10,000 for the winner and \$2,500 apiece for three runners-up

**Who's eligible:** Eagle Scouts who are at least 15 and registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron — or Eagle Scouts who are registered, active members of a chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member,

**Deadline:** March 1, 2019

**What's required:** Application, photograph, school participation record, Scouting record, community service record, religious award record and four letters of recommendation.

**Link:** [American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year](#)

**Questions:** Email [scouting@legion.org](mailto:scouting@legion.org)

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Scout of the Year

**How much:** \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place

**Who's eligible:** Young people who are at least 15 and registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venturing Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2019

**What's required:** Application, photograph, school participation record, Scouting record, community service record and three letters of recommendation.

**Link:** [VFW Scout of the Year](#)

**Questions:** Email [scouting@vfw.org](mailto:scouting@vfw.org)

## **Mervyn Sluizer Jr. Scholarship for Philadelphia-area Scouts**

**How much:** Two scholarships at \$1,000 apiece

**Who's eligible:** Eagle Scouts who have been active in BSA at least five years and live in the Greater Philadelphia area.

**Deadline:** March 29, 2019

**What's required:** Application, essay, school transcript and two letters of recommendation.

**Link:** [Mervyn Sluizer Jr. Scholarship](#)

## **Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting scholarships**

**How much:** \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for runner-up

**Who's eligible:** Eagle Scouts who are active in an Eastern Orthodox Church and have received the Alpha Omega Religious Scout Award.

**Deadline:** May 1, 2019

**What's required:** Application and four letters of recommendation.

**Link:** [Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting scholarships](#).

**Questions:** Call 516-868-4050

## **National Eagle Scout Association scholarships**

**How much:** At least 150 scholarships available, ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000 per recipient

**Who's eligible:** National Eagle Scout Association members. (Note: Eagle Scouts can apply for a NESA scholarship before you apply for a NESA membership.)

**Deadline:** Oct. 31 each year

**What's required:** Application (though one scholarship requires a reference letter).

**Link:** [NESA scholarships](#)

**Questions:** Email [NESA@scouting.org](mailto:NESA@scouting.org)

## Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award

Presented by the **Sons of the American Revolution**

**How much:** \$10,000 for first place, \$6,000 for second place and \$4,000 for third place

**Who's eligible:** All Eagle Scouts under 19 years old

**Deadline:** Varies by chapter. Find your state's SAR society contact [here](#).

**What's required:** Application listing Scouting and school achievements and an essay about the Revolutionary War.

**Link:** [Sons of the American Revolution scholarship](#)

**Questions:** Email your state's contact person [here](#).

## Institution-specific scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for Scouts attending specific institutions of higher learning.

Find [a nice list here](#) and always check with your college or university to see whether they recognize Eagle Scouts in this way.

## Council-specific scholarships

Check your council's website — or give them a call or email — to see whether there are scholarship opportunities exclusive to Scouts in your council.

## Service academies

Eagle Scouts have a leg up when applying to our country's military academies, where all tuition, room and board is paid by the government.

The academy admission process puts young people in the pool for ROTC scholarships, and graduates leave with a guaranteed job.

**SOURCE LINK:** <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/12/05/8-great-scholarships-for-eagle-scouts/>

**ADDITIONAL SOURCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFO:** <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/merit-based/eagle-scout-scholarships>

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### Mabel And Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships

This is the largest scholarship awarded by the National Eagle Scout Association. Each year one scholarship of up to \$48,000 and four \$20,000 scholarships are awarded. To keep the scholarship, you must keep a GPA that is in the top one-third of your class. You must also be a full-time student at a four-year institution. All funds will be paid directly to your school to cover tuition, room, board, and books.

For full details and to download an application go here Website: [www.nesa.org/scholarships/index.html](http://www.nesa.org/scholarships/index.html)

The ***Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships*** are awarded annually and include four \$20,000 ***eagle scout scholarships*** (payable at \$5,000 per year) and one \$48,000 scholarship (up to \$12,000 payable for four years), plus a varying number of others. Scholarship committees are formed each year in each of the four BSA regions (Northeast, Southern, Central, and Western) to recommend recipients of these scholarships, with the final determination made by the national NESA Scholarship Committee. College isn't cheap, but for more than 150 worthy Eagle Scouts, it's about to get a lot more affordable.

The ***National Eagle Scout Association*** will award nearly \$700,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scouts based on their academic performance, Scouting background, college plans and financial need.