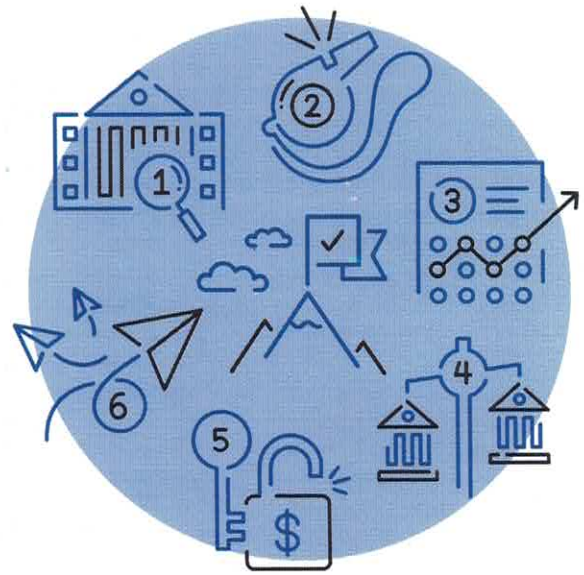


College Board Opportunity Scholarships

A Clearer Path to College for all South Carolinians



The College Board has launched an exciting new scholarship program that guides students through the college planning process and offers them multiple chances to earn money for college during their junior and seniors years of high school. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) encourages all students to join the College Board Opportunity Scholarships program and supports activities students and educators can do throughout the year to make the most of it. Learn more at cb.org/opportunity or visit the CHE website at SCCANGO.org.

Scholarships and Actions for Students	Actions Window <i>Winners Awarded Monthly</i>	Actions for Schools
<p>1. Build Your College List: \$500</p> <p>Get started exploring colleges, and build a college list with six or more colleges on BigFuture™.</p> <p><i>Students can add to and update their list each month to earn additional entries.</i></p>	<p>December–July <i>Junior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage all juniors to register for the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at: cb.org/opportunitysc While seniors apply to college during the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) College Application Month, have juniors research careers, majors, and colleges on BigFuture. Ask students to bring a copy of their BigFuture college list to the Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting to spark conversation and remind them to save six colleges.
<p>2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000</p> <p>Get ready for test day with Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy® by practicing for at least 6+ hours.</p> <p><i>Students earn additional entries for each hour of practice over 6 (up to 20 hours).</i></p>	<p>December–October <i>Junior Year–Fall Senior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After receiving PSAT/NMSQT® scores, encourage students to link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to create a personalized practice plan for the SAT (accounts must be linked for practice time to count). Encourage students to practice for their spring SAT School Day administration or Saturday SAT using Official Practice.

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<p>3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000</p> <p>Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score by 100+ points—either from the PSAT/NMSQT or a previous SAT—and practice for 12 hours using Official SAT Practice.</p>	<p>April–January <i>Spring Junior Year– Winter Senior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage students to practice on Official SAT Practice for 12 hours to reach the required 100-point score improvement. After students receive their SAT scores, have students compare their scores with college admission requirements and requirements for South Carolina scholarship programs like Palmetto Fellows and the LIFE Scholarship to see if they need to retest.
<p>4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500</p> <p>Strengthen your college list on BigFuture with a mix of safety, match, and reach schools.</p>	<p>August–October <i>Summer–Fall Senior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to IGP meeting, have students refine their college list in BigFuture. Ask students to bring a copy of their BigFuture college list to the IGP meeting to spark conversation. This is also great preparation for CHE College Application Month.
<p>5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000</p> <p>Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.</p> <p><i>Students will be asked to submit their FAFSA confirmation email if selected for the scholarship (undocumented and international students are exempt). Students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA will have a way to opt out of that action within the College Board Opportunity Scholarships platform and will still be eligible for the final Complete Your Journey scholarship if they complete the other five actions.</i></p>	<p>October–February <i>Fall–Winter Senior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect families to expert help completing the FAFSA with one of the CHE College Goal South Carolina events.
<p>6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000</p> <p>Apply to at least two colleges. <i>For your students who applied for rolling or early admissions, ensure they complete the Apply Scholarship verifications.</i></p>	<p>October–February <i>Fall–Winter Senior Year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have seniors apply to colleges during CHE College Application Month, and have juniors research careers, majors, and colleges in BigFuture and save six colleges they're interested in.
<p>Complete the Journey: \$40,000</p> <p>Complete all six scholarship steps.</p>	<p>Final Drawing: March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate future plans with CHE College Decision Day. <i>Reminder: Students must opt in by the end of July of their junior year and complete the Build Your College List step in order to qualify.</i>

Resources for Counselors and Educators

If you take the pledge at cb.org/counselorpledge to join the national movement to support students on their college journeys, you'll receive a free College Board Opportunity Scholarships toolkit. For more digital resources visit cb.org/opportunityscholarshipsresources



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