Rising Juniors & Seniors –

**Great College-Prep & Scholarship Programs**

**For High Achieving Students with Financial Need**

**LEDA Scholars: Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America**

Due ~12/10 of Junior Year <http://ledascholars.org>

*Helps 100 extremely high-achieving, low-income juniors with leadership experience to gain admission to highly selective colleges. Students of color preferred.*

College & career mentorship includes 7-week summer program at Princeton with leadership, writing, college guidance & visits, SAT/ACT prep, admission counseling, funding for application fees & testing; ongoing career support with jobs & internships.

**Bovard Scholars Program**

Due ~2/15 of Junior Year <https://bovardscholars.usc.edu>

*Connects 50 high-achieving juniors with financial need to top colleges/universities.*

College mentoring includes 3-week summer session at University of Southern California, career exploration, test prep, admission/financial aid support. Applicants need Algebra II, Trigonometry, or higher, a near 4.0 GPA, IB and/or AP coursework.

**QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship for Juniors**

Due ~3/20 of Junior Year <https://www.questbridge.org>

*Helps 3,000+ high-achieving students with financial need to access top-tier colleges.*

Provides resources to juniors. Awards may include a summer program, admissions conference, counseling, college visit, and/or tele-mentoring. The majority of College Prep Scholars are selected as Finalists for the National College Match scholarships (below).

**QuestBridge National College Match for Seniors**

Due ~9/30 of Senior Year <https://www.questbridge.org>

*Helps 1,000+ outstanding low-income seniors gain admission & full 4-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. Finalists also receive some benefits.*

Offers college & scholarship application process/guidance. Scholarships cover tuition, room, and board. They are loan free and require no parental contribution to top-tier universities. Application starts in summer.

**Gates Scholarship**

Due ~9/15 of Senior Year <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org>

*Awards 300 full 4-year scholarships to academically excellent, Pell-eligible, minority seniors with demonstrated leadership abilities.*

Scholars receive funding for the full cost of attendance, not already covered by other financial aid and FAFSA Expected Family Contribution. Application starts in summer.

**Ford Family Foundation, Ford Scholars Program**

Due ~ 3/1 of Senior Year Info: <https://www.tfff.org>, Apply: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov>

*Awards 125 scholarships to low income students, primarily seniors from Oregon. Covers up to 90% of unmet need with a limit of $40,000 per year. Renewable for up to 4 years.*

Requires 3.0+ GPA or a special counselor recommendation (request at least 2 weeks prior to due date). Must demonstrate leadership potential, good character, work ethic. Volunteer, community service, and work experience preferred.

To Add:

<https://www.hamiltonscholars.org/program-overview>

[Beat the Odds Scholarship](https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/62320-Stand-For-Children-Leadership-Center)