

Scholarships for New International Students

Please note: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is submitted by U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents to determine their eligibility for federal and state financial aid. International students **are not eligible** for federal or state financial aid, so the FAFSA should not be submitted by any prospective or current international students. The FAFSA is not required to determine your eligibility for merit-based institutional scholarships.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Award: Varies

Southwestern Michigan College offers a number of [restricted endowed scholarships](#) through the generous support and contributions of individuals and organizations throughout the community. Awards are based on a number of factors, including but not limited to donor restrictions (such as your major), grade point average and need. You must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours to be eligible for restricted endowed scholarships. The scholarship application is available [here](#).

STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Award: Up to \$1,500 for tuition, fees, books or other educational expenses; renewable for second year

The STEM Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who are interested in majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Students must major in a STEM field such as biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, robotics, medical pre-professional, physics, science education or a related discipline. Requires full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester (minimum 12 credit hours) and a minimum of two math and/or science courses per semester. STEM scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Math/Science Department of Southwestern Michigan College. Applicants may be contacted to schedule an interview. The scholarship application is available [here](#).

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Award: \$1,000 for tuition, fees, books or other educational expenses; renewable for second year

The Advanced Technology Scholarship is for students with demonstrated ability in one of the Advanced Technology areas. You must have a declared major of Automotive Technology, Construction Trades Green Technology, Engineering Technology or Robotics in order to qualify. Requires full-time enrollment each Fall and Spring semester (minimum 12 credit hours). The scholarship application is available [here](#).

TALENT SCHOLARSHIP (PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS)

Award: Up to \$1,500 for tuition, fees, books or other educational expenses

The Talent Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors with demonstrated ability in the performing or visual arts (art education, band, choir, drawing/painting/ceramics, graphic design/photography). Requires full-time enrollment each Fall and Spring semester (minimum 12 credit hours). A portfolio, interview or audition may be required for consideration. The scholarship application is available [here](#).

Outside Scholarships for International Students

A number of online resources are available to assist you in finding outside scholarships. Keep in mind that “outside” scholarships are not granted by Southwestern Michigan College, but by third-party organizations. Many different types of scholarships are available, and eligibility requirements will vary, depending on your citizenship, gender, intended major of study, family income, academic performance, etc.

- [Abroad Planet Scholarship Resources](#)
An online community of international students studying in the United States
- [College Board Scholarship Search](#)
A free, online financial aid source for scholarships, grants and loans for all college-bound students, including permanent residents and international students wishing to study in the United States
- [FastWeb](#)
A free, online scholarship search service
- [International Education Financial Aid](#)
A free, online scholarship search service designed for international students
- [International Student Scholarship Search](#)
A scholarship search tool that allows users to find scholarship programs by country or field of study
- [Mobility International USA](#)
A free, online scholarship database for international students wishing to study worldwide