

Sebring Elks Support High School Scholarships

It is that time when many families are preparing for their high school children to attend college, and your Sebring Elks Lodge would like to offer some help. There are many opportunities for students to apply for scholarships through the Elks National Foundation and the Florida State Elks Association. The application dates differ and are rapidly approaching. If your child would like to apply for a scholarship through the Elks National Foundation or Florida State Elks, they may get information from their high school counselors, visiting the following websites, or if you would like further information, please contact the Sebring Lodge, Diane Morse, Scholarship Chairperson at (863) 385-8647 or email elks1529@gmail.com attn: Diane Morse. Specific information for Elks National Scholarships may be found by visiting the following websites:

- <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>
- <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>
- <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Eefgrants.cfm>

Florida State Elks Scholarships are also available and information may be obtained by logging onto the Florida State Elks website at <https://floridaelks.org/>

- C.Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship
- Van Duren Memorial Scholarships
- Ben Brown Physical and/or Occupational Therapy Scholarship
- Florida Elks JROTC Scholarship
- Florida Elks Civil Air Patrol Scholarship

Each scholarship contains different application deadlines, so be sure to visit each scholarship page in order to meet deadlines for applications.



ACADEMICS | COMMUNITY SERVICE | INTEGRITY

ELIGIBILITY
College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply. Visit enf.elks.org/leg for full eligibility details.

IMPORTANT DATES
APPLICATION OPENS:
September 1, 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 1, 2027
Application closes at 11:59 a.m. (local) Pacific Time.

AWARDS & APPLICATION
400
\$6,000 scholarships
Visit enf.elks.org/leg to apply.

ENF scholarships are more than just monetary awards—they help strengthen the next generation's ties to the Elks. To help foster that relationship, the ENF requires scholars to serve with an Elks Lodge throughout college as a condition of receiving their scholarship funds.

The Elks National Foundation awards \$2.4 million in college scholarships worth \$6,000 each to a total of 400 children and grandchildren of Elks members through its Legacy Awards contest. Visit enf.elks.org/leg for complete details.

Van Duren Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship fund is a program of the Florida Elks Youth

Camp and the Florida State Elks Association. The fund provides scholarships in amounts up to \$5,000 per year to graduating high school/home schooled seniors who are planning to attend college and to students currently enrolled in an accredited American college, university or community college.

The 2027 academic year application is open September 1, 2026.



ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

ACADEMICS | SERVICE | LEADERSHIP | FINANCIAL NEED

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior and United States citizen.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **APPLICATION OPENS:**
August 1, 2026
- ▶ **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
November 12, 2026

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS*

- ▶ 20 AWARDS WORTH \$30,000
- ▶ 480 AWARDS WORTH \$4,000

*Awards paid over four years.

FOR DETAILS

- ▶ Visit enf.elks.org/MVS to apply.
- ▶ Contact your local Lodge by visiting elks.org/Lodges.
- ▶ Ask your high school guidance counselor.



The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.52 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

Visit enf.elks.org/MVS for complete details.



mission of the C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals. The scholarship targets students who have a 2.30 - 3.59 unweighted GPA.

The 2027 application period opens

August 1, 2026.

Applications due by January 15, 2027.