

Student Opportunity Scholarships for May 2026 Review

Tilda Rongerude (\$1,000): Council on International Exchange – trip to Paris, France

Whitaker Riley (\$1,000): Future Business Leaders of America -trip to San Antonio, TX

Jasmine Perez-Garcia (\$1,000): Future Business Leaders of America – trip to San Antonio, TX

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Project Description/Goals (1-2 paragraph summary)

CIEE, (The Council on International Exchange), offers a study abroad program in Paris, France for high schoolers wanting to study French. I have been studying French in school for nearly two years, and I believe that there is no better way to broaden my comfortability within the language by immersing myself in a French city full of history. By participating in this study abroad program, my entire perception of French will change, allowing me to live on the inside of the language itself. After watching my sister's life transform when she studied abroad in Spain through CIEE, I have aspired to achieve a similar experience with my own independent exploration and growth. I will return from France as a more knowledgeable and confident version of myself, along with memories and connections from a summer that reshaped my idea of living. I have fantasized about going on an adventure like this upcoming one, where I can leave the self-imposed mental walls that I have subconsciously built around me, and truly embrace myself. I am aware that trying something new like this will not be perfectly easy, but despite the challenges ahead, the chance to evolve and gain confidence will be worth every obstacle.

Project Timeline

July 5th - August 1st

Total Amount of Requested

\$1000

Please outline why you need help with this expense.

I need assistance for this expense because it is more than my family can afford. I received a scholarship from CIEE, but it does not cover the entirety of the tuition. The tuition of the program does not include the price for airfare or other expenses related to the trip, so I am in need of financial support in multiple categories. This assistance would allow me to fully participate in the program without creating hardship for my family.

What member of faculty will oversee this project? (Please include name and email)

Naomi Musal, Naomi.Musal@dmschools.org

Have you applied for/received additional funding from other sources?

Yes

Have you received funding by the TRHS Foundation for a previous project?

No

If yes to the above, please list the project, amount awarded, and date. If no, please write 'N/A'.

N/A

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Project Description/Goals (1-2 paragraph summary)

The goal of our project is that I am a part of the FBLA club (Future Business Leaders Of America) and we have placed high enough that we are eligible to compete at nationals this summer in San Antonio TX. But we only only have 2 students and 1 teacher coming with and because of that the price rates for hotels and what not are very expensive and so extra funding would decrease cost to me and the rest of our team.

Project Timeline

May 31st

Total Amount of Requested

\$1,000

Please outline why you need help with this expense.

This donation would help us greatly because there is 3 people total going to compete at nationals and it will cost around \$2,500 per person. We are currently putting energy into fundraising and seeking sponsorships here in Des Moines, but that has not going as expected and we have come short on our goals so far. So this donation would help cover transportation and hotel expenses on our national competition in Texas

What member of faculty will oversee this project? (Please include name and email)

Andy Johnson Andy.Johnson@dmschools.org

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Yes

Have you received funding by the TRHS Foundation for a previous project?

No

If yes to the above, please list the project, amount awarded, and date. If no, please write 'N/A'.

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Project Description/Goals (1-2 paragraph summary)

I will be attending FBLA Nationals competition in San Antonio. I participated in the state competition and managed to qualify for nationals. The amount of money I would have to pay to go would be around 3,000. And it's pretty difficult trying to get such amount of money as my parents just had a kid and are having to it with those fees/bills. I'm currently trying to figure out how to get the money by talking to business owners or people in general who like to support our club at Roosevelt and overall, me and my journey to nationals. I do believe this competition would benefit me in so many ways. It's a great experience for me to out myself out there and truly discover what careers are available in the business world. I would be able to network with other students with similar interests and have the opportunity to compete at a higher level. Not only would it benefit me but the future of our club as well now know what to expect and how to prepare future members.

Project Timeline

May 31

Total Amount of Requested

1k

Please outline why you need help with this expense.

In order to attend FBLA nationals in required to pay for registration and my hotel, it's a very high price and I'm currently not able to pay the full amount. The money this scholarship provides would help cut the cost down and help me be able to attend this event. My parents aren't in the best place to help with these cost as they just welcomed a new kid into the family and are full of those bills. So, this scholarship would really help with this cost.

What member of faculty will oversee this project? (Please include name and email)

Mrs. Johnson email: Andy.Johnson@dmschools.org

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No

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