

2026 Collegiate Scholarships



USA Climbing is offering two scholarship opportunities to our Collegiate Members:

- Climbing Ambassador Scholarships
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarships

Both the Collegiate Climbing Ambassador Scholarship and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship are an opportunity for competitors to demonstrate how they have become an ambassador for the sport of climbing and how they make climbing a more inclusive space.

USA Climbing will be awarding \$3,000 in scholarships: first place \$1,000 and second place \$500 for each scholarship.

To be considered, applicants must be a current Collegiate Member and submit a resume and an essay based on the prompt for the scholarships. Each application submitted by the deadline will be read by the members of the Collegiate Committee, USAC National Coordinators and members of USAC Staff and graded according to the following rubric on a scale of 120 points: 20 points for the resume and 100 points for the essay.

Open: October 4, 2025 | Close: February 1, 2026 | [Submit Application](#)

Resume – 20 points

Format/Appearance	5 points
Grammar/Spelling	5 points
Content	10 points

Essay – 100 Points

Each question is worth 20 points (15 for content, 5 grammar/spelling)

- Question 1 – How has climbing impacted your collegiate experience?
- Question 2 – What are you doing to help grow collegiate climbing?
- Question 3 – What are you doing to help dismantle barriers of access within your local climbing community? Are there any specific DEI initiatives you have helped promote?
- Question 4 – What part of being in the collegiate climbing community do you find most rewarding?
- Question 5 – If given \$1500 to improve/promote climbing at your institution, what would you utilize those funds for?

If you need assistance drafting your resume or essay, we recommend the following resources:

- Campus career office/writing center/peer writing workshops
- Resume templates via Microsoft Word or Google
- Resume Tips - www.ziprecruiter.com/blog/category/job-search/resume/
- Resume Tips - www.indeed.com/career-advice/resumes-cover-letters/10-resume-writing-tips
- Essay Tips - writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/strategies-essay-writing
- Someone you trust to give you constructive feedback on your resume and essay in advance of the deadline for submission