

Walking Softer Education Scholarship



The Walking Softer Education Scholarship offers **\$5,000 to \$20,000** to high school students who are passionate about sustainability. If you've participated in the Walking Softer Education Program, this is your opportunity to turn your ideas into action, with financial support to pursue your dreams in college or trade school.

Whether you see yourself making the business world greener, using your art to advocate for climate justice, or installing green energy infrastructure, this scholarship is for you. This scholarship is accessible and designed for all students —whether it's your first time applying for a scholarship or you're already familiar with the process.

Application Information

The application link (<https://aim.applyists.net/WalkingSofter>) will become active on January 7th, 2026, and take you to the application portal where you can create an account and start the application process.

- **The application opens January 7th 2026, and closes April 19th, 2026 at 11:59pm PST.**
- Applicants will be asked questions about their community service, work and volunteer experience, extracurricular activities, honors and awards, how they identify, and financial information. Applicants will also be asked to answer the following two questions with either an essay (500-word limit per response) or a video (maximum of 2 minutes per response):
 1. *Why is sustainability important to you, and how will pursuing further education help you achieve your sustainability goals?*
 2. *If you had the resources and ability to create powerful change in your community, what environmental solutions would you champion? How would you promote equity, inclusivity, and justice in your work?*

Have questions?

Reach out to education@walkingsofter.org

About the Scholarship

- One-time, nonrenewable scholarship of \$5,000-\$20,000 that aims to support students who participated in the Walking Softer Education program to continue pursuing sustainability
- 2-4 year college or university, or trade school eligible
- No requirements to study for a specific major, but students should have the desire to apply sustainability and to advance equitable and just environmental solutions in whatever path they choose
- Walking Softer will host a virtual scholarship info session on March 4th, 2026 at 4pm PST

Eligibility Criteria

- Participated or currently participating in the 2025/2026 Walking Softer Education Program
- Junior or Senior in high school

Recipient Requirements

- Participate in a 1-hour engagement session during the Fall of 2026
- Give a testimonial about the impact of the scholarship
- Submit a final reflection response at the end of the year in which they use their scholarship



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Walking Softer's mission is to inform, inspire, and support changemakers to take bold and immediate action in the conservation and regeneration of our planet.