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**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MONTH**  
***American Heritage Girls* Partners with Several  
Universities to Create Scholarships for Girls**

*‘These Institutions are Seeing the Value of American Heritage Girls and our Program’s Positive Influence on Young Women’*

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — As many high school juniors and seniors look toward their future at colleges and universities across the country, members of *American Heritage Girls* (AHG, [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org)), one of the world’s largest Christian, scout-type organizations, have additional opportunities to jumpstart their college education. AHG is honored to partner with several higher education institutions across the country that offer specific scholarships and opportunities for girls who have gone through the AHG program.

*AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay stated, “We are very proud of all of the accomplishments AHG girls have achieved over the years. We are thrilled to have these connections with such distinguished colleges that provide the opportunity for AHG girls to continue their education. These institutions are seeing the value of American Heritage Girls and our program’s positive influence on young women.”*

One university that has partnered with AHG is [Bob Jones University](http://www.bobjones.edu), which awards up to \$2500 per year to new incoming freshman students who have received the [Stars & Stripes Award](#), the highest recognition available to an American Heritage Girl. Those who earn this award put months of work into a leadership-building service project, which they plan, direct, and implement. Candidates gain a key understanding of the servant’s heart required to lead others with wisdom and humility—preparing them well for the responsibilities of adulthood.

AHG has also partnered with [Erskine College](http://www.erskine.edu) to create “The Stars & Stripes Scholarship Award,” valued at \$100,000 over 4 years. Eligible students must have achieved the Stars & Stripes award from *American Heritage Girls*, be high school seniors or rising seniors, and must meet the academic requirements for admission to Erskine College.

*Garibay commented, “Our goal is to equip young women with the tools they need to grow from godly girls to women of integrity, and the Stars & Stripes Award is a prime example of that goal. These colleges understand the worth of having godly girls on their campuses, and we plan to continue to help girls build character, develop leadership skills, and foster meaningful relationships with Christ that will impact the future of America.”*

In addition to these Stars & Stripes scholarships, **AHG** is also working with Lipscomb University, Oklahoma Christian University, Abilene University, Faulkner University and Harding University. The scholarships through these universities all cover specific percentage amounts of a girl's tuition.

**American Heritage Girls** was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At **AHG**, girls ages five to 18 meet together as [a single Troop](#) at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives **AHG** girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. **AHG** Troops are located in [local communities](#) across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the **AHG** Program to their own area. An **American Heritage Girls** Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form [a new Troop](#). To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of **AHG** from **Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay**, [click here](#).

Today, there are [Troops](#) in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a [Trailblazer](#) and enjoy the **AHG** program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as [Charter Organizations](#) for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

The **“Raising Godly Girls”** radio feature and [Raising Godly Girls blog](#) shares guidance and biblically based advice on many key topics affecting girls today—including the prevalence of bullying and cyberbullying. It gives parents, educators, and faith community leaders a set of tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to assist in raising girls after God's own heart. The [“Raising Godly Girls Minute” with Patti Garibay](#) airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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