

Scholarship Resources



Searching for scholarships can be time-consuming, but rewarding! There are hundreds of scholarships that are just a click away! All you have to do to be considered is apply!

Getting Started:

- Start looking now for next year and be aware of deadlines.
- Get a binder and keep track of your applications and deadlines.
- Create a personal statement and save it so you can easily change it for other scholarship programs. Less is not more when creating a personal statement. Take your time and tell the reader about you, what makes you different, tell them your goals, how you plan to reach them and why you are applying for the funds. This is the reader's chance to get to know you. Make your statement stand out.
- Keep at least 3 or 4 generic letters for recommendation on hand so you can use them for multiple scholarships (make sure the recommenders know you plan to do this).
- Don't limit your search and apply for as many scholarships as you can!

Be Aware of Scams!

- **“For a fee, we provide a list of scholarships.”**
Don't spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest and best scholarship databases are available for free on the Web.
- **“We have a money-back guarantee.”**
Legitimate scholarships are always competitive and sometimes needs based. No one can guarantee you will win.
- **“We need your credit card or bank account number.”**
Legitimate scholarships will not ask for your personal account information and will often send funds directly to your school.
- **“If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.”**
It's just a good life rule to follow, especially when it comes to your finances; remember some things just are too good to be true!

If you have been contacted for or been victimized by a student scam or fraudulent offer, don't be afraid to report it! You can report such incidents to your state's department of consumer protection, your state attorney general or the [National Consumer League's Fraud Center](#). Remember, creating such reports will help prevent other students from being victimized by the same opportunists.

Where to Look?

Scholarships are also available from external groups, such as civic organizations, churches, local businesses, professional organizations and employers. Check out scholarships that are available in the community as well as with your parent's employer. The next pages lists that can help get you started in your scholarship search.

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Below is a list of a few scholarship opportunities to explore as you begin your search for scholarship funding. The Technical College of the Lowcountry does not endorse, guarantee, partner or otherwise certify the validity of these scholarship providers or their websites. As in all cases, students and parents must decide for themselves what is best when both applying and looking for scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

- College Board <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>
- FASTWEB <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- Gates Millennium Scholars <http://www.gmsp.org/>
- U.S. Department of Labor <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- Studentaid.gov <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- Sallie Mae's College Answer <https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/>
- Tuition Funding <http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/>