



INTERESTED IN EXTRA MONEY FOR SCHOOL?

Scholarships are forms of aid that do not have to be paid back. They are offered by many organizations, including government, businesses, lenders and nonprofits and may be based on academics, achievements, hobbies, talents, organizational affiliations, and civic and community involvement. A thorough scholarship search may succeed if you start early, keep organized, and search diligently. Here are some websites to start your process:

- www.finaid.com
- www.fastweb.com
- http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/scholarshipSearch.jsp
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.srnexpress.com
- www.collegenet.com/mach25
- www.scholarshiphelp.org

These are free scholarship searches. Since many reputable free search websites exist, you do not need to pay for a search. Most website scholarship searches will ask for your background information so they can create a list of scholarship opportunities tailored toward your profile. Each scholarship will be different and may have varying requirements; be sure to consult all of the guidelines for a particular scholarship. A scholarship application may ask for different types of verification or for transcripts, letters of recommendation, a personal statement, or an essay on a chosen topic. In addition to searching on these sites, you may already be associated with organizations that offer scholarships. Check them out.

Beware of companies that guarantee or promise scholarships. Do not send money to companies that make generous promises, charge you money to receive aid, try to get you to send money by claiming you are a finalist in a scholarship contest, or request your credit card or bank account number to hold a scholarship for you. To learn more about scholarship scams, go to www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams.

**Please note that students who receive outside scholarships are required to revise and adjust any other financial aid package they receive to prevent receiving aid that surpasses federal guidelines.*