

Scholarships

There are different types of scholarship awards. Scholarships may be based on any of the following:

- Scholastic Achievement (Merit award-often judged by GPA, class rank, test scores)
- Athletic Ability (Don't forget to register with the NCAA!)
- Community Service (Document activities and hours as you participate over time)
- Demonstrated Leadership (Again, document and keep log of experiences, time invested)
- Intended College Major or Career Field (Ex. Students majoring in health field)
- Essay
- Personal Demographic
- Student or Parent's Workplace or Organizational Association
- Talent
- Other Criteria as Specified by the Individual Scholarship (sometimes quite unique!)

Where to Look for Scholarships

1. Free Scholarship Search Sites

www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com www.zinch.com
www.collegeboard.com <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> www.cfnc.org/GATEWAY

There are many others!

NOTE: It is recommended that you set up a separate free email account (i.e. hotmail, gmail) for scholarships only. You will receive a lot of information/hits.

BEWARE OF SEARCH SITES THAT REQUIRE A FEE. Many are scams!

2. Be sure to check the following for possible scholarship offerings:

- The financial aid department of the institution one is planning to attend
- The specific college department of one's intended major (i.e. science department)
- The workplace of both the parent and student
- The organizations/affiliations of both parents and students
- CFNC.org The College Foundation of North Carolina
- Google Searches

3. Other useful sites

<http://www.college-scholarships.com/index.html>

www.studentloans.gov –Sallie May site for financial aid

www.collegepayway.com tools for planning to pay for college

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

- Many scholarships are awarded by the individual colleges
- Private colleges generally award more scholarships than public colleges
- A one-year scholarship is for one year only; a renewable scholarship can become a four-year scholarship
- A student who has excelled or accomplished a great deal in one area is usually much more impressive than a student who has a “laundry list” of less meaningful activities
- It's important to remember that most financial aid is not awarded in the form of a scholarship. Parents and students should pursue all financial aid opportunities.
- Smaller, local scholarships are often much easier to get than those sponsored by large organizations or businesses. Coca Cola, for example receives over 100,000 applications for their 250 scholarships. A local Rotary Club may receive 10 applications for their Rotary scholarship.