



scholarship

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search tips

1. **Chat it Up.** Talk with a high school counselor about available scholarships and upcoming opportunities.
2. **Don't Wait.** Interested in attending a college or university? Don't wait until you've been accepted. Talk to their admissions and financial aid officers about scholarships and other financial help they can offer.
3. **Narrow it Down.** Do you know what academic major or career you'd like to pursue? Ask the department head at your college choice(s) if they know of any scholarships for your area of interest. Or, search for professional associations that offer scholarships for your desired field.
4. **Ask for More Help.** If you've received your financial aid package and you still owe more for your education than you or your family can afford, ask the college about an appeal process.
5. **Work it Out.** Enroll in a work study or part-time job to contribute to your education and living expenses. Students who work learn time-management skills and the importance of investing in their own education, contributing to better school performance.
6. **Apply for FAFSA.** Fill out the application as soon as you can after it becomes available on Oct. 1. Studies show that, on average, students who apply for financial aid during the first three months of the FAFSA submission period receive twice as much grant money.
7. **Shop Local.** While those nation-wide scholarships might look bright and shiny, students generally have better odds of being awarded a local scholarship since they are competing against fewer students.
8. **Apply, Apply, Apply.** Apply for as many scholarships as you can.
9. **Don't Pay.** We advise students to never pay for scholarship or financial aid information as these services are often scams.
10. **Check out these additional scholarship resources:**

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.cappex.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.edvisors.com

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