



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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Searching For Scholarships

Scholarships for college are given to students for good grades, athletic ability, community service, or other qualities, traits, or abilities. Businesses, organizations, and universities award scholarships to a variety of students.

Scholarships range in both amounts and competitiveness. For example, a local scholarship may offer \$500 for one year, but will only be open to seniors at your high school, while a national scholarship may offer \$10,000 for four years of college, but will be open to students across the country. Here's how your student can get the most out of the scholarship application process:

DO

- Search (and apply) for scholarships on sites like thewashboard.org, bigfuture.collegeboard.com, scholarship 360, fastweb.com, and scholarships.com
 - After answering a few questions, the sites will automatically match you with scholarships you're eligible to apply for.
- Apply for local scholarships through Naviance Family Connection

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DON'T

- Pay money for information or assistance with scholarship searches. There are plenty of free options online, or ask the school counselor for help.
- Procrastinate! Deadlines are firm, and it's important to get paperwork and applications submitted on time.
- Waste time and energy. Make sure you meet eligibility requirements for scholarships before you apply. Also, many scholarship applications require essays on similar topics – it's okay to reuse your work where applicable!



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Did You Know?

If your child applied for the College Bound Scholarship in middle school and completed the program pledge requirements, they should make sure their college knows they are a College Bound student.

The college's financial aid office will determine if your family's current income meets the requirements to receive the College Bound Scholarship.

Get more info at: www.collegebound.wa.gov