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Searching For Scholarships

Scholarships for college are awarded 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 you can get the most out of the scholarship application process:

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search (and apply) for scholarships on sites like thewashboard.org, bigfuture.collegeboard.com, scholarship360, fastweb.com, and scholarships.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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?

The best way to research a college's Cost of Attendance is to use the US Department of Education's Net Price Calculator (<http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>).

Use it to estimate how much a college could cost. **Net price** is a term for the **Cost of Attendance** minus any **grants and scholarships** for which students may be eligible.