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Scholarship Tips and Resources

Applying for scholarships is worth the time and effort. Many scholarships offer meaningful sums, but even if the award is small, a few hundred dollars can make a big difference! Its money that doesn't have to be paid back, and it can be used for textbooks, supplies, or other college-related expenses.

There are scholarships for everyone, not just athletes and geniuses. Don't sell yourself short — millions of scholarships are out there for almost every talent and interest. Are you a vegetarian? Roller skater? Star Trek fan? Yup, there's a scholarship for that!

Below are some helpful TIPS when applying for scholarships:

- **Deadlines and details matter.** In the highly competitive scholarship arena, missing a deadline, overlooking application requirements, or spelling mistakes can eliminate you from consideration. Make sure you proofread your essay, and have a friend or family member look it over for mistakes you may have missed!
- **Students can – and should – apply each year they're in school.** Approximately 50 percent of available scholarships are for students already enrolled in college.
- **Impress the selection committee.** Something as small as sending a thank-you note can have a huge effect on how an application is regarded.
- **Never pay for scholarships or for scholarship searches.** There are many free scholarship searches. Guidance Counselors and school Financial Aid Offices can recommend reputable options.

It's really worth the time and effort. Sure, you might have to write a few essays but it's worth it.

Scholarships are free money!

Below are some trusted sites to help begin your scholarship search:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.petersons.com
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.scholarshipsandgrants.us

Locally, The Higher Education Resource Center, located at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square, has numerous resources available to help students find outside aid!