



Searching for scholarships

A. Scholarships at your colleges:

Look for scholarships on your colleges' websites or contact the college financial aid office to ask about scholarship opportunities. At many colleges, students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships based on their application for admission. However, some colleges **require that you fill out additional scholarship application(s) for both merit and/or departmental scholarships. Look on each college's financial aid website for directions about applying.**

B. Local and national scholarships:

BSM receives scholarship information from many local, regional and national companies and organizations. To locate this scholarship information login to your Family Connection account at <http://connection.naviance.com/bsm> and from the home page, click on the "Colleges Home" link, and both the "Scholarship list" and "National Scholarship Search" are located here. The "National Scholarship Search" sponsored by Sallie Mae, helps create a profile that will identify scholarships for you.

Other free scholarship search websites: www.fastweb.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, and www.scholarships.com. Scholarship searches should be FREE. You should not pay for this service or a scholarship application.

Things to keep in mind regarding scholarships:

1. If you are applying for scholarships that require a transcript or recommendation letter(s), fill out a pink "Scholarship Application Mail Form" in the College and Career Center. Turn this form in to your counselor and allow plenty of time (at least one week) for your counselor to process your request.
2. If you are really serious about getting scholarships, you will need to make scholarship searching and applying a part-time job. Devote one weekend each month from November through June to researching scholarships and applying for them.

Other financial aid tips:

**Need more help filling out your FAFSA? Go to <http://minnesotacollegegoal.org/locations.cfm> to find a number of area high schools that are offering help sessions during February, March and April for students and parents filling out the FAFSA.

**You should find a "Net Price Calculator" on each college's financial aid website. Entering information into this calculator on a college's website will help you figure out an estimate of what it will cost to attend that college.

**The CSS Profile is an additional financial aid application that over 100 (usually private selective) colleges use to determine how they will award their institutional money. Find out if you have to fill out the CSS Profile for any of the colleges you are applying to, and how to fill out and submit the CSS Profile on this website: <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

Local Scholarships

(Find more information in the “Scholarship List” under College tab in Naviance)

Scholarship Name	Deadline	Amount
Puckett Scholars Program	1-Jan	4,000
Mensa Education & Research Scholarship Program	15-Jan	N/A
Minnesota JCI Senate Scholarship	15-Jan	1,000.00
Kiwanis Educational Foundation, INC	22-Jan	\$865
Affinity Plus Academic Scholarship Program	29-Jan	\$5,000
Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Fund	29-Jan	N/A
AXA Achievement Community Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000 (12)
Minnesota Credit Union Foundation Scholarship	1-Feb	\$1,000
Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Television Academy	6-Feb	\$3,000
Soroptimist Resilience Award	15-Feb	\$500.00
Minnesota Masonic Charities Signature and Legacy Scholarships	16-Feb	Legacy \$4,000
Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship Program	25-Feb	varies
Minnesota Hockey Scholarship Awards Program	27-Feb	\$1,000
Wings Financial Scholarship	27-Feb	\$5, 000
MnACC Student of Color Scholarship	1-Mar	\$500-2,500
Pohlad Scholars Program	1-Mar	\$2,000 (75)
Twin Cities In Motion Scholarship	1-Mar	\$5,000(2)
Vernetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship	2-Mar	\$1,500
Twin West Scholarship	13-Mar	\$1,000
Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Program (16yrs - 20yrs)	13-Mar	\$1,000.00
Juliet Evans Nelson Scholarship for Outstanding Youth Volunteerism (11th gr.)	20-Mar	\$2,500
Minnesota Association of Dance Teams Scholarship	28-Mar	\$400
IME/LEDC Latino Scholarship Fund	31-Mar	\$2,000-3,000
Wright Hennepin Cooperative Electric Assn	31-Mar	\$1,200-\$3,000
Eden Prairie Lions Club Scholarship	1-Apr	\$1,000.00
Exploring Scholarships	1-Apr	400
Ivy Foundation & Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship	5-Apr	varies
Jane Ring and Sue Ring - Jarvi girls Hockey Fund	10-Apr	2,500
Shakopee Lions Scholarship	15-Apr	\$1,000
Club Z Achievement Award	17-Apr	\$2,000
Eden Prairie Student Citizenship Award	27-Apr	1500
Mike Warter Soccer College Scholarship	30-Apr	\$500.00
MN AFL-CIO scholarships	30-Apr	\$1,000
Sports & Orthopaedic Specialists Minnesota Athletes in Sports Medicine Scholarship	1-May	2,500 (2)
Maple Grove Women of Today Scholarship	1-May	1,500
Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program (Juniors)	1-May	\$1,000 (6)
Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship	1-May	\$500 - \$2,000
Page Education Foundation	1-May	\$1,000 -\$2,500
Minnesota Social Service Association Diversity Educational Scholarship	20-May	\$1,000 (3)
Polanie Club Scholarship	5-Jun	\$2,000
James J. Wychor Scholarship Program	30-Jun	\$1,500 (10)
American Legion scholarships (9th-12th)	N/A	varies
College Edge Scholarships (11th)	N/A	varies