Where to Find Scholarships

There are thousands of scholarships out there for high school seniors, all with different eligibility requirements, deadlines, and award amounts, so it would be worth your time to do your own research. Scholarships are often broken down into lists of scholarship competitions, merit-based scholarships, need-based scholarships, and specialty awards. Here are more details about what types of scholarships are available and where to find them.

College Scholarships

Scholarships given by colleges are the most common type of scholarships. For each school you apply to, check out that college's scholarship website for information on how they handle scholarships. Awards can be offered on a university-wide basis or within a particular college or major. Your college may automatically put your name in for its scholarships when you submit your admission application or financial aid forms or you may have to fill out a separate scholarship application to be considered.

- WSU Scholarship Application: https://admission.wsu.edu/scholarships/
- EWU Scholarship Application: https://www.ewu.edu/apply/tuition/scholarships/
- Community Colleges of Spokane: https://scc.spokane.edu/For-Our-Students/Getting-Help/Workforce-Transitions/Scholarships

Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships are those given by an organization other than the college or the federal government. These scholarships will most likely be a small part of your college money but can help meet costs. Here are some places you can look for these types of awards.

Local Scholarships

Ask your school counselor or college and career counselor about awards for students graduating from your high school and for residents of your town, county and state. Look online and in your public library for information on local scholarships as well. You may find scholarships sponsored by your church, mosque, synagogue or other religious community, local organizations such as Rotary Club, Kiwanis,your parents’ employers, and your employer.

- ACT Six Scholarship - www.actsix.org
- Bismarck H Turner Scholarship - https://www.esd101.net/fiscal/bismarck
State Scholarships

Almost every state has a scholarship program for residents, and the awards are usually limited to students who will attend college in that same state.

- WA College Bound Scholarship - [www.readysetgrad.org](http://www.readysetgrad.org)
- Washington State Scholarship Foundation - [www.washingtonscholarship.org](http://www.washingtonscholarship.org)
- Washington State PTA Scholarship - [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)
- Washington Opportunity Scholarship - [https://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/](https://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/)

National Scholarships

National scholarships are often selected based on a student’s grade point average, work experience, extracurricular activities and community service. National scholarships have a tendency to be academically competitive and prestigious.

- Gates Millennium Scholars - [https://gmsp.org/](https://gmsp.org/)
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation - [https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/](https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/)
- Burger King Scholars - [https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/](https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/)

Helpful Scholarship Search Engines/Database:

Mead High School Scholarship Database - [www.meadhs.mead354.org](http://www.meadhs.mead354.org) - under Academics/College & Career Readiness/Scholarship Database

- [www.washboard.org](http://www.washboard.org)
- [www.scholarshipmonkey.org](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.org)
- [www.niche.com](http://www.niche.com)
- [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.prepscholar.com](http://www.prepscholar.com)
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Check out [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me) students can redeem micro scholarship awards they earn from RaiseMe for any of the participating colleges.