



Westminster School at Oak Mountain

College Advising:
Searching for Scholarships

College Scholarships

The best way to fund college is with scholarships and grants



This is money that doesn't need to be repaid



Grants are typically awarded on the basis of financial need



Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, whether it's for academics, athletic ability or a specific talent



How Do I Find Scholarships for College?

Where to Look

College Based Scholarships

Local Scholarships

Professional Societies

Parent or Student Employers

Online Scholarship Tools

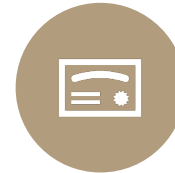
College Based Scholarships



These are the easiest to earn



Look on college website under “Financial Aid” or “Scholarships”



Many are automatic based on SAT/ACT and GPA



Look at requirements and set goals for standardized test scores



Fill out the [FAFSA](#) after October 1st senior year



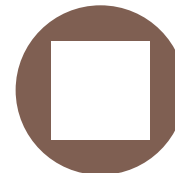
Many will be offered through an internal scholarship generator



Talk to college recruiters to see what is available for you



Keep applying even while in college – still eligible!



[Tutorial](#) for filling out the CSS Profile, if needed

Example of Automatic Merit-Based: University of Alabama

2023 In-State Freshman Automatic Merit Scholarships

Scholarship	Test Score	GPA	Yearly Value
Presidential	30-36 ACT or 1360-1600 SAT	3.50+	Tuition
Foundation in Excellence	29 ACT or 1330-1350 SAT	3.50+	\$9,000
Foundation in Excellence	30-36 ACT or 1360-1600 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$9,000
Collegiate	28 ACT or 1300-1320 SAT	3.50+	\$8,000
Collegiate	29 ACT or 1330-1350 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$8,000
Capstone	27 ACT or 1260-1290 SAT	3.50+	\$7,000
Capstone	28 ACT or 1300-1320 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$7,000
UA Legends	26 ACT or 1230-1250 SAT	3.50+	\$6,000
UA Legends	27 ACT or 1260-1290 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$6,000
Crimson Achievement	25 ACT or 1200-1220 SAT	3.50+	\$5,000
Crimson Achievement	26 ACT or 1230-1250 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$5,000
UA Recognition	21-24 ACT or 1060-1190 SAT	3.50+	\$4,000
UA Recognition	25 ACT or 1200-1220 SAT	3.00-3.49	\$4,000

Other Types of College Based Scholarships

- Visiting the campus or early commitment
- Essay competitions
- Departmental scholarships
- Income based
- In-state only or from underrepresented areas
- Child of military or front-line worker
- Honors Program or dual enrollment
- Leadership scholarships
- Legacy scholarships
- Ministry/missionary dependent
- Participation such as marching band, choir, theater
- National Merit Scholarships

National Merit Scholars Program

- Based on your PSAT from 11th Grade Year
- Top 1% of your state to become semi-finalist
- Invited to fill out application to become finalist in September of senior year
- Sample of [colleges](#) who give full ride scholarships to National Merit Semi-Finalists

University of Alabama

Oklahoma Christian University

University of Central Florida

University of Idaho

University of Maine

University of South Florida

Liberty University

UAH

Ole Miss

Faulkner University

University of Texas Dallas

Harding University

Example of Internal Scholarship Generator: Auburn's AUSOM

Award	Name
Varies	<u>Brian H. and Judy J. Hunt Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering with a...
Varies	<u>Dr. Kimberly A. Dean Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College of Sciences and Mathematics with a...
\$5,000	<u>Mack Naugher Leath Memorial Annual Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College of Agriculture with a declared major in...
\$1,000	<u>Alabama AG Credit Annual Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College of Agriculture, with preference to...
Varies	<u>Batson Family Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be a member of the AU Marching Band, with preference to...
Varies	<u>Boeing Company Annual Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, with...
Varies	<u>Charles G. Lawson Memorial Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment...
Varies	<u>Cullman County Auburn Club Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be an incoming freshman awarded a Spirit of Auburn University...
\$1,000	<u>Cummings Aerospace Ace Annual Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the College of Engineering, a resident of the state...
Varies	<u>Douglas and Mariana Hillhouse Endowed Scholarship</u> Must be enrolled in the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business and...

Example of Participation Scholarships: Samford University

- [Art & Design Scholarship](#)
- [Band Scholarships](#)
- [Business Scholarships](#)
- [Education Scholarships](#)
- [History Scholarships](#)
- [Journalism & Mass Communication Scholarships](#)
- [Kenny Morgan Scholarship](#)
- [Minister Dependent Scholarship](#)
- [Music Scholarships](#)
- [National Merit Scholarship](#)
- [Theatre Scholarships](#)

Example of Scholarships for Family in Ministry: Baylor University

Baptist Minister's Dependent Scholarship

Baylor awards scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to the dependents of pastors, ministers of music, ministers of education, and other full-time ministers actively serving or officially retired from serving a Baptist congregation, a state convention or agency in a ministerial role certified by a Baptist convention. Students must provide documentation of their parent's employment in a ministerial capacity by a Baptist church or other Baptist entity. This scholarship is renewable beyond the initial year provided the student continues to maintain full-time undergraduate enrollment status and a minimum 2.5 Baylor cumulative GPA.

Baptist Missionaries' Dependent Scholarship

Baylor awards scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to the dependents of missionaries actively serving or officially retired from serving a Baptist mission agency. Students must provide documentation of their parent's employment in this capacity. Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining full-time undergraduate enrollment status, and a minimum 2.5 Baylor cumulative GPA.

Ministry Scholarship

Baylor, in cooperation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, provides educational assistance to Baptist students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocational ministry. Currently, the amount of this scholarship is 20 percent of tuition for Baylor undergraduate hours. For further information, please [click here](#).

Presidential Denominational

Baylor awards scholarships of \$1,500 per academic year to Baptist students who provide confirmation of their participation in the Challengers Program (formerly the High School Baptist Young Men Program) or the Studiact Program (formerly Acteens Program). Challengers participants must also provide proof of having received the National Leadership Award. Studiact participants must show proof of having completed all six Quest levels (formerly, Acteens had to receive the Texas Acteens Citation Award). Studiact participants who have served as Texas state or national panelists for the WMU are also eligible. This scholarship is renewable for a total of 8 undergraduate semesters, provided the student maintains full-time undergraduate enrollment status and a minimum 2.5 Baylor cumulative GPA.

Baptist Youth Speakers Scholarship

Students who provide confirmation of their participation in the Baptist Youth Speakers Tournament and who place either first, second or third at the state level competition will receive an annual scholarship for \$5,000, \$3,500, or \$2,500 respectively. Students are only eligible for one Baptist Youth Speakers Tournament scholarship regardless of the number of times they have placed in the competition. This scholarship is renewable for a total of 8 undergraduate semesters, provided the student maintains full-time undergraduate enrollment status and a minimum 2.5 Baylor cumulative GPA.

Example of Scholarships for Honors Program: University of Mississippi

Honors College Scholarships

SMBHC Honors Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year)
- **Eligibility:** Entering freshmen selected to the Honors College; must be a Mississippi resident
- **How to Apply:** **Special Programs & Scholarships Application.**
- **Deadline:** January 5.
- **For More Information:** Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, 662-915-7294
- **E-mail:** honors@olemiss.edu

McDonnell Barksdale Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year)
- **Eligibility:** Entering freshmen selected to the Honors College; must be a Mississippi resident
- **How to Apply:** **Special Programs & Scholarships Application.**
- **Deadline:** January 5.
- **For More Information:** Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, 662-915-7294
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Doris Raymond Honors Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year)
- **Eligibility:** Entering freshmen selected to the Honors College
- **How to Apply:** **Special Programs & Scholarships Application.**
- **Deadline:** January 5.
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- **E-mail:** honors@olemiss.edu



College Financial Aid Packet



Pay attention to if a scholarship is “stackable”



Earning some college scholarships may disqualify you from others



Ask college recruiter if there are additional scholarships available



Colleges combine grants and scholarships in financial aid packet which is presented in early spring senior year



Financial aid packets can be negotiated up to May 1st

Example of Financial Aid Packet:

Sample Award Letter

Financial Aid \$39,945

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Faculty Scholarship	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$31,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,323	\$1,322	\$2,645
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)	\$400	\$400	\$800
LOANS			
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

Estimated Cost of Attendance \$61,826

DIRECT BILLABLE COSTS			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Tuition	\$23,085	\$23,085	\$46,170
Fees	\$180	\$180	\$360
Room/Housing	\$4,010	\$4,010	\$8,020
Meals/Meal Plan	\$2,688	\$2,688	\$5,376
INDIRECT COSTS			
Book/Supplies	\$550	\$550	\$1,100
Transportation	\$225	\$225	\$450
Other Educational Costs	\$175	\$175	\$350

Total Estimated Balance \$21,881

ESTIMATED MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

\$2,188

10 payments per year

\$1,823

12 payments per year

DEPOSIT NOW

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Resources to Pay Your Balance

ACCEPTING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Log into our website and accept, decline or partially accept your financial aid award.

WORK STUDY			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Work Study	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,500

PAYMENT PLAN

We offer 10 and 12 month payment plans. Payment plans are calculated by semester and subject to change. You need to sign up for a payment plan each semester.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this award letter, please contact the financial aid office.

Local Scholarships

These are the next easiest to attain



Many are associated with community organizations



Many local scholarships only award \$1,000 or less



Pool of applicants is smaller



Links to examples are included in the following slides

Examples of Local Scholarships

- [Smith Scholarship](#)
- [ALET Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [Alabama Home Builders Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Linly Heflin Scholarships for Women](#)
- [Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships](#)
- [Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program](#)
- [Lands End Starboard Scholarship](#)
- [Chick-Fil-A Community Scholars](#)
- [Southern Automotive Women's Forum Scholarship](#)

Professional Society Scholarships

Very competitive but worth trying

Many are associated with a national organization, college major or heritage

Research organizations in your field of interest

Look at requirements as a high school junior and get involved

May need to join a club or pursue a college major to be eligible

These organizations are recruiting the next generation of workers in their field

Examples of Professional Society Scholarships

[American Legion](#)

[Daughters of the American Revolution](#)

[Amazon Future Engineer](#)

[Rotary Club Scholarship](#)

[Elk National Foundation Scholarship](#)

[American Society of Naval Engineers](#)

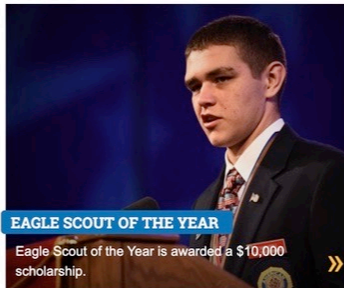
[National Restaurant Association](#)

[Alabama Nurses Foundation Scholarship](#)

[National Honor Society](#)

Examples of Professional Society Scholarships: American Legion & Daughters of American Revolution

SCHOLARSHIPS



Quick Links:

[DAR Scholarship Committee Online Application Submission Portal - Opens November 1, 2022](#)

[DAR Scholarship Application Instructions and Checklist](#)

[Scholarship FAQs](#)

Scholarship Categories

[General Scholarship Information](#)

[General Scholarship](#)

[Daughters and Sons of DAR Members Scholarship](#)

[History, Economics, Government & Political Science Scholarships](#)

[Medical, Nursing and Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarships](#)

[Elementary and Secondary Teacher Education Scholarships](#)

[Specific Scholarships](#)

[American Indians Scholarships](#)

Employee Scholarships

A lot of companies provide scholarships to their employees' kids

Ask parents to connect with HR department to see what is available

Scholarships for students who work is often an employee benefit

[Chick-Fil-A](#): Remarkable Futures Scholarship for Employees

[CVS](#): Health Foundation Scholarships for CVS Dependents

[Meijer](#): Fred and Lena Meijer Scholarship for Dependents

[The Home Depot](#): Orange Scholarship for Employee Dependents

[FEEA](#): Merit-based scholarships for federal public servants, their spouses, children, and grandchildren

[Wells Fargo](#): Wells Fargo Employees' Dependent Children Scholarship Program

Examples of Companies with Tuition Reimbursement Programs

- Tuition reimbursement available at growing number of [companies](#)
- Here are some examples, but the list is getting longer everyday!

[Papa Johns](#)

[Chipotle](#)

[Target](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Disney](#)

[Starbucks](#)

[Ford](#)

[Publix](#)

[The Home Depot](#)

[Wells Fargo](#)

[Walmart](#)

[UPS](#)

[Taco Bell](#)

[McDonalds](#)

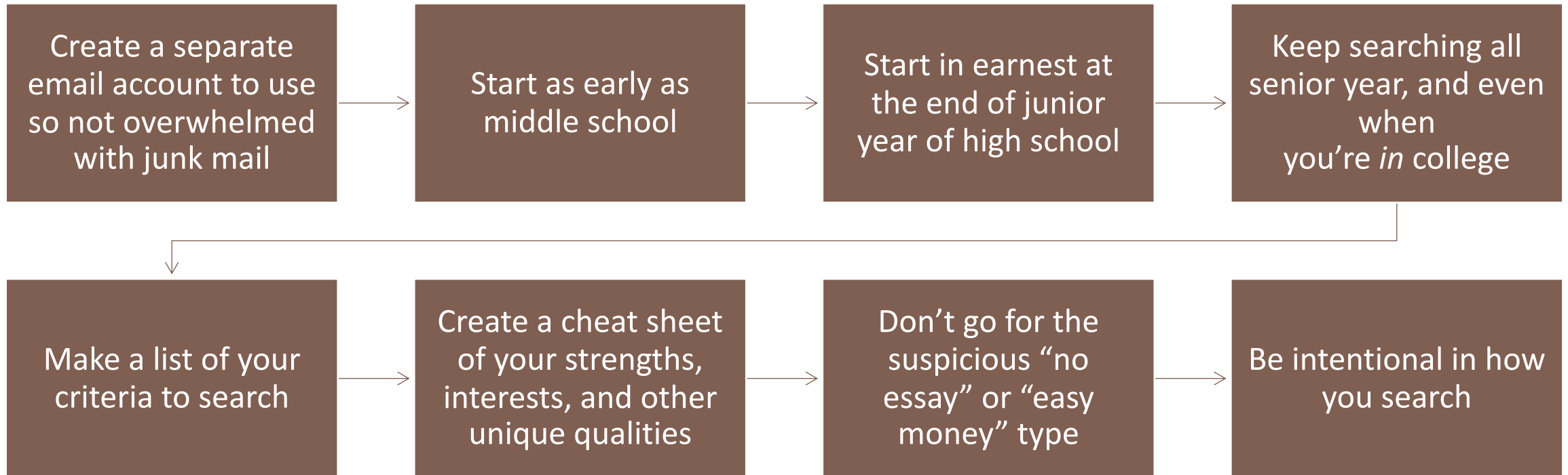
[Fidelity](#)

[Best Buy](#)

[Apple](#)

[Verizon](#)

How to Find Scholarships with Online Search Tools



Links for Online Scholarship Search Tools

- www.SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch
- <https://studentscholarships.org/2021scholarships.php>
- www.fastweb.com
- <https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>
- <https://www.goingmerry.com>
- <https://www.cappex.com>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://myscholly.com>
- <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

Examples of Basic Scholarship Search Criteria

- Your academic interests/majors
- Your extracurricular activities
- Your hobbies
- Your volunteer experience
- Sports you play
- Performing and/or visual art experience
- Your family's racial/ethnic heritage
- Your college/university
- Your hometown and state
- Unique family history or interests
- *Anything* you're truly passionate about

Examples of Leadership/Service Scholarships

- [Reagan Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Brower Environmental Leadership](#)
- [Medical Scrubs Collection Scholarship](#)
- [Coca Cola Scholarship](#)
- [Eagle Scout Scholarships](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Calvin Coolidge Scholarship](#) (for 11th graders)
- [Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program](#)
- [Bezos Scholars Program](#)
- [Chick-Fil-A Leadership Scholarship](#)
- [Prudential Emerging Visionaries](#)

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. With the **33rd class in 2021**, the Foundation has provided over 6,450 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$75 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride, presidential scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any accredited college or university in the United States. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program.

Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their junior year of high school. Finalists are flown in for a finalist weekend at the Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, Vermont where they interview with the Coolidge Scholars Finalist Jury. Recipients of the Coolidge Scholarship are notified of their award late in their junior year, before college application (note: current high school seniors are *not eligible* to apply). Finalists who are not named Coolidge Scholars are eligible to receive a smaller, one-time, college scholarship.



**Congratulations to the 2021
Doodle for Google National
Winner, Milo Golding!**

Milo from Kentucky won our contest this year with his Doodle titled "Finding Hope." Google is honored to award Milo with a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology award for his school.

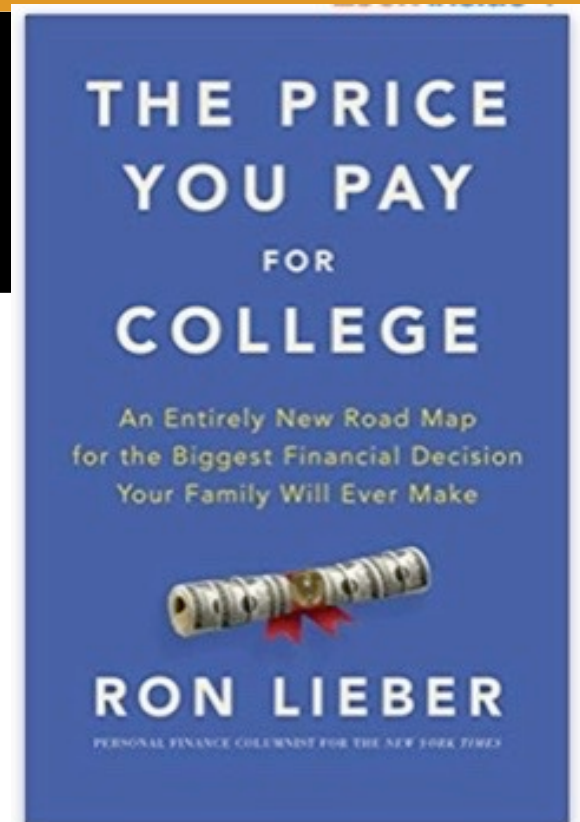
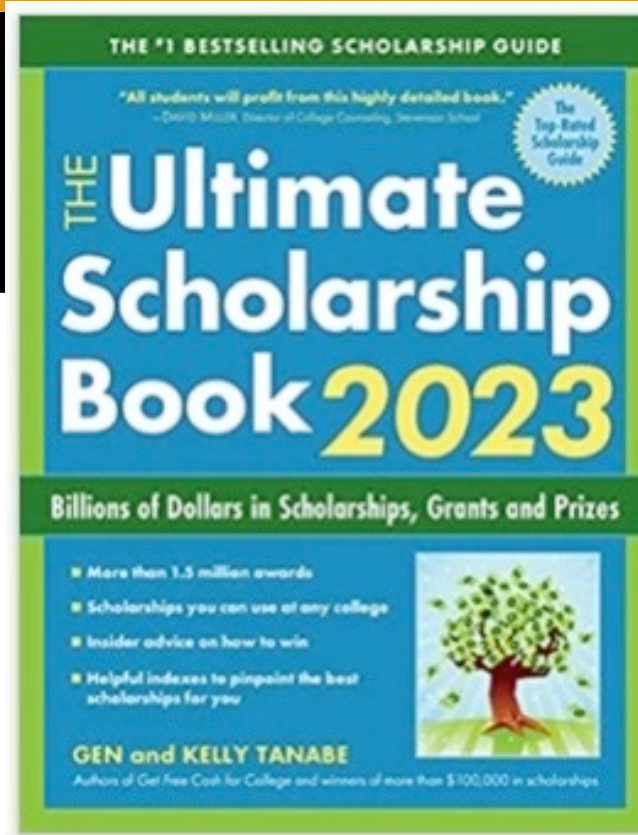


Examples of Creative Scholarships

- [Prom Attire from Duck Tape](#)
- [Doodle for Google](#)
- [Create a Greeting Card](#)
- [Duck Calling Scholarship](#)
- [Crystallography Scholarship](#)

Examples of Other Types of Scholarships

- [NCAA Athletics Scholarships](#)
- [Golf Caddie Scholarship](#)
- [Tall Club Scholarship](#)
- [National Strength and Conditioning Scholarship](#)
- [Society for Women Engineers](#)
- [Children of First Responders](#)
- [Esports Scholarships](#)
- [Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship](#)
- [Samuel Robinson Award for Reciting the Westminster Shorter Catechism](#)
- [Marion Huber Learning Through Listening Awards](#)
(for those with learning disabilities)



Helpful Books Found in Our Office – Just Ask!

In Conclusion

- Make a plan and aim for merit scholarships at intended college by setting goals for ACT and GPA
- Talk with college recruiters and see what is available
- Look for local scholarship opportunities
- Look at professional societies related to your field of study
- Ask parents and employers if included in benefits
- Use online search engine or books to find even more
- Keep a [record](#) with deadlines and requirements

You Can Do This!

You still have to put in some serious time and effort applying for these scholarships.

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Some might ask you to write essays, answer tough questions, or even interview—but some could require little to no effort.

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If you treat the scholarship search process like a part-time job by spending at least an hour a day filling out applications, it *will* pay off.