

Scholarship 101 – Your Guide to Researching Scholarships

A scholarship is a form of financial aid, typically awarded on the basis of merit, that doesn't need to be repaid by the student. The search can be tedious, but putting forth a determined and organized effort might be worth it. Scholarships run anywhere from a few hundred to a few thousands of dollars. Don't automatically discard scholarships offering small amounts and don't rely on just a few scholarship opportunities to come through. Apply and apply and apply. *There are **VERY FEW** free rides out there.*

Where to Look

1. Online Search Engines (create a profile and filter through the matches)
 - [The Best College Scholarship Search Websites \(thecollegeinvestor.com\)](http://thecollegeinvestor.com)
 - FastWeb, CAPPEX, High Five, MeritAid, Collegeboard, Bold, etc. are commonly used.
 - create an alternative email as you will get flooded.
2. Colleges/Universities
 - used to recruit a talented (academic/athletic/other merit) and diverse student body
 - used to recruit specific majors
 - offered by membership organizations
 - legacy or memorial awards
 - may be based on GPA, ACT/SAT score
 - DON'T MISS DEADLINES!
3. Military
 - Service Academies
 - <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/us-military-academies-overview.html>
 - ROTC
 - <http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/rotc-programs/>
 - Enlisted (GI Bill)
 - <http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/military-students.htm>
4. Local/School/Community
 - Guidance Bulletin Email Blast
(send email to cindy.snyder@vbcsd.com, subject = *subscribe*)
 - Butler High School Opportunities – **2nd Semester**
 - Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program (online, 2nd semester)
 - 2.5 GPA and FAFSA submission required)
 - Local Scholarship Packet - available approximately 2/1/23
 - Part I – Scholarship Connect (online)
 - Part II - (paper packet, must be picked up in guidance)
5. Personal Contacts
 - Parent's employer/Your employer
 - Church/Religious Organization
 - Clubs/Organizations
 - Sports Teams (high school, club)
 - Banks/Credit Unions
 - Search!

