Westminster School at Oak Mountain College Advising:

Searching for Scholarships

Funding College

The best way to fund college is with scholarships and grants

This is money that does not need to be repaid

Grants are typically awarded on the basis of financial need

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit

Where to look for scholarships

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 merit based on SAT/ACT and GPA

Look at requirements and set goals for standardized test scores

Apply early for admission and fill out **FAFSA** to maximized eligibility

Additional scholarships offered through an internal scholarship generator

Talk to college recruiters to see what else is available for you

Keep applying even while in college – still eligible!

See this **Tutorial** for filling out the CSS Profile if needed

Links to Colleges' Freshman Scholarships

<u>Anderson University</u> - due December 1st <u>Auburn University</u> - AUSOM opens November 1st Belmont University - priority deadline is Dec 1st <u>Covenant College</u> - due November 15th Emerson College <u>Georgia Tech</u> - priority deadline is Jan <u>31st</u> Hillsdale College - apply by Nov 1st or Dec 15th Lee University - priority deadline Dec 1st Franciscan University Mississippi College Mississippi State University - priority deadline Dec 1st <u>University of Montevallo</u> - apply by Feb 1st <u>Murray State University</u> - Dec 1st for full consideration University of North Carolina - recommend by Jan 10th <u>Samford University</u> - priority deadline Dec 1st Spellman College <u>Texas A&M University</u> - deadline is Dec 1st **Troy University** Wake Forest University University of Alabama - Jan 15th priority deadline University of Alabama in Birmingham - by Dec 1st University of Georgia - Nov 1st for full consideration <u>University of Kentucky</u> - deadline is Dec 1st University of South Alabama - deadline is Feb 15th University of Virginia Westmont College

Additional 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 frontline worker
- Honors Program or dual enrollment
- Leadership or service

- Legacy scholarships
- Ministry/missionary dependent
- Participation such as marching band, choir, theater
- National Merit Scholarships
- Boys/Girls State Scholarships
- Filling out the FAFSA
- Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Example of Internal Scholarship Generator:

Auburn's AUSOM

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

Example of Additional Scholarship Opportunities:

Samford University Art & Design Scholarship

Band Scholarships

Business Scholarships

Education Scholarships

History Scholarships

Journalism & Mass Communication Scholarships

Music Scholarships

National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship

Theatre Scholarships

Full Ride Scholarships for National Merit Scholars Program

- Full Ride Scholarships include tuition, room and board
- For some colleges, also includes fees, books, and study abroad
- Based on your PSAT from 11th grade year
- Need to be in top 1% of your state to become Semi-Finalist
- Invited to fill out application to become a Finalist in September of senior year
- Up to 25 <u>colleges</u> currently award full ride scholarships to National Merit 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 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 You must apply by the regular-decision deadline, *January 10*, to be considered. These scholarships are available only to students enrolled in the Honors College:

- McDonnell-Barksdale Honors Scholarships, annual awards valued at \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year) and limited to Mississippi residents
- Doris Raymond Scholarships, annual awards valued at \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year) and open to all applicants
- Harold Parker Memorial Scholarships, annual awards valued at \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year) and open to all applicants
- **Bill and Melanie Roper Scholarships**, annual awards valued at \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year) and open to business, science, technology, engineering, or math students
- Everett Williams Honors Scholarships, annual awards valued at \$32,000 (\$8,000 per year) and open to all applicants
- Annexstad Family Foundation Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarships, annual awards valued at \$25,000 (\$6,250 per year) and open to applicants with financial need who exhibit leadership potential
- Walker Family Scholarship, annual award valued at \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year) limited to Mississippi residents with demonstrated financial need

College Scholarship Tips

Pay attention if a scholarship is "stackable"	Earning some scholarships may disqualify you from others	Ask college rep if additional scholarships are available	PPA
Financial Aid package includes loans, grants & scholarships	Financial aid package can be negotiated up to May 1st	You can appeal based on additional merit or need	

Example of Financial Aid Package:

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 \$1,823 10 payments per year 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

- <u>Smith Scholarship</u>
- <u>ALET Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship</u>
- Alabama Home Builders Foundation Scholarship
- Linly Heflin Scholarships for Women
- Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships
- Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program
- Lands End Starboard Scholarship
- <u>Chick-Fil-A Community Scholars</u>
- <u>SAWF Scholarship Program</u>
- Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship
- Gorgas Scholarship Competition
- <u>Alabama 4-H Scholarships</u>

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 with a professional society

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

CHOLARSHIPS













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

HOSA Scholarships

Parent or Student Employer Scholarships

A lot of companies provide scholarships to their employees' kids

Parents should connect with HR department to see what is available

Here is a <u>list</u> of companies that offer scholarships to employees' dependents

Many employers have launched new and upgraded tuition assistance programs

Tuition reimbursement and assistance is a popular perk at many U.S. companies

Companies offer full or partial tuition coverage to retain and attract employees

Programs and eligibility vary by company with some much stricter than others

List of <u>companies</u> offer scholarships or tuition reimbursement to their employees

Employees' Dependents Scholarship Examples

CVS - Health Foundation Scholarships for CVS

<u>The Home Depot</u> - Orange Scholarship for Employee Dependents

<u>FEEA</u> - Merit-based scholarships for federal public servants, their spouses, children, and grandchildren

Wells Fargo - Wells Fargo Employees' Dependent Scholarship

Protective Life – see employer for application

<u>AlabamaOne</u> - for credit union members

<u>American Airlines</u> - for team members' children

Intel - Andy Grove Scholarship for Employees' and Retirees' Children

Employer Scholarships and Tuition Reimbursement Examples

Papa Johns	<u>Chipotle</u>
Target	<u>Amazon</u>
<u>Disney</u>	<u>Starbucks</u>
Ford	<u>Publix</u>
The Home Depot	Wells Fargo
<u>Walmart</u>	<u>UPS</u>
Taco Bell	<u>McDonalds</u>
Fidelity	Best Buy
<u>Apple</u>	<u>Verizon</u>

Online Scholarships Tools

Create a separate email account to use so not overwhelmed with junk mail

Start as early as middle school

Start in earnest at the end of junior year of high school

Keep searching all senior year, and even when you're *in* college

Make a list of your criteria to search

Create a cheat sheet of your strengths, interests, and other unique qualities

Don't go for the suspicious "no essay" or "easy money" type

Be intentional in how you search

Links for Online Scholarship Search Tools

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

Suggested Scholarship Search Criteria

- Academic interests/majors
- Extracurricular activities
- Hobbies
- Volunteer experience
- Sports you play
- Performing and/or visual art experience
- Your family heritage

- Your college/university
- Your hometown and state
- Unique family history or interests
- Anything you're truly passionate about
- ADHD or learning disability
- Health struggles or strengths
- Ethnicity or other diverse qualities

Examples of Leadership or 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



Congratulations to the 2023 Doodle for Google National Winner, Rebecca Wu!

Rebecca from Washington won our contest this year with her Doodle titled, "My Sweetest Memories." Google is honored to award Rebecca with a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology award for her school.

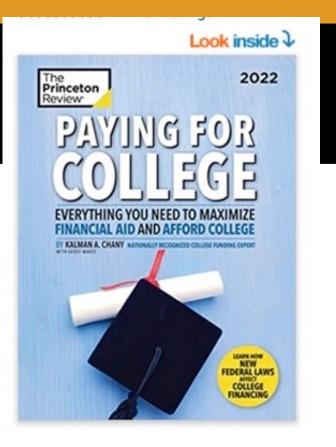


Examples of Creative Scholarships

- Prom Attire from Duck Tape
- Doodle for Google
- Create a Greeting Card
- Creative Writing Awards
- Stacey Scholarship Fund

Examples of Other Types of Scholarships

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



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Set goals for ACT and GPA for merit scholarships because are easiest to earn

Look at local scholarships because competition pool is smaller

Consider involvement in professional societies and look at organizations you are already a part of to see what they offer

Ask parents and student employers if any scholarships are available as benefit

When searching outside scholarships, will need to put in some serious time and effort into applying for these scholarships

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

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



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