



Scholarship Guide



This should serve as a guide to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities available to high school students. Many of the steps can be done concurrently.

Step 1: Apply for admission to the schools on your list. This could be one or many of them.	In most instances, before you can apply for scholarships, you must be admitted. Do NOT wait to apply. Get your application in to receive the most communication about scholarship deadlines and more!
Step 2: Complete the FAFSA	You can complete the FAFSA starting October 1st. Make sure to apply for your FSA ID: https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm and then the FAFSA: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
Step 3: Complete each schools scholarship application	Each school is different. Some have the scholarship app tied to the admissions app, while some have a seperate app. These have deadlines- the website or admissions rep will know these dates!
Step 4: Check Naviance Student	Naviance Student has a lengthy list of scholarships the Counseling Center has received. Start early and check deadlines. They range from September-June for seniors.
Step 5: Search for other scholarship opportunities	Private scholarships can be obtained from various sources: parent employment, churches, student employment, etc. Also, free search engine sites: fastweb.org, goingmerry.com, and so many more (many listed on Naviance Student).
Step 6: Apply through the Community Scholarship Program	Applications begin December 1st and end February 1st. All scholarships are awarded to LHS or LNHS students.
Step 7: Read the “LNHS Scholarship Guide” below	The guide contains best practice and helpful tips.



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Never Pay to Apply for Scholarships

Scholarship applications should be free. As you search for opportunities, make sure you are researching the organization if something seems off. If the scholarship requires a donation to apply, move on to the next one! Reminder, the FAFSA is FREE.

Protect Your Data

Remind yourself of privacy and protection over sensitive data. It is never okay to give out your social security number when applying for a scholarship. Creating an email address solely for scholarships is a smart choice. Disclaimer: Once you apply for a scholarship through outside organizations, you may receive many emails or fliers through the mail.

Approach Scholarships Like a Part-Time Job

Scholarships are tedious and they take time. It is important to set time to apply for as many scholarships you can get through. Don't meet ALL requirements? If you are close, apply for it. Let them decide.

Apply! Apply for More!

Every little bit helps. You will not get every scholarship you apply for, but your chances increase every time you apply. If you have the time, spend it wisely. A chance at free money is time spent wisely.

Keep All Essays

Since many applications require a personal essay, write one and save it. Use it for as many scholarships as you can. The organizations will not know one way or another. Keep a Google Doc of all essays; you never know when they can come in handy. It is not necessary to reinvent the wheel each and every essay prompt.

Opportunities Can Be Everywhere

If you use the checklist above, it covers a majority of places you may find scholarships. While search sites may send 10 emails a day, it allows you to skim through and pick a few you are eligible for. Educate yourself on the organization so you aren't caught in a scam.