

How do I find scholarships?

Always review scholarship information on university websites.

Colleges may offer their own merit/ financial based scholarships.

Be sure to check their websites for this information. As a senior, contact the financial aid office at a desired university or college.

- U.S. Department of Labor's [FREE scholarship search tool](#).
- Research local scholarship opportunities via guidance office.
- Look for local scholarships organized through churches, local businesses, or organizations that you are a part of.
- Naviance <https://student.naviance.com/scts> : Click on the "College" tab and you will see the "Scholarships & Money" section.
- <https://www.raise.me/> This website allows you to earn micro- scholarships for certain colleges such as getting good grades, taking certain classes, joining clubs or sports, and volunteering
- <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> This website lists many links that can take you to outside scholarships
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://studentscholarships.org/>
- <https://finaid.org/>
- <https://www.collegescholarships.com/>
- <https://www.appily.com/scholarships>
- ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS - <https://rotcconsulting.com/resources/?msID=d56ad115-ceee-452f-8b32-290307bf2c85>
- <https://www.free-4u.com/>

When should I apply for scholarships?

- Know the deadline for each scholarship you want to apply for.
- You should start researching scholarships as early as your freshman year. For example, at <https://www.raise.me/> you can apply during your freshman year of highschool.

- You can start applying for most scholarships the summer between your junior and senior year of high school.
- Local scholarships become available your senior year - Mrs. Shababb will send out a google sheet to all seniors with the scholarship opportunities.

To apply you will need:

- A Resume
- High school transcript
- Letters of recommendation
- A personal essay: Touch upon generic and future goals, why the school will be a good fit, what sets you apart from other applicants, etc.

Watch out for scams.

- A scholarship is a scam if it charges a fee.
- A scholarship is a scam if it asks for bank information.
- A scholarship is a scam if they tell you that you won a scholarship that you didn't apply for.