

How to find scholarships



TOP 5 PIECES OF ADVICE



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The more local the scholarship, the better your chances are of getting it

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In order to be most efficient with your time, look for and apply to scholarships that have similar application requirements first

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Develop a system to keep track of application requirements and deadlines

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Research, research, research. Scholarships can be hard to find and those who are relentless with the process will be rewarded

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Leverage your connections to find word-of-mouth opportunities (i.e. your parents' jobs, organizations you're affiliated with, activities you participate in)

WHERE TO LOOK

Counseling Website

RVHS Homepage >>
Counseling & Registrar >>
College/Career >>
College Planning >>
Scholarships & Fin. Aid >>
Current Local/State
Scholarship List

Naviance

Colleges >>
Scholarships & Money >>
National Scholarship
Search and Scholarship
Search

Scholarship Websites

Scholarships.com
StudentAid.gov
GoingMerry.com
Unigo.com
Fastweb.com
Cappex.com
Raise.me

TRANSCRIPTS



- It is **FREE** to send your official transcript for a scholarship
- To request that your transcript is sent, fill out a **blue form** in the Counseling Office
- Under "College/University Information"
 - Write the **name of the scholarship**
 - Provide information on **where** we are sending the transcript (their email or physical mailing address)
- You must do this for **EACH** scholarship transcript you want sent
- If you need an **UNOFFICIAL** transcript, you can download it **on your own** through the document center in your Infinite Campus account

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Reach out to your counselor if you want one of the letters of recommendation your teachers already sent to colleges to be used for a scholarship application
- You can also work with your teacher directly if you feel their letter needs to be amended slightly to fit the scholarship

DON'T FORGET ABOUT FINANCIAL AID



- In addition to scholarships, make sure that you are taking advantage of **ALL** the financial aid opportunities available to you. To do so, make sure you...
 - Fill out the FAFSA every year you are in college
 - Provide your completed FAFSA information to colleges
 - Research state or federal resources on StudentAid.gov
 - Work with the college's financial aid office to understand your award letter