



# Scholarship Searches & Application Tips

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# SCHOLARSHIPS.....

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Scholarships\* are often called “gift aid” because it is money that you do not have to repay which is based on certain personal qualifications and/or accomplishments. (Ex. special talents, athletic ability, academic achievements, community service, ethnic background, religion affiliation etc.)

**IMPORTANT!!!!**Sometimes you must maintain certain grades or course loads to continue receiving certain scholarships. **READ THE FINE PRINT ON WHAT YOU MUST DO TO MAINTAIN YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AS YOU MAY NEED TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN GPAS OR COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

# Tasks you should do before digging in to scholarship searches....

- ❖ Finalize college applications. **NO ACCEPTANCE LETTER YET MEANS NO FINANCIAL AID AWARDS!!!!**
- ❖ Complete your FAFSA & TAP financial aid apps. (Both apps open on December 1<sup>st</sup>. I will do a financial aid lesson on Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> in Govt classes with you all.)
- ❖ Update your resume so it is ready to attach to scholarship applications. You can do this today!
- ❖ Start a scholarship folder electronically or with hard copies on paper!



# Time + effort can = scholarship money!!!!

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Please put some time and energy into looking for and applying for scholarships. If you think about it logically, how else can you realistically and legally earn anywhere from \$50 to several thousands of dollars by sitting for an hour or so and completing an application and essay????????????????

# Renewable????? Or not..

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**2 TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS: *RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE.***

**RENEWABLE MEANS YOU CAN REAPPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP MORE THAN ONCE. IT MAY BE YEARLY OR EVERY TWO OR MORE YEARS.**

**NONRENEWABLE MEANS THE SCHOLARSHIP IS GIVEN ONE TIME ONLY/RECIPIENT/WINNER.**



# For local scholarships, start with this chart below to highlight which scholarships you might qualify for.

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**2024-2025 Scholarship Chart**  
 \*TBD These scholarships are waiting on funding from donors. They may or may not be available.  
 🍷 = No Application Required

| Scholarship  | Award                             | Given By                                | Criteria  | Payment  | Chosen By/Deadline                            | ✓ |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Alissa Rae Putnam Memorial Scholarship               | \$500                             | B-RCS Music Boosters                    | Member of the band/orchestra and choir for 4 yrs; All-county or Area All-state; high GPA; college bound music major or minor; or participation in college music performance group | Awarded after graduation by B-RCS Music Boosters. Contact the guidance and counseling office after graduation. | B-RCS Music Department<br>May 1               |   |
| Allegany County Counselor's Association Scholarship  | Award Varies                      | Allegany County Counselor's Association | Preference to: (1) top 25% (2) 85+ GPA, (3) Planning to enter a human services career, (counseling, social work or teaching)  | Direct from ACCA   | ACCA<br>Deadline April 1st                    |   |
| Allegany Area Foundation - ONLINE                    | Award Varies                      | Allegany Co. Area Foundation            | Varies by scholarship. College and trade program interests can apply  | After first semester of college by Area Foundation   | Allegany County Area Foundation<br>January 31 |   |
| 🍷 Allegany County National Honor Society Scholarship | Award Varies                      | Allegany County NHS                     | SAT/ACT, or Regents exam scores in English, Science, Math, Global History, US History   | After first semester of college by Allegany County, NHS  | NHS County Committee                          |   |
| American Legion Post 772 Auxiliary Scholarship       | Award Varies                      | American Legion Post 772 Aux.           | Student must be entering some type of post high school program. Preference to a student who has a relative in the Legion or Auxiliary.  | Awarded after graduation.  | By Legion<br>May 1                            |   |
| 🍷 Anthony Toporas Award                              | \$300                             | Family of Anthony Toporas               | 4 years of math; college for math, science, engineering or, computers   | Awarded after the first semester is complete.  | School Scholarship Committee                  |   |
| 🍷 Aunjoni Crandall Foundation Award                  | 3 awards determined by the family | Family and friends of Aunjoni Crandall  | Students who struggle significantly with academic, physical or emotional obstacles but persevered and are graduating  | Awarded after graduation.  | School Scholarship Committee                  |   |
| Lucile Baldwin Memorial Scholarship                  | \$1,000                           | Joelle Harvey                           | The student must: exhibit financial need, be furthering their education after high school and should write an essay describing what the money would be used for.                  | Awarded after graduation   | Joelle Harvey                                 |   |

The entire and complete chart above can be found in Guidance Info for Seniors in Teams or on the BRCS Guidance website at <https://www.bolivarrichburg.org/schools/middlehigh-school/middle-high-school-guidance-office/scholarships>

# Steps to Search for Scholarships

Note the root word of “scholar” is in scholarship. Grades and achievements are key. However, there are all sorts of scholarships related to leadership and many other qualities to explore!

- ❑ **1. Create accounts with free scholarship tools.** Many of the best search tools are linked on our HS Guidance website for you. [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) is considered the best external scholarship site out there. Create an account and you may find many scholarship opportunities.
- ❑ Other external scholarship websites include: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [scholarshiphelp.com](http://scholarshiphelp.com), [www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm), [zinch.com](http://zinch.com), <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>, [scholarshippoints.com](http://scholarshippoints.com), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.finaid.org/scholarships/](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/), [nextstudent.com](http://nextstudent.com), [studentscholarships.com](http://studentscholarships.com), [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com), <https://www.collegeraptor.com/scholarship/search>, <http://www.StudentAid.gov/scholarships>, [schoolsoup.com](http://schoolsoup.com), [mycollegeguide.org/blog/10/2010/list-college-scholarship-websites](http://mycollegeguide.org/blog/10/2010/list-college-scholarship-websites), [myscholly.com](http://myscholly.com), [www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org), [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com), [www.chegg.com/scholarships](http://www.chegg.com/scholarships), [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com), [www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com), [www.Moolahspot.com](http://www.Moolahspot.com), [www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/](http://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/), [wwwscholarshipowl.com](http://wwwscholarshipowl.com), <https://www.goingmerry.com/>, <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>, <https://bold.org/>, <https://www.raise.me/>



The best search sites are thought to be.....  
**FastWeb**, Scholarships.com, Cappex, Unigo, Niche & Big Future. Fastweb's  
database is updated DAILY.



We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.

-- Jesse Owens

TIME

FOCUS

ENERGY

ORGANIZATION

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

❑2. **Ask your parents if their employers or any civic community organizations that they belong to or work for offer scholarships. Grange, Lions Club, CSEA, BRCS, Dresser Rand, etc.?**

IT IS **NOT** RECOMMENDED TO PAY ANYONE/AN AGENCY A FEE TO FIND YOU SCHOLARSHIP MONEY. THERE ARE GREAT FREE WEBSITES AND WAYS TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY. NO COMPANY CAN **GUARANTEE** YOU SCHOLARSHIP MONEY.

❑3. **Check the colleges' websites that you have applied to to see if they have any "institutional aid"/scholarship applications you can apply for. Institutional aid is need-based or merit (achievement)--based funds offered by a specific college. Ex. SBU's Friars Award=\$25,000.00**

Our LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE GUIDANCE WEBSITE AS WE RECEIVE THEM IN THE WINTER AND SPRING SO CHECK THAT WEBPAGE **WEEKLY** FOR UPDATES AND NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!!!!!!!

# “NEAT AND COMPLETE”

- ❑ Fill out applications electronically as often as you can.
- ❑ Use **spellcheck!**
- ❑ If you handwrite them out, write NEATLY and only use blue or black ink. NO pencil, coffee stains or pastel-colored/glittery gel pens allowed!!!!
- ❑ Do a final NEAT copy. Fill out applications yourselves. Others can tell when loved-ones fill them out for students and this does not reflect well. Loved ones can assist you but should not complete them entirely FOR you.
- ❑ Do not scribble out errors.
- ❑ Double check that all necessary attachments and documents are included and “COMPLETE”. ex. Tax documents, acceptance letters, resumes, letters of recommendation, essays, financial aid award letters from colleges etc. .

# Use our Guidance Website resources

❑ We have added our best resources to our webpage all in one spot as links for you and your loved-ones to utilize.

❑ Please contact us if you have scholarship questions or if one of our links or apps is not working properly on our HS Guidance webpage as the software is new.

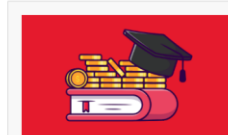
➤ 5. Go to the B-R school website. Go into “Departments” and click on Guidance and then Middle/High School Guidance and then click on the Scholarship Information icon.

➤ <https://www.bolivarrichburg.org/schools/middlehigh-school/middle-high-school-guidance-office>

## College, Career, and Military Information



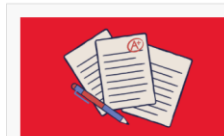
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[Scholarship Information](#)



[Military Resources](#)



[Testing Information](#)



[Career & Academic Resources](#)



[Employment & Training Resources](#)

# <https://www.bolivarrichburg.org/schools/middlehigh-school/middle-high-school-guidance-office/scholarships>

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|---|---|
| Elementary School                         | + |
| <b>Middle/High School</b>                 | - |
| Library Media Center                      |   |
| Wolverine Environmental Education Center  |   |
| <u>Middle-High School Guidance Office</u> | ▼ |
| Request for Records/Transcripts           |   |
| Middle School Guidance Office             |   |
| <b>Scholarships</b>                       | ▼ |
| Local Scholarship Search Center           |   |
| College Information                       |   |
| Military Resources                        |   |
| Testing Information                       |   |
| Career & Academic Resources               |   |
| Employment & Training Resources           |   |
| Clubs & Activities                        |   |
| Pre-K Building                            |   |

## Scholarships

While it takes time and effort to search for scholarship awards, you many earn free money for college! It is to your advantage to make scholarship searching a priority in both the winter and the spring.

Some important notes and reminders about applying for scholarships:

- Please check this webpage periodically/weekly as scholarship applications are uploaded as soon as we receive them.
- Most of the scholarship deadlines are in the spring (May 1), but deadlines vary greatly, so please check each scholarship individually.
- Mrs. Crandall-Bean is glad to proofread or assist with any scholarship questions you may have.

[DOWNLOAD SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH AND APPLICATION TIPS POWERPOINT](#)

## Scholarship Information

+ | [Local Scholarships](#)

+ | [NYS Scholarships](#)

+ | [Scholarship Links](#)

# school/middle-high-school-guidance-office/scholarships/scholarship-search-center New feature!



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*Home of the Wolverines*

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## Local Scholarship Search Center

### Keyword Search

Keyword Search

### Local Scholarships

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|---|---|---|
| <b>Alissa Rae Putnam Scholarship</b><br><input type="button" value="Music"/> <input type="button" value="band"/> <input type="button" value="choir"/> | <b>Allegany County Area Foundation Scholarships</b><br><input type="button" value="allegany county"/> | <b>Allegany County Conservation Scholarship</b><br><input type="button" value="agriculture"/> |
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### Filter by Tag

- ALL
- AGRICULTURE
- ALFRED STATE COLLEGE
- ALFRED UNIVERSITY
- ALLEGANY COUNTY
- AMERICAN LEGION
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- ANIMATION
- ART
- ATHLETICS
- BAND
- BIOLOGY
- BUSINESS
- CARPENTRY
- CHOIR
- CHORUS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- CONSERVATION
- CONSTRUCTION



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ACCESS THE BRCS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH CENTER

## — NYS Scholarships

- [Friends of Allegany Arc Scholarship](#)
- [New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators](#)
- [New York Credit Union Association Scholarship](#)
- [NYS Garden Club Scholarship](#)
- [NYS Elks Association Scholarship](#)
- [NYS Excelsior Scholarship Program](#)
- [NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence](#)
- [Olean Kennel Club Scholarship](#)
- [Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman Scholarship](#)
- [Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award Scholarship](#)

## — Scholarship Links

- [Big Future: College Board Scholarship Search](#)
- [Cappex](#)
- [Chegg Scholarships](#)
- [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)
- [Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program](#)
- [FASTWEB](#)
- [Mos: We do the work. You get the money. It's the Mos way.](#)
- [NextStepU](#)
- [Scholarship Owl](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Unigo](#)

# UPDATE YOUR RESUME REGULARLY THIS YEAR

- ❑ **IT IS YOUR “BRAG SHEET”!** It is a living document that should be updated throughout the course of your lifetime as you accomplish more and more. Waiting to update it may cause you to not remember all that you have done.
- ❑ **KEEP TRACK OF ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.** **Work on it today!** You can use your Xello resume we worked on in grades 10 and 11, transfer it to Microsoft Word templates or use your BOCES resume from Tech ELA class. **DOING THIS WILL SAVE YOU TIME WITH JOB APPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AS YOU CAN PRINT OUT YOUR RESUME AND ATTACH IT.**
- ❑ **IT HELPS PEOPLE WRITE “LORS” LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE A COPY OF YOUR RESUME TO REFER TO.**
- ❑ **TURN APPS IN EARLY ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THEM. I AM GLAD TO CHECK THEM OVER FOR YOU. *YOU CAN WORK ON YOUR RESUMES IN XELLO TODAY!***



Image from RobertHalf.com site

YOUR RESUME IS A WORK IN PROGRESS FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE!

# Sample resume from *resume.com* website

## Resume

Vancouver, British Columbia

555.468.5846

sample@resume.com

### Summary

I have had 3 years experience in web design and development. I am familiar with a lot of the languages and software used in creating projects for the web. Furthermore, I have great project management skills and also work well either alone or with a group.

### Education

**University of Resume**  
Design Media

Seattle, WA  
Graduated January 2008

### Employment History

**Ocean Suns**  
Banana Hut Manager

January 2012– March 2015

Collaborated with other team members on special projects and events.  
Delivered exceptional service by greeting and serving customers in a timely, friendly manner.

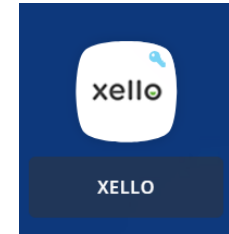
**ComStream**  
Web Designer

Seattle, WA  
March 2015– Present

Worked as team lead on many different client projects.

# RESUME LESSON USING XELLO

Start at this webpage: <https://xello.world/en/> (This Xello website is linked on the school website under the student menu for you.) The Xello link can also be found inside of Class Link.



*We can now work on your resumes or walk through a scholarship search together in class on the web if you would like. We have the next hour to dig into scholarship work.*

*THIS WORK TAKES TIME.....*



Good luck! Get going! Stop in or contact me if in MS Teams if you need assistance!

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