



# Bothell High School Class of 2025: Scholarships 101

# Presentation Topics:

- 4 Pillars of Scholarships
- Application Tips and Tricks
- Keys to Remember



# Where to start your search: the 4 pillars of scholarships!



# 1. The Individual Institution/School

- Determine if a scholarship has a *separate* application or if filling out the FAFSA/applying for admission is all that's required.
- Check *every* school, the process will be different.
- KNOW this information before you finish each college application.

## 2. The District Scholarship Bulletin

- A resource updated regularly for NSD students.
- Available online at:  
<https://bothell.nsd.org/counseling/college-readiness>

### Monthly Scholarship Opportunities

There are many ways to find scholarships. Past students have been successful using the following:

- Scholarship Foundation of Northshore - Northshore School District Only [SF-NS](#)
- WashBoard - Create a profile [WashBoard](#)
- Naviance - 90+ scholarships without creating a profile - Access Through Clever
- Going Merry - Create a profile [Going Merry](#)
- College Websites - Check the college you are planning to attend

#### WAVE Scholarship

Due: March 10, 2025

#### Andreas Heiberg Scholarship

Due: February 26, 2025

#### HOLA Scholarship

Due: March, 15, 2025

#### Gesa Credit Union Scholarships

Due: February 28, 2025

#### Sea Mar Scholarships

Due: April 15, 2025

#### Zonta Scholarships for Women

Due: March 1, 2025

#### Overlake-Bellevue Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship

#### American Indian Endowed Scholarship

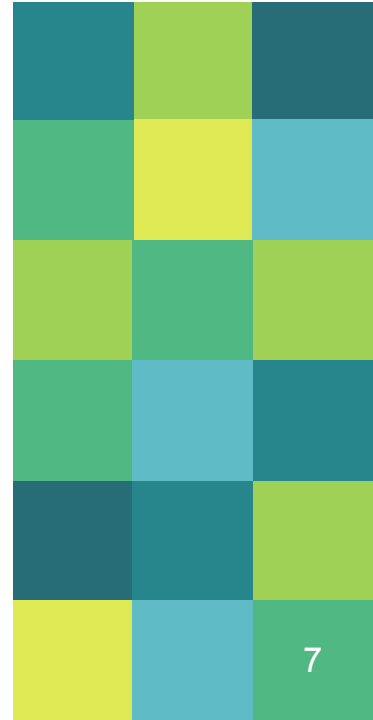
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### 3. Scholarship Foundation of Northshore - Seniors Only

- Find Information at <http://sf-ns.org/>
- Complete the application online. **Only 1 application needed for multiple scholarships!**
- Scholarships cover a wide variety of student strengths, not just academics.
- *ONLY* NSD students can apply.
- \$2,500-\$10,000, some can be renewed for 4 years!
- Apply NOW! **Application deadline is March 7, 2025.**

## 4. Washboard.org

- Set up a profile that includes your interests, activities, academics and more.
- Your profile will be matched to scholarships based on best fit.
- When you put more information in your profile, your scholarship matches will be stronger.



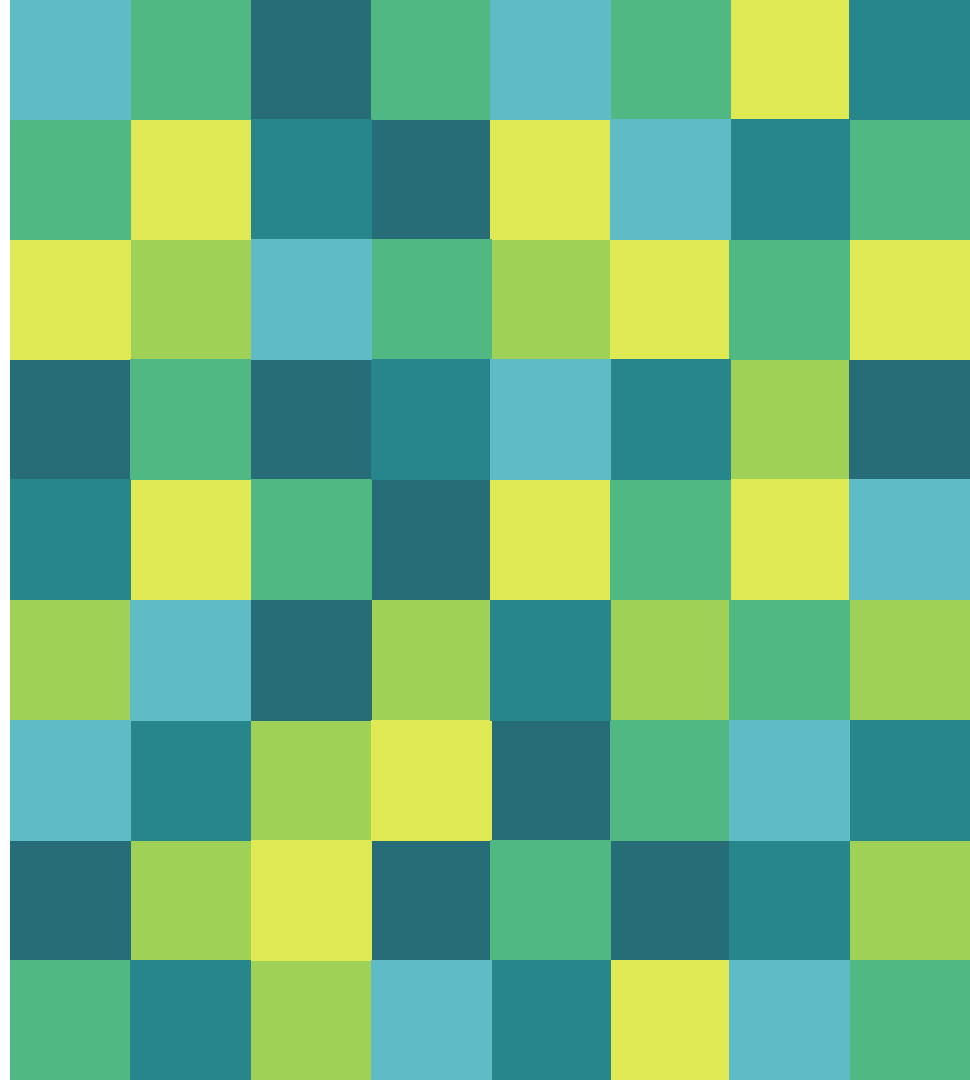


# Application Tips and Tricks



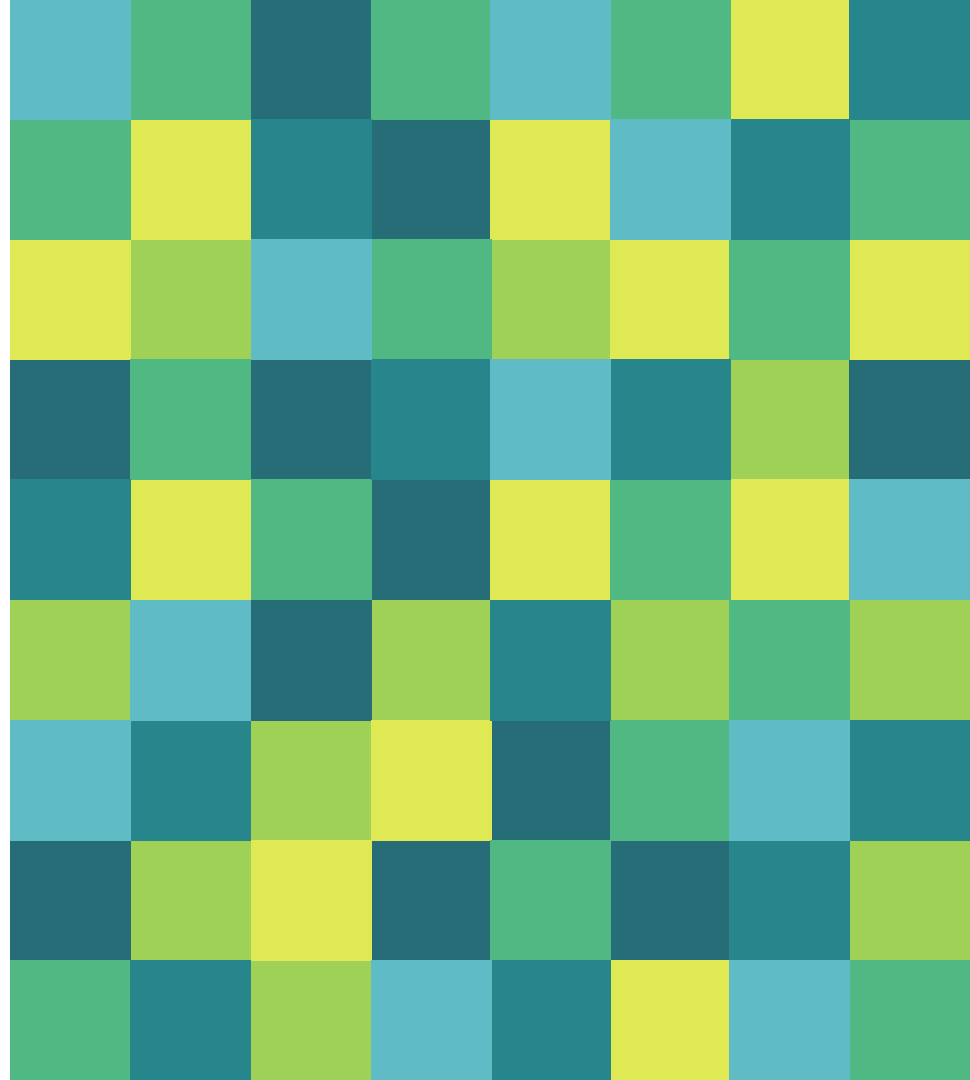
# *When applying...*

- ❖ Take your time and tell your story.
- ❖ Be 100% honest.
- ❖ Write from your heart BUT have boundaries- remember, a stranger is reading this. You don't have to tell them EVERYTHING ;))!
- ❖ You want to provide a snapshot, not the whole movie – don't get too caught up in being overly wordy or informative.
- ❖ Find and use your authentic voice with vocabulary you know.



# *When applying...*

- ❖ It's all about the DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS! Be thorough - make sure to check everything over. Letters of rec needed? Transcripts needed? Anything else? Know the details.
- ❖ If you don't have a lot of community service hours due to a job or other obligation, make sure to let them know.
- ❖ Have 3 people critique it ("it's good" doesn't help).
- ❖ Stay focused – make sure to **ANSWER THE PROMPT!**



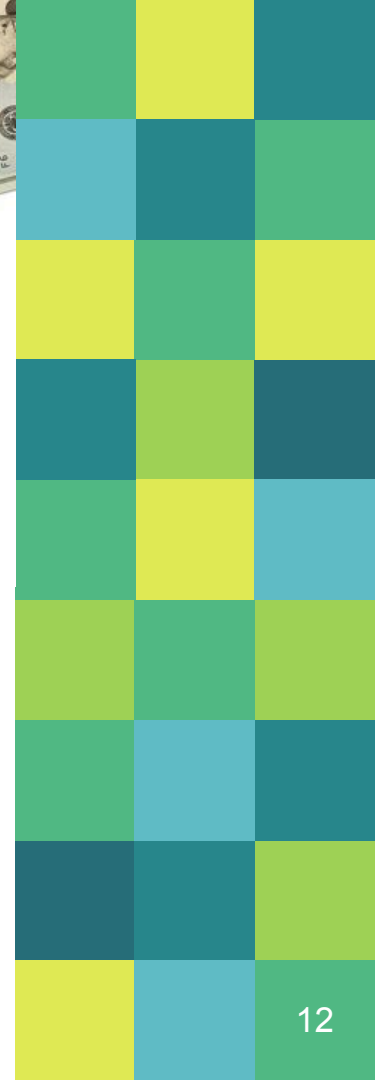
# *Do's and Don'ts*



## DO

- DO search and apply for scholarships on trusted sites like [washboard.org](http://washboard.org)
- DO apply for local scholarships at your high school, in your community, from employers, and at the college you plan to attend.
- DO continue to apply for scholarships while you are in college.

# *Do's and Don'ts*



## **DON'T**

- **DON'T** waste time and energy. Make sure you meet eligibility requirements before you apply. Also, many scholarship applications require essays on similar topics—it's okay to reuse your work on multiple applications.
- **DON'T** pay money for information or assistance with scholarship searches. There are plenty of free options online, or you can ask your school counselor for help.

# Keys to Remember!

- ❖ Check the scholarship criteria *carefully* to make sure you are a good fit.
- ❖ Make sure your application is neat and COMPLETE.
- ❖ MEET ALL DEADLINES!



# Questions?

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