



Scholarship Awareness

*How To Be Strategic in
Finding Money for College*



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Searching for Scholarships is a Part Time Job

Plan your work, then work the plan.

Commit to the time. Commit to yourself-plan time
To look for scholarships.

Overview

- Types of Scholarships
- Searching for Scholarships
- Organization
- The Application Process
- Heights Community Scholarship Program
- Financial Aid/Scholarship Parent Meeting

Types of Scholarships

- Academic Scholarships
- Specific Interest Scholarships
- Athletic Scholarships
- Community Service Scholarships
- Club and Hobby Scholarships
- Minority and Ethnic Scholarships
- Gender-Based Scholarships

Types of Scholarships

- Religious Affiliation Scholarships
- [Military Scholarships](#)
- [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)
- College-Sponsored Scholarships
- [Scholarships for DACA & Undocumented Students](#)

Be Aware of Scams

- “We guarantee you’ll get a scholarship”
- “You can’t get this information anywhere else”
- “Credit card or bank account number required to hold scholarship”
- “We’ll do all the work”
- “Do not pay for any scholarship applications”

Be Aware

- If you've been selected as a finalist, but you never applied for that particular scholarship.
- Be aware of no-essay type applications that require a lot of your personal information.
- Some scholarship search engines may sell your personal information to advertisers. Many of the suggested websites included in this slideshow do not have a practice of selling your personal information.

Searching For Scholarships

- Go to Your Preferred College Websites
- Naviance
- HHS College/Scholarship-available November 25
- After you submit your Common App,
click on Financial Aid Resource tab/Scholar Snapp

Searching For Scholarships

A) Go to Your Preferred College Websites

Examples of College Scholarships:

- [Bowling Green State Univ](#)
- [The Ohio State Univ](#)

Select *Cost+ Aid* to learn of the scholarship details

B) Naviance

- Select the *College tab*, click on *Scholarships and Money*
- Select *Scholarship List*

The list includes search engines and specific national, state, and city scholarships. Each entry includes a website which will direct you to the criteria and application. The list is updated as the information is received.

- Select *National Scholarship Search*

Complete the profile to create a list of scholarships.

Naviance database has over 3.5 million scholarships!

Searching For Scholarships

B) Naviance Scholarship List

Always be aware of deadlines. Deadlines are real!

These national scholarships have September deadlines.

- [QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship](#)
- [Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship](#))
- [The Gates Scholarship](#)

Searching for Scholarships

- [Scholarships360.org](https://www.scholarships360.org)

It is organized very well by scholarship categories.

Personalized scholarship matching.

Vetted scholarships. No ads and no spam!

- [GoingMerry.com](https://www.goingmerry.com) arrange list by deadline.

Searching for Scholarships

- There are many scholarship search sites and they are free. You should never pay for a scholarship search.
- [Discover Scholarship Directory](#)
- [JLV College Counseling Scholarships](#)
- [College Board](#)
[Opportunity Scholarship Program](#)
- [Access Scholarships](#)

Raise Me

Raise Me is an opportunity for students to earn micro-scholarships for each of their high school achievements. Such as grades, honors, clubs, volunteer, community service, sports, leadership roles, etc. If you attend one of the 330 colleges and universities participants, you will be awarded scholarships to assist you with college expenses. Go to the link below to create your account.

- <https://www.raise.me/join/cleveland-heights-high-school>



College Now
Greater Cleveland

Scholarship Database

College Now (CN) has compiled a database of many scholarships to make it easier for students to identify opportunities available to them.

These scholarships have been researched and have been thoroughly investigated by the CN scholarship team to help discern their value and legitimacy.



College Now

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COLLEGE NOW TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship is open in November
- Deadline TBD
- Criteria:
 - Receive a 2.5 Cumulative Weighted GPA or higher (after fall semester)
 - Receive an 18 ACT or 960 SAT or higher (reading and math only)
 - Be Pell Eligible
 - Fill out College Now application
 - Turn in SAR or FAFSA confirmation cover page
 - Turn in Transcripts after fall semester
 - Turn in documentation of test score
- Application link will be provided

Heights Community Scholarships

There are various families, organizations, and businesses in our CHUH community who offer scholarship opportunities only to the CHHS seniors who will graduate in May. They range from \$15,000 to academic recognition. The Heights Community Scholarship information will be mailed to every senior household in November.

Organization Tips

- Create professional email address
- Make a list of every scholarship for which you meet the criteria and the requirements
- Assess each one: deadline, award amount, difficulty of preparation
- Set a monthly goal
- Complete applications 2-3 weeks before due date.

Organization Tips

- Create a tracking system that fits your needs.
- Avoid waiting until the last minute to complete scholarship applications.
- Store your essays on your computer and keep a backup copy on a flashdrive.
- If needed, update your Naviance profile/resume'
- Add your scholarships to the Scholarship Application tab.

A Tracking System (sample)

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The Application Process

- Learn about the mission of the scholarship.
- Read the directions, qualifications, and fine print carefully. When in doubt, make a phone call.
- Use your best penmanship if the application must be filled out by hand, otherwise type it.
- Be sure to fill in all the blanks
- Remember, everything you put in your application should be designed to highlight your strengths. Follow instructions precisely.
- The essay is extremely important.

The Essay

- This is your opportunity to let the committee know who you are.
- Research, learn your audience.
- Be enthusiastic
- Don't repeat information already listed.
- Organize your thoughts.

The Essay

- Draw people in with your introduction.
- In the body, be personable, describe a situation or activity to illustrate your thesis.
- Extend the key concepts in the conclusion.
- Make sure grammar and spelling are impeccable.

The Essay

- Always adhere to the word limit while making your essay unique and memorable.
- Read the question again, then read your essay to be sure it addresses every point.
- It is critical to have a teacher read your essay, as well as a family member.

Letter of Recommendation

- Ask the most appropriate person.
- Be considerate, don't wait until the last minute. Ask the person weeks before it is due.
- Give the person your personal profile (brag sheet).
- Be sure to say thank you.

More Application Tips

- Apply for all qualified scholarships.
- Prepare scholarship materials that can be re-thought, re-applied, and re-used for other scholarships.
- Don't neglect smaller or local scholarships.

CSS Profile

- The profile is the non-federal financial aid application required by 400 colleges/universities and scholarship programs, in addition to the FAFSA. Go to the link below to apply... It opens October 1

<https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

- Profile fee waivers are available to first year, first-time domestic students. Students who used a SAT fee waiver may also qualify for up to 8 fee waivers.

Thank you for attending
The 25-26 financial aid night