

## RESOURCES

### Colleges:

Colleges and universities will have scholarships for which you can apply, in addition to those for which you will be considered on the strength of your application and your achievements to date. To search for these scholarships, start with the Financial Aid page of the colleges to which you have applied and follow the links to explore all possibilities:

- Scholarships for which all incoming students can apply who meet specified criteria (e.g., academics, leadership, community service).
- Scholarships dedicated to specific pursuits (e.g., Choose Ohio First for STEM majors at several Ohio institutions).
- Scholarships within academic departments/your intended major.

### National Resources:

#### Search Engines:

College Board - Big Future	<a href="http://Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search">Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search</a>
FastWeb	<a href="http://Fastweb.com">Fastweb.com</a>
Going Merry	<a href="http://Goingmerry.com">Goingmerry.com</a>
Peterson's	<a href="http://Petersons.com/scholarships-search.aspx">Petersons.com/scholarships-search.aspx</a>
Scholarships.com	<a href="http://Scholarships.com">Scholarships.com</a>
Unigo Scholarship Match	<a href="http://Unigo.com">Unigo.com</a>
Appily	<a href="http://Appily.com/scholarships">Appily.com/scholarships</a>

#### Professional Associations:

Career One Stop: [careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx)

## Local Resources

- Check the list of scholarships on your school's [Naviance](#) or [SchoolLinks](#) sites.
- **College Now Greater Cleveland:** Your advisor can provide you with specific information regarding scholarships found on this site, which are sponsored or managed by College Now: [cngc.org/scholarships](http://cngc.org/scholarships). College Now also posts external scholarships: [cngc.org/searchscholarships](http://cngc.org/searchscholarships).
- **Employers:** Yours or that of a family member.
- **Organizations in your community** with which you or a family member have been affiliated.
- **Stop the Hate Contest:** [maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate](http://maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate)
- **Scholarships available through your high school:** Be sure to read announcements from your counselors regarding availability, procedures, and deadlines.

## SEARCH STRATEGIES

- Be careful with your personal information and trust your instincts. You should never pay for a scholarship application.
- As a priority, start with researching and applying to the colleges 'scholarship opportunities. Local scholarships typically are posted in early-mid winter and offer great potential in a smaller pool of applicants than do the national sites. As time allows, apply to as many of the national scholarship opportunities as possible.
- Consider what makes you unique – family background, interests, talents and characteristics.
- Create a tool to keep track of your applications.
- Remember that deadlines are firm.
- Keep in mind that scholarship essay questions may be very similar and responses can be tailored accordingly. You are not always starting with a blank page!
- Be persistent – Many scholarships are not announced until late spring.