

SENIORS, NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

START

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First complete the FAFSA or Alternative Application

The FAFSA is the financial aid form for accessing grants, federal student loans and work-study funds. Filling out FAFSA, is one of the most important steps students and their families can take to pay for college.

COMING SOON

THE LEYDEN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL OPEN JANUARY

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BEFORE YOU APPLY

Do your research!

Make a checklist and use a calendar to keep organized.

Prioritize applications by the deadline.

All you need to know about Scholarships can be found here:
Senior Scholarship Power Booklet

CLICK HERE

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PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

TIPS:



Read and follow each scholarship instructions carefully.



Use a professional email address (like [first name].[last name]@gmail.com)



Remove inappropriate and immature material on your social media profiles.



Google your name to see what shows up and see what you can do to clean it up.



Make a copy of your application before submitting it.

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SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINES!



Scholarship Search Strategies

- ✓ Never pay! Scholarships are always free.
- ✓ Explore all sources. Your high school, local community, organizations, employers, foundations, national corporations and, most importantly, the college or university you plan to attend.
- ✓ Build your profile. Answering all the questions will help match more scholarships that fit your experiences and interests.

FINISH



NEED MORE HELP

Federal Student aid Information Center:
1-800-433-3243 or
email: studentaid@ed.gov
Text ISAC@ 630-216-4910





RESOURCES

THERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF WEBSITES THAT ALLOW YOU TO CONDUCT FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES.

APPLY: 

[HTTPS://WWW.APPLY.COM/GUIDANCE/COUNSELORS](https://www.apply.com/guidance/counselors)

COLLEGESCHOLARSHIPS.ORG: 

[WWW.COLLEGESCHOLARSHIPS.ORG](http://www.collegescholarships.org)

FASTWEB: [WWW.FASTWEB.COM](http://www.fastweb.com) 

FINAID: [WWW.FINAID.ORG](http://www.finaid.org) 

SALLIE MAE: 

[WWW.SALLIEMAE.COM/COLLEGE-PLANNING](http://www.salliemae.com/college-planning)

SCHOLARSHIPS.COM: [WWW.SCHOLARSHIPS.COM](http://www.scholarships.com) 



RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED/DACA STUDENTS



CLICK HERE



EXTRA TIP

When using a scholarship matching service, answer ALL questions for twice as many matches.

A 100% completed profile sees 100% of potential scholarship matches.

A 70% completed profile sees 75% of potential scholarship matches.

A 60% completed profile sees only 60% of potential scholarship matches.

