Senior Scholarship Opportunities

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Types of Financial Aid

Loans
Borrowing money that will need to be paid back with interest

Scholarships
"Free money" from organizations that you do not need to repay

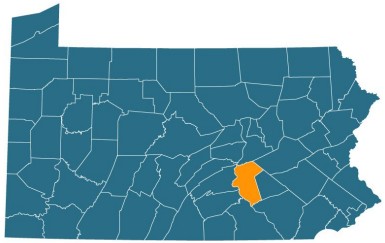


Grants
Money you do not need to pay back unless you withdraw from the institution

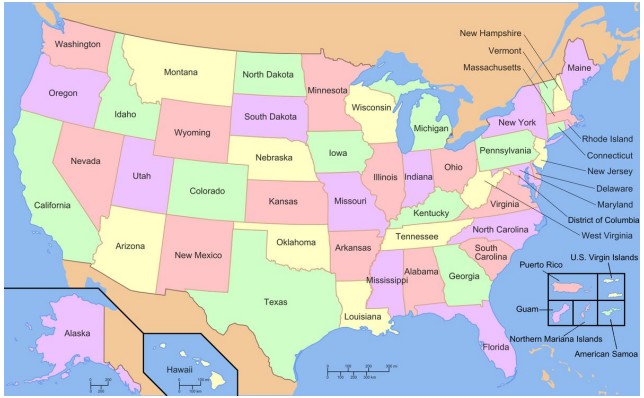
Work Study Jobs
Working part-time at your post-secondary institution

HHS → National Scholarships









HHS Scholarship Website

https://hhs.hershey.k12.pa.us/student-services/hhs-counseling/scholarships



Local Scholarships



- Applications open in January!
- TFEC Scholarships are designed to sort scholarships by **high school** in Dauphin County
- Can be used now as seniors and as future college students
- TFEC Scholarship Website



Local Scholarships on our website:

- HHS Scholarship Website

College Specific Scholarships

- Scholarships can also be found within a college or university's website.
- This information is found under the **Financial Aid** portion of the website.
    - For example, Temple University academic scholarships can range from $2,000 - full tuition.
- Every college will be different in terms of scholarships offered.



National Scholarships

- Find scholarships
- Learn more about financial aid
- College exploration

Fastweb Website

- Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly **$6 billion**.
- Enter as much information as possible to find the most matches.
- Scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs.

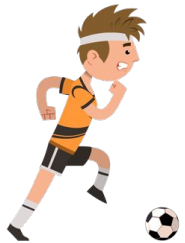
BigFuture Scholarship Search Website

Need vs. Merit Based Scholarships

Need-Based: Eligibility is determined by a review of the students/families finances. Generally the results the FAFSA application are used to determine a student's "financial need."



Merit-Based: Eligibility can range from a student's academic, artistic, or athletic accomplishments (not limited to these categories). In most cases, a student's "financial need" will not play a part in determining a student's eligibility.



Scam Lookout

Legitimate scholarship organizations **do not ask for**:

- Social security information
- Credit card information
- Application fee or deposit



Be wary of organizations saying:

- “We’ll do all the work.”
- “The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back”

https://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

The FAFSA is open!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available.

Completing this application allows you see how much money you may receive from the government and colleges to pay for trade school and 2-year and 4-year colleges/universities.



https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Questions?

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