

## Applying for Scholarships

- Students should begin scholarship search a year before graduation
- Must include relevant information from the previous three or four years
- A scholarship search is time consuming, can be competitive, but its rewards can be significant
- Most scholarships are specific in their qualifications

### Scholarship Planning

- Observe deadlines
- Committees LIKE to hear:
  - Enthusiasm about career goals
  - Special obstacles
  - Special events or people in your people
  - Community service and dedication to others
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  - Extra-curricular activities:
    - Student government
    - Volunteer services (hospital, church, tutoring services)
    - Academic activities: honor club, math/science competitions, etc.
  - Special achievements
  - Excellent letters of recommendation
- Committees DO NOT like to hear:
  - How poor your are
  - How much money you need
  - General clichés such as. “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.”
  - How unfair life might have been

### Tips on Writing Essays

- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WRITE**
- Make an outline of what you want to say. Each paragraph should develop and discuss only one idea and lead easily into the next paragraph.
- Write a first draft and review it the following day
- Be attentive to grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Address the questions
- Be honest. State your past achievements, unique situation, career goals and aspirations
- Have someone else read and evaluate your essay

## Scholarship Providers

- Local/Community Organizations
  - Churches, Clubs, Department stores
- Private Companies
- Colleges and Universities
- State Governments
- National Organizations
  - National Merit Scholarships
  - Gate foundation

## Scholarship Information Locators

- Counseling Office/Bulletins/Announcements
- College Financial Aid Offices/Scholarship Websites
- Admission Application
- State Education Agencies
- Parent's Employer
- Free Scholarship Search Websites
  - FastWeb: <http://www.fastweb.com>
  - SallieMae/CASHE: <http://scholarships.salliemae.com/content.html>
  - SRN (Scholarship Resource Network) Express: <http://www.srnexpress.com>
  - College NET MATCH25: <http://www.collegenet.com/match25/>  
College Board/EXPAN <http://www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrctop.html>
- Scholarship Scams Website: <http://www.finaid.org>

## Free Scholarship search web sites:

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com)

[www.freschinfo.com](http://www.freschinfo.com)

[www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)

[www.scholarship-page.com](http://www.scholarship-page.com)

[www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.collegelink.com](http://www.collegelink.com)

[www.uncommonlegacy.com](http://www.uncommonlegacy.com)

[www.scholarship.kachinatech.com](http://www.scholarship.kachinatech.com)

[www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

[www.free-4u.com](http://www.free-4u.com)

[www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

[www.4scholarships.4anything.com](http://www.4scholarships.4anything.com)

[www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org)

[www.hermana.org](http://www.hermana.org)

[www.aaas.org](http://www.aaas.org)

[www.afcea.org](http://www.afcea.org)

[www.awis.org](http://www.awis.org)

[www.hrsa.gov/bhpr](http://www.hrsa.gov/bhpr)

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

