

College Money Method Scholarships Workshop for HS Seniors

March 12, 2024: 7pm ET

March 16, 2024: 1pm ET/10am PT

March 18, 2024: 6:30pm PT

How to Search for Outside Scholarships in Senior Year

Even if you haven't applied for scholarships, there are still opportunities before you start college and all throughout your undergraduate experience.

This workshop for seniors and their families provides expert guidance on how to search for niche scholarships that fit your unique student profile, stay organized, and enhance your academic experience with an annual cycle of scholarship applications both on and off campus.

Focusing on donor-based scholarships and the people who create them, Becca answers questions like:

- What aspects of the college experience do private donors support with scholarships?
- How can students balance their studies, or even enhance them, with scholarship applications?
- Is the work of applying for scholarships worth the extra effort?
- What is the realistic timeline to payout if you start applying now?
- How can students make the most of funds that are housed both on and off their college campuses?

Rebecca's concrete examples and hands-on activities will ground you in a systematic approach to identifying scholarships to supplement current funding, replace loans, and enhance your academic experience.

Topics Covered

Important Cultural, Financial, and Digital Context for Today's Outside Scholarships

- Who creates scholarships and why.
- Where scholarship funds are located and who stewards them both on and off a university campus.
- The reasons why *every type of student* is eligible for outside scholarships throughout 4 years of college.
- How to tell the difference between good and bad platforms, databases, and information networks.
- Context for how different organizations advertise niche scholarship opportunities online.

Develop a Strategic Approach to Searching for Campus and Outside Scholarships

- Strategically develop 10 – 25 customized search strategies based on your unique profile.
- Learn a systematic approach to searching for scholarships using 1 hour per week.
- Avoid common pitfalls and mistakes that make scholarships seem harder to find than they really are.

Tools for Conducting Scholarships Searches Online

- A 3 step-process for deploying each of your strategic online search terms in multiple online platforms.
- Key terminology, jargon, and information to look for when searching for college adjacent scholarships.
- A “5-click strategy” to dig through institutional and university websites with intention.
- Examples of real scholarships that will expand your scholarship opportunities both on and off campus.

Resources

- **Scholarship Strategies Workbook** | *Digital Workbook*
Save your strategy, ongoing process, search results, and master list of scholarships all in one place.
- **Workshop Review Packet** | *Reference Tool*
A handy reference packet for anyone who would like to review the main takeaways of the presentation.
- **Sample Scholarship Lists** | *Resource Guides*
Becca’s example scholarship resource guides detail opportunities for specific communities, professional interests, campus-mapping, and regionally based organizational networks.
- **Teacher’s Reference Packet** | *Reference Tool*
Instructions for teachers who would like to build scholarship searches into high school coursework.

About the Facilitator

Rebecca is the founder of Office Hours with Becca, an academic advising service that specializes in teaching students to pursue non-university or aid-based scholarships, fellowships, grants, and multi-year educational awards to fund undergraduate and graduate degrees. A graduate of both UCLA and University of Cambridge and informed by a decade of experience supporting students of all backgrounds at the UCLA Center for Scholarships and Scholar Enrichment, Becca believes that lessons in financial responsibility and institutional navigation go hand in hand with the most transformative learning outcomes of higher education.

Becca partners with multiple public library systems, educational institutions, and national college readiness programs to offer workshops that guide staff, students, and parents through the search and application process for pursuing outside scholarships, grants, and fellowships. Her students have won over \$2.5 million in educational funding

awards for college and have been accepted to top graduate programs in a variety of fields with accompanying funding packages.

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