

Ways to Access Scholarships

Scholarships are a self-driven process – you will not receive scholarships if you do not check for them, apply for them, write quality essays, and make sure you have done all the pieces. Although scholarships are "free money," it takes work.

1. Check out the [Class of 2026 Google Classroom](#) – if you (as a parent) would like access, email Ms. Dillon (dillona@swsd.k12.wi.us) and she will send you the classroom code.
 - a. Any scholarships the school district receives are updated on the [Southwestern Scholarship Opportunities Google Spreadsheet](#) here!
2. Make sure to contact the university or technical college you plan to attend – you will all have scholarship opportunities!
3. Check out all the scholarships that are available through. They are a scholarship database and home to thousands of scholarships. Use the following scholarship search engines:
 - a. [FastWeb.com](#) – Once you complete your profile you'll have access to our database of more than 1.5 million scholarships. That's \$3.4 billion dollars in funding – all available to students like you!
 - b. [Student Scholarships.org](#)
 - c. [Scholarships360.org](#)

As a general rule, you should never pay money to apply for scholarships.

4. **Local Scholarship** – Available to seniors from Southwestern. Senior Awards Night will be held April 29, 2026, 6:00 at Southwestern High School. Local scholarship applications will be due on **February 26, 2026**. They are included on the [Southwestern Scholarship Opportunities Google Spreadsheet](#).
5. [Scholarship Guide & Tips with links](#)
6. Apply directly to the College you plan to attend for the Scholarships they offer.
 - Apply for Scholarships through the College. [SWT Scholarship](#)
 - Apply for Scholarships through the college. [NICC – Scholarship page](#)
 - Read and Apply for Scholarships [through UWP](#). [UWP Scholarship](#)