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Scholarship Newsletter



Greetings Class of 2026!

For many of you, the scholarship application process will be an equally important part of your college application process. Please know that the resources and scholarships posted below are in no way an exhaustive list. If your plan for paying for college includes scholarships, you will need to spend a considerable amount of time doing your own research. The College Counselors hope the search engines below provide you with a launchpad for your scholarship search.

Here are some excellent tips for scholarship searches and applications from the College Essay Guy:

#1: Recycle Essays and Letters of Recommendation

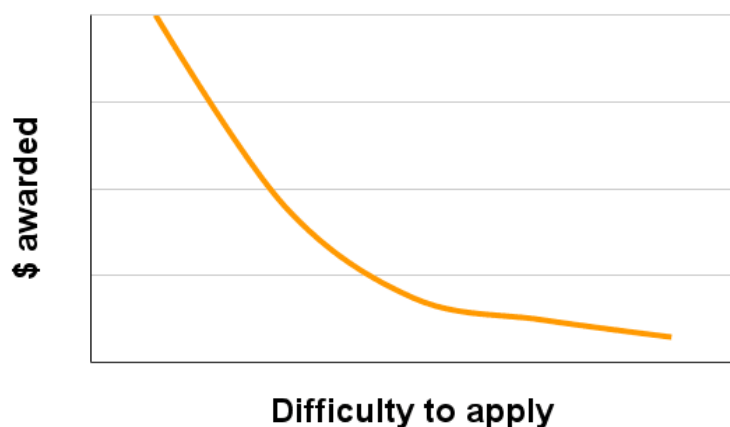
Scholarship applications often require one or both of these. But this doesn't mean you need to start from scratch every time. In fact, you shouldn't! It's very little trouble for a

teacher to tweak and send a letter after they've already written one for your college applications.

Likewise, if you've already written some great short responses on leadership, service, or your major—and I know you have because you're on the College Essay Guy newsletter—then you can most certainly rework and reuse these for scholarships.

#2: Always Weigh the Work-Reward Ratio When Applying for Private Scholarships

Generally, the harder the application is and the lower the award amount, the less competitive a scholarship will be and, therefore, the more likely you are to win it! But don't forget to factor in the time trade-off, too.



#3 Keep a Centralized Scholarship Tracker/Spreadsheet

We share one of my favorite trackers in our *Paying for College In 4 Steps* guide in the course, but whether you enlist the help of others or make this a solo journey, having a single place where all your scholarship information lives is incredibly helpful in keeping you organized and motivated.

Three reasons:

You can collaborate with others. If you are getting help from a family member or friend, you don't have to meet regularly to exchange information. Your helper can add information according to their schedule and you can apply according to yours.

Track progress. It helps you keep track of great fit scholarships that either haven't opened their applications yet or that you'll be eligible to apply for in the future.

Stay organized. It helps you keep track of deadlines and different pieces of the applications as you apply. There is no such thing as being able to apply late when it comes to scholarship applications and one missing item can result in your disqualification.

In addition to scholarships, we strongly encourage families to complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile (if requested). The FAFSA website has some wonderful resources for completing the FAFSA and a link to those resources can be found [here](#). Note that for the class of 2026, the FAFSA is due by April 15, 2026.

Scholarship Search Engines

- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.cicf.org/scholarships/>
- <https://www.raise.me/>
- <https://www.tmc.org/students-alumni/scholarships/>
- <https://www.investedindiana.org/literacy/preparing-for-college/finding-scholarships/>
- <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships.php>
- <https://indianalatinoinstitute.org/programs/education/resources/>

Before we are able to help you with your search, we need to know the following information:

- **Where have you already looked for scholarships?**
- **What scholarships have you already applied for?**
- **Where are you applying to/where have you been admitted?**

Don't underestimate how helpful it can be to participate in the entire financial aid process. This includes applying for admission and scholarships by the priority deadlines and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Helpful links:

- [FAFSA](#)
- [INvestEd](#)
- [Indiana Latino Institute](#)
- [Creating your FSA ID](#)

- [FAFSA Essentials Form](#)
- FAFSA FAQs: <https://financialaid.sfsu.edu/fafsa-simplification-faqs>
- Contributors to the FAFSA: <https://youtu.be/ROtSoSncMI?feature=shared>

Scholarships

Our friends at Purdue Northwest have compiled this incredibly **comprehensive list of scholarships**. We have not had time to sort through every scholarship to add to the newsletter yet, but we didn't want to hold it from you any longer. You can view it [here](#).

Assistance League of Indianapolis Scholarship

A substantial scholarship focused on students who have demonstrated significant volunteer service and community involvement. High school seniors in the Indianapolis area with a strong record of community service are eligible.

Due Date: May 1, 2026

Indiana Trail Running Association Scholarship

The [Indiana Trail Running Association](#) proudly offers *two* \$500 Academic Scholarships. The enthusiasm of a candidate for trail running, trail and conservation volunteering, and academic standing will be taken into consideration when awarding the scholarship. To learn more about eligibility and apply, fill out the [Scholarship Application Form](#) and provide a copy of your transcript.

Due Date: Monday, May 11, 2026

Skiles Test Baseball and Softball Scholarship

[Skiles Test Baseball & Softball](#) is happy to award two \$1,000 scholarships to members of the Class of 2026 who have played or umped in our league or worked in our concession stands. Applications can be completed at <https://skilestestbaseballsoftball.leagueapps.com/>.

Due Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

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Please pay close attention to the requirements for each scholarship, as well as the due date. If letters of recommendation are needed, please feel free to reach

out to your college counselor. We are also happy to help review all scholarship application materials, including essays and resumes.

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