

Scholarship Search

A. Opening Questions

1. If you could design a scholarship just for you, what would it be for and why?

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B. Scholarship Search Information

1. Read the following.

Spotting Scholarship Scams

The following information might indicate that the scholarship is a scam.

Scholarships that require money to apply.

Scholarships that guarantee you'll win.

Scholarships that request unnecessary, sensitive information (social security number, passwords, driver's license number, bank information, etc.).

Scholarships that come from an unfamiliar source or feel too good to be true.

Tips for Finding Scholarships

Apply early and often. Don't wait until the spring.

Keep essays in a Google Doc so you can reuse and adapt them.

Double-check eligibility before starting.

Stay organized with a tracker.

Never pay to apply.

Scholarship Tracker Template

Use this scholarship tracker to record important details about scholarships you qualify for. Don't spend all your time just finding scholarships—make sure to pause the search and finish your applications.

Scholarship Name	Due Date	Amount	Website	Requirements	Status
Example Scholarship	1/15/2026	\$1,000	www.example.com	Essay, Transcript	Not Started

Writing Strong Scholarship Essay Tips

Be personal and authentic. Tell YOUR story.
 Answer the full question. Stay focused.
 Give specific examples.
 Proofread your application.

Possible Scholarship Search Websites

Fastweb – <https://www.fastweb.com>
 Scholarships.com – <https://www.scholarships.com>
 BigFuture (College Board) – <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 Bold.org – <https://www.bold.org>
 Cappex – <https://www.cappex.com>
 Going Merry – <https://www.goingmerry.com>
 Niche – <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships>

C. Student Activity

Search & Apply

1. Visit one of the recommended scholarship search websites and start searching. Find at least one scholarship you are eligible for, add it to your tracker, and begin the application.
2. Find at least one scholarship they are eligible for, add it to their tracker, and begin the application.

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D. Reflection and Discussion Questions

What personal qualities, experiences, or talents do you possess that could make you a strong candidate for a scholarship?

E. Extension Activities/Resources

Complete more than one scholarship application.

Helpful Information Regarding Scholarships

[Get Scholarship Help With These Basics and Tips](#) (studentaid.gov)

[5 Ways to Make Your Scholarship Essay Stand Out](#) (usnews.com)