1. Zinch.com

Zinch is a college students one-stop-shop for scholarships that are creative, easy and fun to apply for and win. To apply for scholarships via Zinch, you'll have to create a username and profile that will help the site find scholarships that are specifically relevant to you! One of Zinch's most popular awards is the Weekly Three Sentence Essay Scholarship, where applicants must generate a 280-character essay (that's only two tweets!) while vying for \$1,000 of cold, hard cash.

2. Fastweb.com

Fastweb is another terrific, free resource where you'll find thousands of scholarships at your fingertips. Not only does Fastweb offer a massive database of monetary awards, but it also features helpful career planning services and learning tools for its registered users! One of Fastweb's most recently featured scholarships is the "Natural Disaster" PSA Video Contest, a \$3,000 scholarship offered to creative undergrads with an eye for cinematography and knowledge of the consequences of natural disasters.

3. ScholarshipPoints.com

You know how you always seem to receive a new, complimentary gift after so many purchases at that favorite beauty counter of yours? ScholarshipPoints works the same way! Well, kind of. The site's users rack up points through a rewards system, making them eligible for different scholarships according to how many points they have earned. Members can earn points through fun, day-to-day activities like reading blogs, taking quizzes and playing online games. ScholarshipPoints offers a rolling, monthly \$1,000 for its members and a quarterly \$10,000 scholarship. Join today and start earning your points!

4. Cappex.com

You may remember being advised by your high school guidance counselor to make a Cappex account to help narrow down your college search, but don't delete that online profile just yet! The site is still helpful during our undergrad years, offering ample scholarship opportunities and financial advice. Once we're undergrads, Cappex graciously bumps us up to "College Pro" status, where we'll be eligible to apply for a \$2,500 College Pro exclusive scholarship! Don't wait, and check out all of the fine print of the Cappex College Pro scholarship today.

5. <u>Scholarships.com</u>

A no-brainer of a URL, are we right? Scholarships.com is a wonderful resource for college students who aspire to kill two birds with one stone—the site finds both scholarships and colleges that are perfect for you! If you're looking to transfer to a school that is dying to recruit you and offer you scholarships, this is the site to visit. The site allows you to pinpoint specific scholarships by your major, year in school and location, increasing your chances for receiving awards and saving you tons of time. For meticulous proofreaders and aspiring editors, you may want to check out the Program featured on Scholarships.com! Although an essay is required, the \$1,500 you could earn is definitely worth the time spent behind the keyboard.

6. College Board's Scholarship Search

Offering 2,300 sources of financial aid and over \$3 billion in scholarship awards, the College Board's scholarship search resource could put you on the right track to financing your education—and fast! To start your search, be sure to fill out the detailed questionnaire on the site to narrow down specific awards that satisfy your financial needs. While you're browsing the College Board's scholarship selection, see if you're eligible to apply for the Community Colleges Academic Scholarship! If you're at a small, local school this \$1,000-\$2,000 award could be right up your alley.

7. NextStudent.com

Formerly known as Scholarships101.com, NextStudent is an online leader in helping undergrads pay for college tuition, books and more. Like most of the aforementioned sites, NextStudent requires its students to set up a user account complete with details like school year, location and major to pinpoint scholarships for you! One of the scholarship matches that NextStudent found for me? The Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship, a \$5,000 award available to any undergrad who has performed community service in the last 12 months, namely in the areas of food service.

8. StudentScholarships.org

StudentScholarships.org is much like NextStudent.com, serving as a powerful search engine for finding relevant scholarships for undergrads. This site is also helpful because it features career profiles for many fields of study, giving its users a good idea of expected salary and job opportunities after graduation. Check out the <u>Dr. Aura-Lee A. and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship</u>, a \$8,000 scholarship (with \$2,000 paid annually through a four year college career) if you're interested in American History and Government!

9. ScholarshipExperts.com

This site boasts that it is "fast, easy and free" which is certainly true! ScholarshipExperts.com is yet another great resource for scouring the Internet for great monetary awards during your undergrad years. Check out the "Courage To Grow" scholarship on the site, which awards eligible undergrads one \$500 scholarship every month.

10. SuperCollege.com

This site is an online database of scholarships, grants and fun contests for undergrads to enter and (hopefully) win. On top of offering great scholarships, SuperCollege also offers no-nonsense guides for collegiettes™ like "How to Write a Winning Scholarship Essay" and "More Easy Ways to Save Money in College." For creative students who are savvy with videography and have a way with flashcards, be sure to check out SuperCollege's Flashcard Scholarship worth \$500!