

Tuition assistance comes in several forms.

To better understand the college aids available, you need to know about the various forms of financial assistance.

- 🔑 Loans - Money available to students with or without short-term interest. Loans must be repaid.
- 🔑 Grants - These are most often government-sponsored gifts of money which are solely based on need.
- 🔑 Jobs - Support provided by the school to help students with a need to earn part of their education.
- 🔑 Scholarships - Money for college provided to students based on specific criteria. It does not have to be repaid.
- 🔑 Fee-based help - Be very cautious of persons or firms who offer scholarship help for a fee. Double check their credentials.

Sources of information on obtaining scholarships

The best sources of scholarship information are easily accessible. Here are some areas from which you can get help.

- 🔑 High School Counselors - Your counselor has had experience and can save you time by pointing you in the right direction.
- 🔑 Guidance Office Files - Information is available on scholarship expectations and application forms.
- 🔑 Colleges and Universities - Contact the schools in which you are interested and for information on scholarships and other financial assistance.
- 🔑 Public Libraries - Take advantage of the vast range of resources available at the library.
- 🔑 Community Organizations - Many community groups offer scholarships. Your counselor will be able to assist.
- 🔑 The Internet - There are many websites for scholarships. One of the largest free scholarship search groups is www.fastweb.com See our website for additional links.
- 🔑 Parents, Employers or Unions - Some of the larger firms and unions offer scholarships to the children of employees or members.

Read This if You Want a College Scholarship



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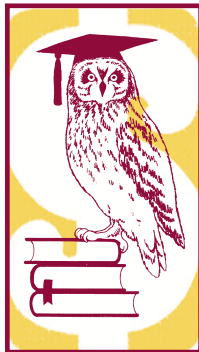
- Money - A financial reward that covers part, or all, of your college expenses, and it doesn't have to be paid back!
- Recognition - A scholarship also recognizes your academic achievements, character, extracurricular involvement and financial need.

A scholarship provides a wide range of benefits...

- Reduce the need for student loans.
- Improve your chances of going to the college of your choice.
- Ease the financial burden on your family and yourself.

Start working toward your scholarship today.

Groups awarding scholarships look at the progress you made during your high school years, not just a semester or two. It is important that you start planning for college and working for a scholarship today.



How to improve your chances of being awarded a scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on evaluation of numerous important criteria. Here are some of the most common.

Academic performance

Make the grade! Get good grades and take classes that prepare you for college. Doing well in difficult and advanced classes shows that you welcome the challenge college will present and that you are ready.

Community service

Volunteering for community projects displays maturity and responsibility, a willingness to help, and a desire to improve the quality of lives of others. Volunteering shows you care.

Leadership

From class officer to team captain, from first chair clarinetist to initiator of a fund drive for the needy, leadership roles demonstrate that you can get things done. It shows your skills in working with and directing others.

Extracurricular activities

Involvement in extracurricular activities shows you have ambition, enthusiasm and a wide range of interests. Out-of-class activities give you new skills and teach you how to work with others. Extracurriculars demonstrate your drive to learn.

Special talent or skill

Excel in fine arts, science, music or athletics. These special talents are often recognized. Just getting involved and trying is a plus.

Employment

A job you hold to help your family or to save for college expenses exhibits that you are ambitious; however, a job is not a consideration for all scholarships.

Character

Good character equals high moral values. This shows you are a caring, thoughtful person filled with honesty and integrity. College and universities appreciate model character.

Financial need

Scholarships were created to assist students in need of financial support; but this is not a requisite for all scholarships. If you feel you qualify due to your financial status, you'll need to fill out an FAFSA - a standard financial form. Ask your guidance counselor for more details.
