

Tips for Successful Scholarship Searches

Get Organized: Make a spreadsheet of scholarships that you have applied for and keep it updated.

Check Qualifications: Don't waste time applying if you don't qualify.

Pay Attention to Deadlines: Colleges mean business when it comes to deadlines. Keep deadlines on your calendar and make sure that you adhere to them. Need a reminder? Set it on your phone!

Recycle: Write one generic essay and then mold it to fit different applications. Example: if the mission/goals of the sponsoring entity values are education, speak to how education is important to you.

Do Your Best Work: Proofread, proofread, proofread! Then ask teachers, Talent Search Advisors, parents, and friends to proofread for you. Grammar and spelling matter!

Do Your Homework for Letters of Recommendation: You will need them! Ask for them well in advance of your deadline.

Plan to Devote Time: Set aside the same time every week (several hours) to work on scholarships.

Scholarship Search Resources

Create an account with all of these resources so that you can be “matched” with scholarships that pertain to you.

Databases

Fastweb	www.fastweb.com
College Board	www.collegeboard.org
Scholarship Experts	www.college-scholarships.com
College for All Texans	www.collegeforalltexans.com
Cappex	www.cappex.com
Scholarship America	www.scholarshipamerica.org
Peterson's	www.petersons.com
Unigo	www.unigo.com
CollegeNET	www.CollegeNET.com
Scholarship Monkey	www.scholarshipmonkey.com
Raise Me	www.raise.me
Niche	www.niche.com
Six Up	www.sixup.com

The list below is not an exhaustive list! Although you might find scholarships at these websites, do not narrow your search to just these.

Scholarship Websites

Coca Cola Scholarship	www.coca-colascholars.org
Astronaut Scholarship Foundation	www.astronautscholarship.org
Ambassadorial	https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships

Scholarships for Minorities

Hispanic College Fund	www.hispanicfund.org
Ron Brown Scholarships	www.ronbrown.org
United Negro College Fund	www.uncf.org

Jackie Robinson Foundation	www.jackierobinson.org
Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund	www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org
LULAC	www.lulac.org
Minorities in Engineering	www.nacme.org

For Children of Military Personnel

Military Page Search “scholarships”	www.military.com
Army Emergency Relief	www.aerhq.org
Air Force Aid Society	www.afas.org
Navy Marine Corps Relief	www.nmcrs.org

Don’t Forget These!

LD Bell Counseling Scholarships	https://sites.google.com/hebisd.edu/bhs-ldbellcounseling/college-planning/scholarships?authuser=0
Trinity Counseling Scholarships	https://sites.google.com/hebisd.edu/thc-counselingdepartment/scholarship-information?authuser=0

Scholarship Tips

- Apply for scholarships at the schools you are applying to for admission.
- Ask everyone that you know if they know of any scholarships and look in your circle of people and groups that you know: churches, civic organizations, your job, your parents’ job, your career interests, your club affiliations.
- Review the Counseling page at your high school for a list of scholarships and deadlines.