



'One of the biggest myths about scholarships is that they are available only to the best and brightest'





## Our goals ...

- Get to know where the resources are in your high school.
- Talk about types of scholarships, scholarship applications, deadlines and how to search and apply.
- Talk about the advantages of applying to Maryland colleges, career schools and universities.



# Starting the scholarship search...

## Start small...

Search where the percentages are in your favor. Begin with your high school resources. Where is your College Career Information Center located? Is there online presence for college career & scholarship information at your school? Favorite your schools college career scholarship web page or listing for quick access.



@ Northwest you can walk by the College Career Information Center and scan the Scholarship Bulletin QR Code for the latest information.

# Naviance & the SCHOLARSHIP search ...

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Scholarships are a form of aid that does not have to be repaid. The list below contains scholarships or financial aid awards that may be relevant for you, based on information pulled from your profile. Select the "Match and Filter" button to apply more criteria or select "Clear Filters" to view all available scholarships.

Search all scholarships Search

Sort by Deadline Clear Filters Match and Filter

> National Achievement Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist	Maximum Award	Favorite
> The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program	Maximum Award \$1,000	Favorite
> BOT Academic Sep Scholarship	Maximum Award	Favorite
> Delegate Scholarship	Maximum Award	Favorite
> Ethiopian Scholarship	Maximum Award	Favorite
> Distinguished African American Scholar*	Maximum Award	Favorite
> Distinguished African American Community Leader*	Maximum Award	Favorite
> Kirill Reznik	Maximum Award	Favorite

**Search College-Specific Scholarships.**

**Create a profile and complete a National Scholarship Search. Select Scholarship**

**Search for a list of Scholarships to Favorite.**

**Make sure you are accessing your high school's Naviance account!**



# Scholarships: Types & Application

## Athletic, Academic, State & Local, Online & Paper



**Athletic scholarships** (D1 and D2) eligibility requires NCAA Clearinghouse Registration. Talk to your coaches and visit [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). Registration should take place in junior year!

Application can be online or hard copy paper.

**Academic scholarships** can be offered by private organizations as well as colleges. Eligibility can be based on GPA and/or college test scores, leadership and/or community service.

**State & Local scholarships** can be offered by your home state, senators, delegates, county and/or your high school.

Students can also be nominated for scholarships either by self-nomination or school nomination.

Know your state legislative district by visiting [mdelect.net](http://mdelect.net)

**Make sure your counselor gets to know you!**



# Search college financial aid offices...

- **Search the financial aid web pages on college websites where you plan to apply.** Look for scholarships tied to your major or place of residence. Check the department page on the college website if you have a predetermined major.

- **Connect with the financial aid offices at colleges you are considering by phone and/or email.**

- Always be courteous – no matter what the outcome of the conversation – make sure you note the name and date of each chat! Save your email communications.



- **Be mindful of priority deadlines!** For instance, UMD College Park accepts applications by Priority and Regular decision deadlines...

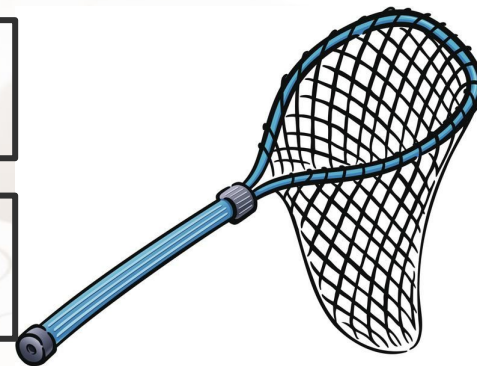
but gives “best consideration” for merit scholarships to those students applying by the Priority, November 1 deadline.



# Cast a wider net...

**Look at businesses and organizations where your family has a connection.**

**Visit the web sites of your local credit union or banking institution.**

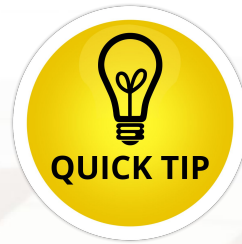


**Visit the web sites of your state senators and delegates.** Maryland residents may qualify for merit or career based scholarships if they plan to attend a Maryland post-secondary institution. Each senator and/or delegate may have their own application process.

The Ultimate Scholarship Guide”, “Free \$ for College Dummies Handbook” and/or “The Scholarship Handbook” are available in your in your local bookstores and on Amazon...



# Scholarship search



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*When searching for scholarships don't make assumptions based on the scholarship funder or organization name!*

For instance, **Blacks in Government** and the **Taiwanese Community** offer scholarships to high school seniors regardless of race or ethnicity.

The **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority** offers some of their scholarships to seniors regardless of gender!

*Look at the criteria before deciding to apply!*





# The online scholarship search...

Play the odds!  
They could be in your favor!



- **Plan to dedicate time to your searches.** Don't expect the site to do the work for you.
- **Beware of scam websites.** Sites should not ask for fees for searching or applying for scholarships – scholarships are a free resource for your college or career school education. Do not provide your social security number when registering on a web site.

## Reputable sites include:

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) → *Help Center* → *How do I find scholarships*

[www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)



# StudentAid.gov scholarship search...

An official website of the United States government.

Help Center Submit a Complaint English | Español

Federal Student Aid AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FAFSA® Form ▾ Loans and Grants ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Forgiveness ▾

**Help Center** Create Account



## Learn More About

How can we help?

Search

**Browse Help Topics**

- Getting Started**  
Understand the aid process and who's eligible.
- Managing Your Account**  
Review your aid amounts, manage payments, and update your personal information.
- Completing the FAFSA® Form**  
Get tips on how to fill out the FAFSA® form and browse other common FAFSA topics.
- Types of Aid**  
Learn about types of aid including grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships.

**Most Common Questions**

- How do I apply for an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan?
- How do I apply for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)?
- How do I create a StudentAid.gov account?
- How much money can I get from a Federal Pell Grant?
- What are the requirements for Direct Unsubsidized Loans (DUL)?
- How do I complete entrance counseling?



## 5. How do I find scholarships?

### POPULAR TOPICS

#### How do I find scholarships?

GETTING STARTED TYPES OF AID

You can learn about scholarships in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking information in a public library or online. But be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; and remember that you don't have to pay to find scholarships or other financial aid. Check out our information on how to [avoid scams](#).

Try these free sources of information about scholarships:

- the financial aid office at a college or career school
- a high school counselor



## US Dept. of Labor's FREE scholarship search tool

- your library's reference section
- foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups
- organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- city-based organizations
- your employer or your parents' employers
- our article on scholarship tips
- our article on what to do if you need additional financial aid

I want to college.



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### Scholarship Finder

Your Search  
Search by keyword  
Keyword  
Search

Filter By

Level of Study

- [Bachelor's Degree \(6146\)](#)
- [Graduate Degree \(3757\)](#)
- [Professional Development \(1320\)](#)
- [Vocational \(973\)](#)
- [Associate Degree \(772\)](#)
- [High School \(679\)](#)

Award Type

- [Scholarship \(7527\)](#)
- [Fellowship \(1053\)](#)
- [Grant \(702\)](#)
- [Prize \(473\)](#)
- [Public Grant \(51\)](#)
- [Loan \(27\)](#)

Search more than 9,500 scholarships, grants, and financial aid award opportunities. You can:

- Look through the results, which are arranged in order of closest deadline
- Narrow your list by keyword about the type of award you're looking for
- Use the filters to refine your search by award types, locations, level of study, and more

Scholarship sponsors may have their own eligibility criteria without notifying CareerOneStop, so be sure to confirm the most current information on the scholarship website.

We found **9,601** awards.

Sort by **Deadline: Sooner to Later**

Award Name	Level Of Study	Award Type	Award Amount	Deadline
<a href="#">180 Medical College Scholarship Program</a> Organization: 180 Medical Inc. Purposes: To help young adults with spinal cord injuries, transverse myelitis, spina bifida, neurogenic bladder or ostomy (ileostomy, colostomy or urostomy) to pursue their goals.	Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Graduate Degree	Scholarship	\$1,000	June
<a href="#">180 Medical Ron Howell Caregiver Scholarship</a> Organization: 180 Medical Inc. Purposes: To assist unpaid caregivers in their education.	Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Graduate Degree	Scholarship	\$1,000	June
<a href="#">1800CPAP \$1000 Scholarship</a> Organization: 1800CPAP	Bachelor's Degree	Scholarship	\$1,000	June

**StudentAid.gov**  
link brings you  
here...

Some search engines may require you to set up a free profile that will be used to match scholarships with your interests and postsecondary plans

... on the web @ [careeronestop](https://www.careeronestop.org)



# Students planning to attend MC can search their Academic Works scholarship database...



*Application to MC & MC ID required to use this site*

▼ Opportunities Donors

All Opportunities Show Filters

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<a href="#">"Growing Academic Potential" ACES Scholarship</a>	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">"HOPE SCHOLARSHIP" in Honor of Steve Cohen</a>	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">A. James Clark Engineering Endowed Scholarship</a> Will support students: 1. Majoring in Engineering; 2. Demonstrated financial need; 3. Grade point average of 3.0 or higher.	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">A. James Clark Engineering Scholarship</a>	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">A. Mario and Rona Loisdeman Endowed Scholarship</a> Supports business students.	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">A.G.W.F Scholarship Fund / Gabonese Association of Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area</a> Supports Students who: 1. Are from Gabon or who have Gabonese heritage 2. Demonstrate financial need.	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	<a href="#">AAUP Scholarship in Honor of James T. O'Brien</a>	Deadline 06/30/2019

*Apply to MC early in senior year (after Oct. 1) and take advantage of the MC App Fee Waiver Period, that usually begins Oct. 1*

Paying for college @ MC

Academic Works @ [montgomerycollege.academicworks.com](https://montgomerycollege.academicworks.com)

# Online... MCPS College Career

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[Career Readiness](#)

### Naviance College and Career Planning

A web program to help you build a resume, summarize goals, and keep track of your college and scholarship applications.

[Naviance Family Connection](#)

[Naviance Course Planner](#)

### Financial Aid

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<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students>





# The Scholarship Essay or Personal Statement ...

## Writing a Winning Scholarship Essay & the Four R's:

- **Rules** – due date – word count – format – residency – age – **follow the rules!**
- **Research** the web site and the essay topic
- **wRite** to grab the readers and make them want to know more!  
How do your goals and values **CONNECT** with the funder's goals and values?
- **Review** not once – not twice... submit your essay to an expert!  
Use your school resources like your English teacher or tutor



**Essay Tip: Keep copies (hard and electronic) of papers you have written in high school where you have received high grades.**



# Increase your chances...



- **Disregard the dollar amount.** It all adds up!
- **Get personal with your essay.** Tell your story.

“Personal stories provide unique ideas and a backdrop for scholarship committees to really get to know the applicants”.

- **Apply.** Dollars go unclaimed because of lack of applicants.
- **Keep your grades high. Be ready to advocate for yourself if your grades slip.**
- **Don't give up.** You may not get every scholarship you apply for but that does not mean you won't get something for your efforts. Take charge of your education & paying for it.
- **Do Not Google scholarship applications.** There should be a website link or a link on your high school website to access the application. Using Google may not get you the right application!
- **Keep track of your applications,** including the contact information, when you applied and how you applied.
- **Check email!! Most college career information centers in the high schools will regularly communicate scholarship information to you via email to your mcpsmd.net account... but when applying for scholarships use your personal email!**





# Tips and tools if applying to MD schools: @ [mhec.maryland.gov](https://mhec.maryland.gov)

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA DELAY

### One-Pager for Students & Families (FAFSA Tips & Videos to Get Started)

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is the State's higher education regulatory and coordinating board, responsible for establishing statewide policies for Maryland public & private colleges and universities, as well as for the for-profit career schools. MHEC also administers more than \$100 million each year through financial aid programs that positively impact students as they work to achieve their higher education goals.



**Need Money for College? Start Here!**

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PROCESSING SYSTEM





"Organization and persistence are key - there are no shortcuts"

