



## Searching for College Scholarships

### Types of Financial Aid:

- Loans – borrowed money that has to be repaid with interest
- Grants – free money (doesn't have to be repaid), often from the government or college
- Work Study – part-time job on a college campus, answer YES on FAFSA if interested in this
- Scholarships – free money (doesn't have to be repaid)

### Types of Scholarships:

1. Merit Based - typically based on GPA and/or test scores; not just for "A" students
2. Need Based - file FAFSA and/or CSS profile, aid based on financial need
3. Student demographics/interests - ex: religion, ethnicity, state/town of residence, interests, etc.
4. College specific - from the colleges/universities you applied to
5. Major Specific - based on what you intend to study (could be from the college or an outside source)
6. Athletic - DI & DII schools or because you participate in a sport
7. Community Service - based on volunteer work
8. Workplace - you and/or your parent/guardian's

### Where do I find scholarships?

- **THS Scholarship Bulletin** (available in March to seniors)
- **Naviance** - 'colleges' tab → scholarships and money → scholarship search (this list is updated regularly)
- **Colleges** - you will receive financial aid award letters from the colleges you're accepted to (which could include scholarship money) if you apply for financial aid, sometimes students receive scholarship information in their acceptance letters as well, go to college's financial aid website and website for your intended major for other scholarship opportunities
- **Community Organizations/Local Scholarships**
- **Scholarship Searches Online** (some resources below)

### Things to keep in mind:

- One year scholarship vs. annual/renewable - not all scholarships are renewable year to year
- Outside scholarships could affect your financial aid package at the college you decide to attend, speak with a financial aid officer at your school to find out
- Apply for local scholarships: many times the applicant pool is small!
- Remember to write a thank you note to the scholarship donor for awards you receive
- File your FAFSA and/or CSS Profile ASAP, some colleges award scholarship money on a first-come, first-served basis

### Some Resources:

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (FAFSA); [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) (US Department of Education Resource website)

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

Naviance

Fastweb.com

Colleges/Universities Financial Aid Websites

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