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Helpful Tips and Hints for Scholarships



1. Check out scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com. Remember, you should never pay to apply for a scholarship or give out your social security information or banking information. If a website is asking for this information or is asking you to pay money, it is a scam. Most scholarships will only ask for general information such as name, age, address, phone number, high school, etc.
2. Fastweb will require you to create a personal profile and will then give you scholarships based on the answers you give. This will be the fastest way to be directed to scholarships, but not all the scholarships they provide will be a match for you. Scholarships.com lets you search for your own scholarships based on your traits/interests, such as ethnicity, background, hobbies, planned major, state you live in, grade in school, etc.
3. Just ask! Many places might be willing to help support your college goals if you show the initiative. Try asking or writing letters to your church, local clubs (such as the local rotary club, ELKS club, Kiwanis club), and even local businesses. Business owners are often very impressed when a high school student shows this kind of effort and may be very happy to help you attend college.
4. Look up scholarships that are offered by larger companies as well. Try looking up scholarships for:
 - McDonalds
 - Walmart
 - Target
 - Ford
 - Macy's
 - Subway
5. Don't skip over the small ones! If it is \$100 or \$10,000, they can all make a difference. The scholarships that you are more likely to get are ones that you have to write an essay or do a project. Don't be afraid to put in the time and effort; the harder you work, the greater the reward.
6. You will most likely apply for several more scholarships than you actually get. Please don't let this discourage you! The more scholarships that you apply for, the more likely you are to get money for college. Remember, the more effort that you put into your search and applications, the more likely you are to get scholarships.



Here is a list of specific scholarships that you can apply for:

- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- Elks National Most Valuable Student Competition
- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Don't Text and Drive Scholarship
- "Hit The Books" Scholarship
- Apple Scholars Program
- SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes
- GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program
- PG&E Bright Minds STEM Scholarship
- State Farm Companies Foundation
- Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway Promotion and Contest
- KFC Colonel's Scholars Program
- \$1000 College JumpStart Scholarship
- Frame My Future Scholarship Contest
- CollegeNet Scholarship Contest
- Wells Fargo CollegeSTEPS Sweepstakes
- Life Lessons Scholarship Program
- Foot Locker Scholar Athletes

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