

Scholarship Searches

- Peak application season is October through February. Don't let that stop you from applying though.
- Might want to create a "disposable" email address
- Read and follow directions
- Don't skip questions or leave blanks
- Write an interesting essay.
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Essay Hints

- Do an outline for your essay.
- If you have difficulty writing try recording a conversation and then write it down
- Think about things in your past, relate them to your educational goals and future if asked for an essay. Give examples. Sell yourself!
- Don't exaggerate
- Have someone else proofread your work

Letters of Recommendation

- When requesting someone for a letter of recommendation, ask them if they can write you a **good** letter.
- Provide the recommender a stamp and addressed envelope and any required forms.
- Let them know the purpose of the award so they can tailor the information.
- Don't ask someone at the last minute.

General Scholarship Sites

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastaid.com
- www.edfund.org
- www.healthprofessoins.ca.gov
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.finaid.org

Population Specific

- www.thepointfoundation.org (GLBT)
- www.uncf.org (African American)
- www.hsf.net (Latina/Latino)
- www.collegefund.org (Native American)
- www.uspaacc.com (Asian American)

Disclaimers

- The above links are just a sampling intended to provide a “flavor” of how to begin your searches
- Do not pay for searches
- String search words (major, ethnicity, scholarships, grants, geographical areas, churches or church group, social sororities or fraternities often raise funds for scholarships
- If you receive a scholarship be sure to send a thank you note.
- Let the school know you are receiving a grant. There may be an acknowledgment needed or special handling of funds.