



'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? Add the College Career school webpage as a favorite on your Internet toolbar.



Naviance & the SCHOLARSHIP search ...

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Scholarships & Money
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Make sure you have an email in your profile. If not, click on the 'About Me' link (below) for info on 'How to Register (Sign Up for Visits)'.

collegeaccess.org

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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.



Scholarships: Types & Application

Athletic, Academic, State & Local, Online & Paper



Athletic scholarships eligibility requires NCAA Clearinghouse Registration. Talk to your coaches and visit eligibilitycenter.org. Registration should take place in junior year!

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.

Know your state legislative district by visiting mdelect.net



Application can be online or hard copy paper.

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

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.
- **Check out a good book** – “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 tip...

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 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.finaid.org

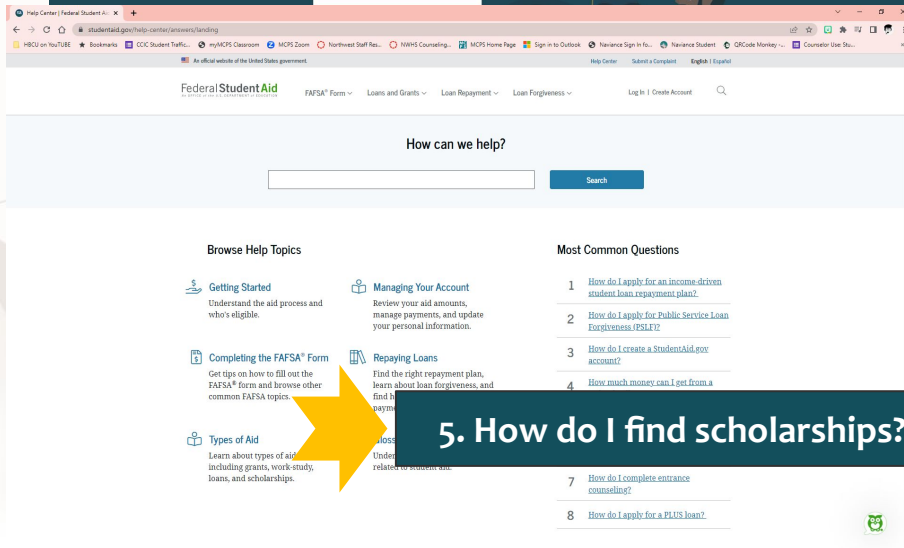
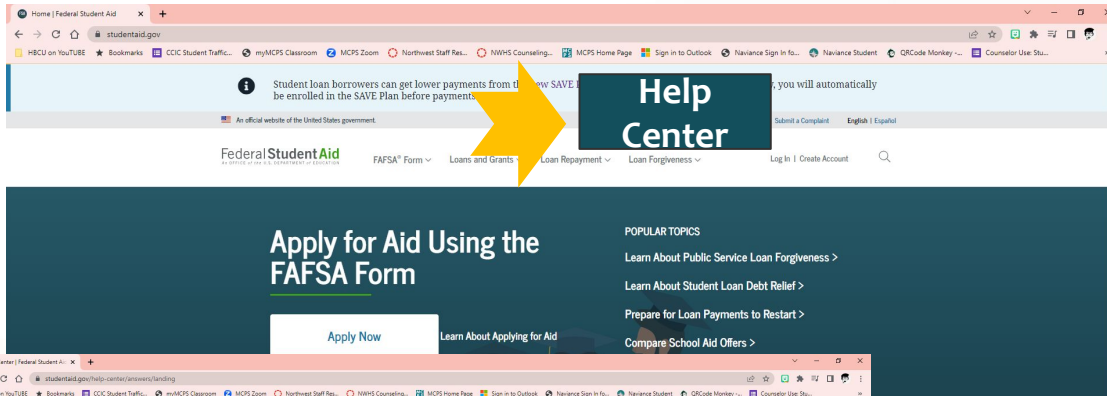
www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.scholarships.com

www.studentaid.gov → *Types of Aid* → *Scholarship Search*



StudentAid.gov scholarship search...



How do I find scholarships?

GETTING STARTED TYPES OF AID

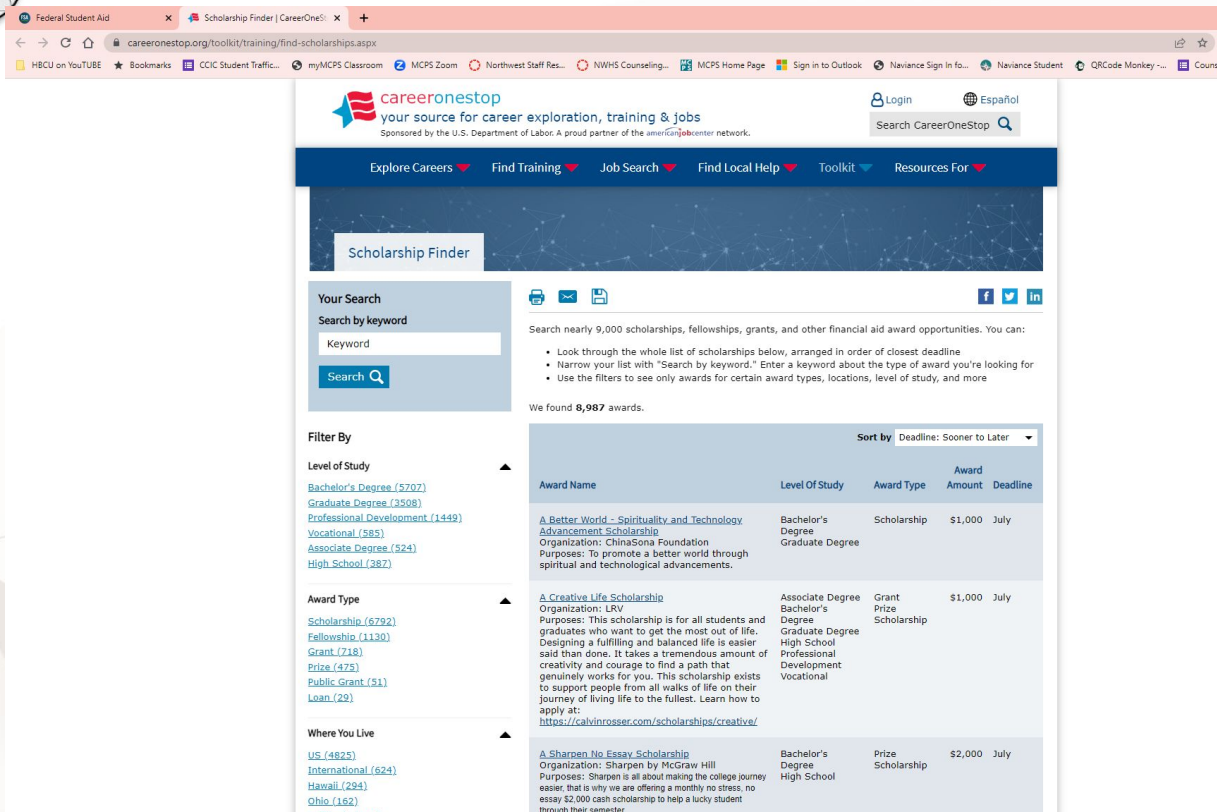
You can learn about scholarships in several ways, including contacting the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and checking information in a public library or online. But be careful. Make sure scholarship information and offers you receive are legitimate; and remember that you don't 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 university
- a high school counselor
- the U.S. Department of Labor's FREE scholarship search tool
- federal agencies
- your state government
- your library
- foundations
- groups
- organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- ethnicity-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

US Dept. of Labor's FREE scholarship search tool

StudentAid.gov link takes you here...



The screenshot shows the CareerOneStop website's Scholarship Finder page. The page header includes the CareerOneStop logo and navigation links. The main content area features a search bar with the text "Your Search" and "Search by keyword". Below the search bar, there are filter options for "Level of Study", "Award Type", and "Where You Live". The search results section displays a table of scholarships with columns for Award Name, Level of Study, Award Type, Award Amount, and Deadline. The table lists three scholarships: "A Better World - Spirituality and Technology Advancement Scholarship", "A Creative Life Scholarship", and "A Sharpen No Essay Scholarship".

Award Name	Level Of Study	Award Type	Award Amount	Deadline
A Better World - Spirituality and Technology Advancement Scholarship Organization: ChinaSona Foundation Purposes: To promote a better world through spiritual and technological advancements.	Bachelor's Degree Graduate Degree	Scholarship	\$1,000	July
A Creative Life Scholarship Organization: LRV Purposes: This scholarship is for all students and graduates who want to get the most out of life. Designing a fulfilling and balanced life is easier said than done. It takes a tremendous amount of creativity and courage to find a path that genuinely works for you. This scholarship exists to support people from all walks of life on their journey of living life to the fullest. Learn how to apply at: https://calvinrosser.com/scholarships/creative/	Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Graduate Degree High School Professional Development Vocational	Grant Prize Scholarship	\$1,000	July
A Sharpen No Essay Scholarship Organization: Sharpen by McGraw Hill Purposes: Sharpen is all about making the college journey easier; that is why we are offering a monthly no stress, no essay \$2,000 cash scholarship to help a lucky student through their semester.	Bachelor's Degree High School	Prize Scholarship	\$2,000	July

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

www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships

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	"Growing Academic Potential" ACES Scholarship	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	"HOPE SCHOLARSHIP" in Honor of Steve Cohen	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	A. James Clark Engineering Endowed Scholarship 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. James Clark Engineering Scholarship	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	A. Mario and Rona Loisdeman Endowed Scholarship Supports business students.	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	A.G.W.F. Scholarship Fund / Gabonese Association of Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area Supports Students who: 1. Are from Gabon or who have Gabonese heritage 2. Demonstrate financial need.	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	AAUP Scholarship in Honor of James T. O'Brien	Deadline 06/30/2019
Varies	AAUW - Bethesda Chevy Chase Scholarship The honoree must be a mature woman with high academic standing and financial need.	Deadline 06/30/2019

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

montgomerycollege.academicworks.com

Online... MCPS College Career

The screenshot shows the website for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The main navigation bar includes 'Full Menu', 'Home', 'About Us', 'Schools', 'Parents', 'Students', 'Curriculum', 'Staff', 'Board Of Education', 'Superintendent', and 'Careers'. The 'STUDENTS' section is highlighted with a yellow arrow. Below this, there are three buttons: 'LUNCH MENU', 'FORMS FOR STUDENTS', and 'BUS ROUTES'. A horizontal navigation bar at the bottom of the main content area has four tabs: 'HOMEWORK HELP', 'MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS', 'COLLEGE AND CAREER', and 'STUDENT LIFE'. A yellow arrow points to the 'COLLEGE AND CAREER' tab. Below this bar, there is a 'Resources' section for 'HOMEWORK HELP' and three circular icons representing different educational resources.

A dark grey box containing a teal location pin icon with a white dollar sign inside. Below the icon, the text 'Financial Aid' is displayed in teal. Underneath, there is a bulleted list of resources:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Financial Aid Workshops
- Scholarships
- Minority Student Scholarships

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

The scholarship application...

... the transcript

and what may be required?

Official or unofficial?

Local ED: [REDACTED] MD State ED: [REDACTED] Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland
Secondary Transcript

DOB: [REDACTED] Gender: F Grade: 12 Date as of: 3/8/2010

Grade 6				Grade 7				Grade 8						
CR	CR	N/C	WD	School	CR	CR	N/C	WD	School	CR	CR	N/C	WD	School
A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE
B	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE

Grade 9				Grade 10				Grade 11						
CR	CR	N/C	WD	School	CR	CR	N/C	WD	School	CR	CR	N/C	WD	School
A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE
B	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE	A	0.50			WATERGATE

Grade 12				
CR	CR	N/C	WD	School
A	0.50			WATERGATE
B	0.50			WATERGATE

... letters of recommendation

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March 1, 20XX
XYZ College Admissions Committee
123 Business Rd.
Business City, NY 54321

How many?

Dear XYZ College Admissions Committee,

I have known Beth Crawley for the past two years, having served as both her English teacher and her supervisor on the ABC High School newspaper. I believe Beth would be an excellent addition to XYZ College.

While a student at ABC High School, Beth has always challenged herself academically. She is an active participant in class discussions and grasps material quickly. She has superb written and verbal skills that are a pleasure for any teacher to encounter. Beth even tutors incoming high school freshmen who are struggling with their English courses.

Beth also excels in extracurricular activities. She has served as the features editor of our high school newspaper, a position that has allowed her to develop strong writing and editing skills. Beth would bring so much to your school, both inside and outside of the classroom. If you have any questions regarding Beth's qualifications, please feel free to contact me at (555) 555-5555 or Kara.White@email.com.

Sincerely,

Kara White
English Teacher and Department Chair
ABC High School

(from FAFSA Student Aid Report)



... college test scores *(copy from test account)*

... resume

... financial information

Standardized Test Scores: ACT/Advanced Level, SAT/Advanced Level, AP/Advanced Level, IB/Advanced Level, etc.

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, E=0. Prior to 03-04, weighted GPA (WGPA) is calculated A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1 for honors courses and A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, E=0 for advanced Placement and advanced level courses. Beginning 03-04 school year, weighted GPA (WGPA) is calculated A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1 for all honors courses.



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...

- **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.
- **Disregard the dollar amount.** It all adds up!
- **Keep your grades high.**
- **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 and 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!!**



Tips and tools if applying to MD schools: @ mhec.maryland.gov

Maryland Higher Education Commission

Maryland.gov

Enter search term

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MHEC MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

STUDENT SUCCESS WITH LESS DEBT

Access and Success Through Innovation

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!

MDCAPS MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM

Going to College: Important Information for Parents and Students to Consider:

Our Students' Needs Come First: Prepare for Your College Experience:

- Scholarships & grants to attend a college in

After Graduation: Graduate School? Pay Off Student Loan Debt:

- Find a graduate school or degree

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



The End