
Scholarships



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Types of Scholarships

*General (any school, any major)

*Major specific (any school, department/major)

*School (only for specific college)

*School & Major (for specific major in specific college)

*Athletics

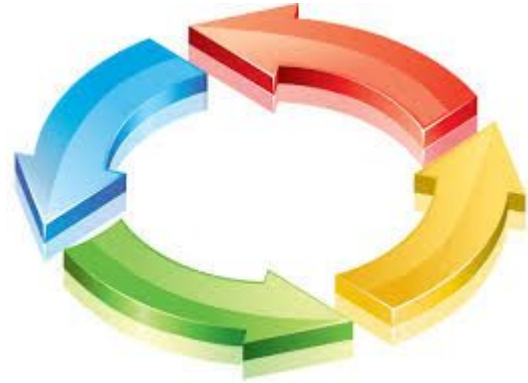
*Fine Art

*ROTC



Types continued

- *Recurring VS one sum/one time
- *Requirements to keep recurring
- *Merit scholarships
- *Need based scholarships
- * Assured scholarships



Define Scholarships

Assured = guaranteed

Competitive= other students are applying for the same scholarship

Academic/Merit: related to academic performance but can also be artistic or athletic

Community Service: participating in community service activities

First in Family: if you're the first in your family to go to college

Legacy: you attend the college your parent attended

Military: available to service members, veterans, and their families

Prestigious: National level

Where do you find them?

*National/free search

www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/

www.cappex.com

www.fastweb.com



*The college you've been accepted to

*Local Resources

*Naviance: <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login?hsid=braswellhs>

*College website



How do I get a scholarship?

- *Take the SAT/ACT
- *Apply to the school
- *Sometimes there is a separate scholarship application
- *Send transcripts and test scores
- *Submit FASFA
- *Get Accepted (scholarships may want proof)
- *Apply for scholarships



Tips for completing scholarship applications

*Get organized!

- Calendar of deadlines/follow-up dates
- Make a checklist of each scholarship's requirement
- Create a file system
- Create a resume
- Gather or prepare commonly requested items - tax returns, financial aid applications, essay samples, letters of recommendation, and a good headshot



What else?

- *Junior/community colleges offer scholarships
- *Many scholarships want to see your SAT or ACT scores.
- *Be aware of your digital footprint.
- *Essays! Work on your essay writing skills.



Essay Writing Tips

- *Choose a topic that will highlight you
- *Keep your focus narrow and personal
- *Show, Don't tell
- *Use your own voice
- *Ask a teacher or parent to proofread



<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays/tips-for-writing-an-effective-application-essay-college-admissions>

<http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/articles/pages/top-ten-tips-for-writing-a-college-essay.aspx>

https://apps.carleton.edu/admissions/apply/essay_tips/

Tips continued

*Review the Application Package

- Study the rules
- Find out what the sponsor is looking for -- eligibility
- Gather materials requested by the application

*Carefully Fill Out the Application

- Be neat and use correct grammar
- Make sure the application is complete
- Put serious effort in your essay
- Submit and wait



What else?- Standing Out

- * Academic achievement/rigorous course work

- * Involvement

- * Work

- * Community Service

- * These are important, but...

- * The only thing that is truly unique about you is who you are! Know yourself and express it.



What Else?- Financial planning

*Other financial planning needed/needle in haystack

*College for All Texans

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=699A998A-E7F3-1DCC-3F460F26136EEA05>

*Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans>



Questions?

