

Quick facts about **SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES**

What are scholarships?

Scholarships are gift awards that are based upon criteria other than financial need. Sources of scholarships can include your college or university, community organizations, your parents' employers, churches, and social or service organizations. You may also have scholarship opportunities through your high school.

There are also many private sources for scholarship dollars. All students who need help with college should plan to spend some time searching for scholarships. This can be done each year.

How do I begin to search for scholarships?

Conduct an internet search, which is a fast and easy way to look for college scholarship information.

Expand your search by using online scholarship search services such as those listed below. Remember that you will need to submit your application materials directly to the awarding organization and meet all their requirements and deadlines.

- College Answer (Sallie Mae) (www.collegeanswer.com)
- College Board (http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)
- FastWEB (www.fastweb.com)
- InternationalScholarships.com (<http://www.internationalscholarships.com/>)
- NextStudent Scholarship Search (<http://www.nextstudent.com/nextstudentloans/sse1/>)
- Student Aid on the Web Scholarship Wizard (<http://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/>)

What else should I know?

Do not use any scholarship search service that requires you to pay a processing fee, or provide your credit card or bank account number. Beware of any "scholarship" which requires an application fee. Legitimate scholarship sponsors do not require an application fee. The important thing is that you spend the time, not the money.