

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is money awarded to a student in recognition of the student meeting specific criteria. This money does not need to be paid back to the donor.

What kinds of scholarships are available?

School-Specific

- Need-based
- Merit-based

“Generic”

- Need-based
- Merit-based

What are scholarships awarded for?

- Academic Merit
- Talent of Specific Skill
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Major-Department
- First Generation Student
- Athletics
- ROTC

What is included in a scholarship application?

Each scholarship application is different – specific to the scholarship being offered. All applications include some/all of the following:

- Online or paper application
- Resume/Activities Sheet
- Essay(s)/Personal Statement(s)
- Transcript
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Interview
- Other

Where can you find scholarships?

- Your school’s College and Career Center Specialist
- Scholarship Database in Naviance Student
- Individual College Websites for college/university-based scholarships
- Scholarship search engines/websites
- Places of employment
- Local Community Organizations
- Google

How to make the applicant competitive

- Give thoughtful consideration to your selection/how well do you fit the scholarship criteria
- Look for local opportunities
- Completing the application
 - Read and follow directions closely
 - Tailor your application to the specific scholarship
- Create a professional looking resume/activities sheet
- Write one strong essay that can be tweaked to fit more than one application
- Proofread everything
- Have recommenders on hand early
- Don’t procrastinate – apply early!