



Scholarship 101

COLLEGE ACCESS FAIRFAX



Goals Of This Workshop

To provide

- A quick description of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- A general overview of the scholarship application process
- Information on the different kinds of scholarships available
- Resources for finding scholarships
- Tips for making yourself (your student) competitive

Information Needed Before You Begin

It is highly recommended that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – determines eligibility for financial aid from:

- Federal Government
- State Government
- Colleges/Universities
- Some Scholarship Opportunities

Completing the FAFSA

- After October 1st of senior year
- <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- FAFSA Completion workshops hosted by local high schools and College Access Fairfax



Terms you will need to know from the FAFSA

➤ Cost of Attendance (COA)

- The average cost to attend for one academic year (fall through spring). It includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses.

➤ Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- A measure of your family's financial strength and is calculated according to a formula established by law. Your family's taxed and untaxed income, assets, and benefits are considered in the formula.

➤ Student Aid Report (SAR)

- A paper or electronic document that gives you some basic information about your eligibility for federal student aid and lists your answers to the questions on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Why Should You Apply?

Scholarships are awarded for a variety of criteria

- Everything from academic merit to hand dominance

There is no magic formula

- Like the lottery, you have to “play” to win

Many scholarship opportunities receive zero to one or two applicants

- Funding may go un-awarded



When Should You Apply?

Begin looking for scholarship opportunities when you determine you will be applying to college

Some scholarship programs are open to students beginning freshman year of high school – the majority are available for graduating high school seniors

Scholarship application deadlines can be any time during the calendar year

Scholarship Season – October through May



Types of Awards

Need-Based Awards

- Based on a student's need for financial assistance
 - Most often uses EFC from the FAFSA
- Sources of Assistance
 - Federal
 - State
 - Institutional
 - Outside Organizations
- Can be in the form of a “scholarship” or “grant”



Types of Awards

Merit-Based Awards

- Can be College-Specific or Generic
 - College-Specific
 - Applicable for use only at awarding institution
 - Look at individual school's Financial Aid Office/Scholarship website
 - Generic
 - Applicable to any institution



Award Criteria

Can be awarded for a variety of criteria

- Academic Merit
- Talent or Specific Skill
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Major/Department
- First Generation Student
- Special Circumstances
- Athletic
- ROTC



Examples – College Specific

Academic Merit

- University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars

Leadership & Academic Merit

- Virginia Tech's Pamplin Leader Award

Talent/Skill

- University of ABC's Music Department Award

Special Circumstances

- William and Mary's Scholars Award

Unusual Circumstances

- Juniata College's Left-handed Students Scholarship

Athletics

- University of ABC's Athletics Participation Award



Scholarship

Examples – College Specific Available for Virginia Residents

- Auburn University
 - Presidential, Heritage, Charter Scholarships
- Clemson University
 - Out-of-State (Domestic) Students, Non-Resident Merit Scholarship and Non-Resident Grant
- Colorado State University
 - Triple Crown Awards
- Frostburg State University
 - Regional Tuition Rates
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 - Out-of-State Residents with Discount
- University of Alabama
 - Capstone, Collegiate, Foundation in Excellence, UA Scholar, Presidential Scholar
- University of South Carolina
 - Horseshoe, Lieber, Cooper, McKissick, Woodrow, Sims
- West Virginia University
 - Academic Excellence, Levels 1 and 2, Blue and Gold Award



Examples - Generic

Academic Merit/Leadership

- Fairfax County Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship

Specific Skill

- CAF Sharifa Alkhateeb Memorial Scholarship

Community Involvement

- CAF Bloomquist Family Scholarship

Major

- CAF James H. Dillard, II Scholarship

First Generation

- CAF Leslie Kent Memorial Scholarship

Membership Required

- Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarship

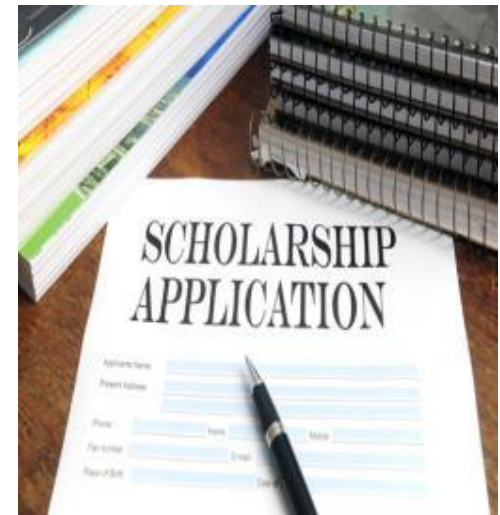


How Do I Apply?

Determined by the individual scholarship opportunity

May include

- Application (online or paper)
- Resume/Activities Sheet
- Essay(s)/Personal Statement(s)
- Official/Unofficial Transcript
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Interview
- Other



Meet all deadlines and complete all required parts of the application!

Other Considerations

A nomination may be required

- Who may nominate?
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - Other Adult
 - Student
- What is your high school's procedure for securing nominations?
- Deadlines may vary by school

Is the scholarship renewable?

- A specified first year GPA may be required
- Are there other eligibility requirements?



Additional Consideration

Will receiving a scholarship impact your financial aid award?

- Scholarship money may or may not be applied to a family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – check with your individual colleges for their policies



Likelihood of Receiving an Award

Determined by amount of effort/thoroughness put into the application

Other determinants

- Academic Profile
 - Curriculum/Course Rigor
 - Grades
- Extracurricular Profile
 - Quality of Involvement
 - Quantity of Involvement
 - Is there a running theme for involvement?
- The Application
 - Relevance/Quality of Essay
- Choice of College Major



Make Yourself Competitive

Give thoughtful consideration to your selection

- Look for local opportunities
- How well do you fit the scholarship criteria?

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

- Grammar and spelling are critical

Have recommenders on hand early

If applicable, practice for interviews

Don't procrastinate – apply early! Apply often!



Where Can You Find Scholarships?

Your school's College and Career Specialist

Scholarship Database in Naviance Student

Individual College Websites for college/university-based scholarships

Scholarship search engines/websites

- <http://www.fastweb.com>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>
- <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>
- <http://www.free-4u.com/>
- <https://www.internationalscholarships.com/search>
- <https://militarywithkids.com/100-military-kids-scholarships/>

Places of employment

Local Community Organizations

- Check with your College and Career Center

Google

- Search on "scholarships for high school students" or a similar phrase



Scholarship Scams

Beware of Scholarship Scams

- Never pay to apply for a scholarship or for scholarship searches
- Never provide your credit card or bank account information



Naviance Student

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- A comprehensive, web-based resource which supports students and their parents as they make decisions about academic plans, colleges, and careers.
- It is accessed through FCPS 24-7 Learning : Parent View.
 - It is necessary to have an active SIS Parent Account.
- The SIS Parent Account is the FCPS online secure solution for accessing information about your child's attendance, class performance, demographic data, and course materials.

Securing a Parent SIS Account

<https://wwwfcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps/sis-parent-account-overview>

You need to click on the “SIS Parent Account” link to begin activation.

You need an activation key from your child’s school. Please contact your school if you have not received one.

If you have more than one student in FCPS, you will see information on all of your children once your account is created.

Once an SIS Parent Account is created, the same log in credentials will work for FCPS 24-7 Learning : Parent View.

Welcome, Jane!

Search for Colleges



Type a college name

SEARCH



Getting Started



Welcome to the new **Naviance Student** formerly known as Family Connection. This is an easy-to-use 24/7 online tool for students and their parents that will guide students' academic and career choices, as well as provide students with opportunities of self-

Read more

Important To-Dos and Tasks

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

My Favorites

COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES
I'm applying to

COURSES
I'm thinking about

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

What's New

FCPS District assigned your task ** Build Your Resume

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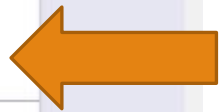


COLLEGES
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COURSES

- Find Your Fit >
- Research Colleges >
- Apply to College >
- Scholarships and Money >



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Scholarship Match

Scholarship List

Scholarship Applications

National Scholarship Search

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Scholarship Match

Below are scholarships with requirements that may be a suitable match for you according to the information that your school has entered about each scholarship. If a scholarship is listed as "no restrictions found", this means that your school did not enter any qualifications for the scholarship that would indicate you are ineligible such as gender, ethnicity, minimum gpa, etc. Some scholarships on this list may still have special requirements that are not listed on this site and you should verify your eligibility with the scholarship organization or your counselor if uncertain.

Scholarship	Matching Criteria	Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> ABC Scholarship	No Restrictions Found	Feb 2, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Devil Scholars	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfax Club	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts	Gender	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Scholarship	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King Cultural Scholarship	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> McDonald's Scholarship	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Naval Academy	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Papp Foundation Award	No Restrictions Found	Aug 29, 2018

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The list below contains scholarships or financial aid awards that may be relevant for you. Click the name of a scholarship to view more information. You may also check the scholarships for which you are submitting applications and then click "Add to My Applications"

14 Scholarships

Filters All All

- 2 year college
- academics
- community service
- health
- sports



Only show new since my last visit

Name	Deadline	Maximum Award	Merit based	Need based	Essay req	Service req
<input type="checkbox"/> AB sports	2/2	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Devil Scholars	-	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> boy scouts scholarship	-	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfax Club	-	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts	-	5000.00				
<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Scholarship	-	N/A				
<input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King Cultural Scholarship	-	N/A				

Scholarships and Financials

Secure | https://student.naviance.com/colleges/scholarships

Apps | Google | Google Contacts | Inbox (2) | Google Calendar | Fitbit Dashboard | Google Finance: Stock | GovDelivery Admin | Watch Your Dog on | FAFSA Completion | Cloud 9 Experiences | SmarterSelect | CAF Email | Amazon Business | Other bookmarks

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairfax Club	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl Scouts	-	5000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jefferson Scholarship	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Luther King Cultural Scholarship	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	McDonald's Scholarship	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr Luther kinf	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Naval Academy	-	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Papp Foundation Award	-	10000	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robertsons Scholar	11/20	N/A	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	tons of money	1/29	10000	✓
<input type="checkbox"/>	West Point	-	N/A	

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Organization

Boy Scouts

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