

SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH

College is expensive. Scholarships can help lessen the financial burden on you and your parents. Waiting until your senior year to research scholarships for college is a foolish thing to do. Your senior year will be full of activities including, but not limited to, applying to colleges, taking college classes, taking the ACT and/or SAT, filling out the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), attending evening informational meetings, writing your college admissions essay (personal statement), etc. Searching for scholarships will sink to the bottom of the infinite list of things to do even though it is one of the most important! It is wise to research scholarships early and create a file full of website addresses, print-outs of scholarships, a calendar, and other important information. There are thousands of scholarships available. Some scholarships go unclaimed each year because students have not taken the time to research and apply for them. Think of searching for scholarships as a part-time job. The pay-off could be huge! Though most scholarships cannot be applied for until your senior year, having the information in one place will make it easier when it's time to apply. A calendar with scholarship deadlines is also very useful. Your scholarship file should not include all scholarships available, but all scholarships that are available to you. If you are African-American or Hispanic, for example, there are specific scholarships just for you. There are also specific scholarships for the major or career you plan to pursue, if you're blind, if you're adopted, etc. Warning: there are websites that promise to match you with scholarships for a fee. Most of these sites are scams.

**Assignment: Research 15 scholarship opportunities
This will be placed in your portfolio.**

1. You will first log on to www.fastweb.com to begin researching scholarships. Fastweb is a free scholarship site. Click on the "Scholarships" tab at the top of the page. Then click "sign up" near the top left corner of the page. You will fill out profile that will help match you to prospective scholarships. The more specific you are, the more scholarships the website can match you to. There are advertisements throughout the process. Be careful not to agree to anything you don't want. You will be asked to come up with a username and password. Don't lose your password.
2. Based on the information you provided, Fastweb will match your profile to available scholarships. Though you may not be able to apply at this time, you should record the information on the *Scholarship Information Sheet* and keep this information in a safe place. For this assignment, you will record a minimum of ten (10) scholarships on your *Scholarship Information Sheet* based on the scholarship deadline. For example, if the scholarship deadline is in February, record that scholarship in the February section of the *Scholarship Information Sheet*.
3. Search other websites for scholarships. List a minimum of five (5) other scholarships opportunities that are available to you on your *Scholarship Information Sheet*.

www.scholarships101.com	www.fedmoney.org	zinch.com	www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.scholarships.com	www.mach25.com	questbridge.org	www.fastaid.com
www.maldef.org (Hispanic)	www.hsf.net (Hispanic)		www.gocollege.com
www.finaid.org	www.aynrand.org/contests		www.coca-colascholars.org
www.guaranteed-scholarships.com	www.iefaf.org		www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp
www.collegeexpress.com	www.scholarship-page.com		www.sssc.com
www.google.com In the "search" box, type "Scholarships, _____". On the line, insert, one at a time, all the things that describe you: interests, background, family structure, heritage, religion, activities, course of study, hobbies, anything unusual such as a disability in the family, very short, very tall, etc.			

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

August

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
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			\$	

September

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
			\$	
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October

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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November

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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December

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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January

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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February

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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March

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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April

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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May

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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June

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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July

Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Contact: Address, Website, or Phone	Award Amount	Requirements
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