

# Making the Most of Your Scholarship Search

## Scholarships: The key to a great financial package!

Naviance Student  
[www.student.naviance.com](http://www.student.naviance.com)

RaiseMe  
<https://www.raise.me/>

Texas Scholarships  
<http://texasscholarships.org/types/private>

Adventures in Education  
[www.aie.org/scholarships](http://www.aie.org/scholarships)

Zinch  
[www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)

The College Board  
[www.bigfuture/collegeboard.org/scholarships-search](http://www.bigfuture/collegeboard.org/scholarships-search)

Scholarship America  
[www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)

Scholarship Hunter.com  
[www.scholarshiphunter.com](http://www.scholarshiphunter.com)

Every, Chance, Every Texan  
[www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding)

FastWeb  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Scholarships Times  
[www.scholarshipstimes.com](http://www.scholarshipstimes.com)

NerdScholar  
[www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/](http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/)

**Useful tip:** Inquire with local eateries, retailers, religious organizations, the chamber of commerce, and your parent's employer for additional scholarship opportunities.

## \*Creativity is Key\*

When drafting essays, include how experience and accomplishments shaped your values and aspirations. Make a connection to the opportunity you are pursuing and don't forget to use clear and concise thoughts.

## Rule of thumb

Apply for a minimum of ten private scholarships! The more you apply the more money you'll get.

## Characteristics of a Scholarship Scam:

- Fees
- Credit or bank account required
- Scholarship is guaranteed
- Application or essay not required
- Contact information unavailable
- Scholarship is unsolicited
- Pressure tactics used
- Claims of "exclusive" scholarships

## Avoid Common Mistakes!

- Know and meet your deadlines.
- Stay on topic.
- Keep responses relevant.
- Include all requested materials such as a resume, transcript, and letters of recommendation.
- Proofread your essays—use Spell check!
- Ask someone to read your work.