Making the Most of Your Scholarship Search

Scholarships: The key to a great financial package!

- Naviance Student
  www.student.naviance.com
- RaiseMe
  https://www.raise.me/
- Texas Scholarships
  http://texasscholarships.org/types/private
- Adventures in Education
  www.aie.org/scholarships
- Zinch
  www.zinch.com
- The College Board
  www.bigfuture/collegeboard.org/scholarships-search
- Scholarship America
  www.scholarshipamerica.org
- Scholarship Hunter.com
  www.scholarshiphunter.com
- Every, Chance, Every Texan
  www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding
- FastWeb
  www.fastweb.com
- Scholarships Times
  www.scholarshiptimes.com
- NerdScholar
  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.