

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance”

-Derek Bok, Educator, Lawyer



There are tens of thousands of different scholarships available for students to access to pay for college. Sometimes this process can be very intimidating, but according to U.S. News and World Report, less than 1% of incoming college freshman, have applied for a private scholarship. Smaller scholarships (those less than \$1000,) often get overlooked by students because the larger ones are often more tempting. Here are some things to consider when looking for scholarships.

Where to look:

- **School:** Most campuses have scholarship offices on site to help both current students and incoming students fund their educations. Also, different program offices and departments receive scholarship notices and fellowship opportunities that are specific to ones major and/or career interest.
- **Community:** There are countless Non-profit and For-Profit organizations, Faith based, Civic and Community organizations that offer money for school. Diversity scholarships (ethnic, heritage, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, and disability) are also widely available through many Local and National program offices dedicated to serving these populations.
- **Professional and Hobby Organizations:** Want to be a High School Teacher, Nurse, or Accountant? Like writing poetry, singing, or photography? There are thousands of local, state, and national associations to consider when searching for scholarships.
- **Internet:** The internet can be used to find just about anything these days! Scholarship search engines such as [FastWeb](#) and [Collegeboard](#) provide access and information into millions of scholarships nationwide.

Remember; don't wait until the last minute to apply. Be aware of deadlines and any special requirements you may need to complete your application.

Most importantly, NEVER PAY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!