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Finding Scholarships because they aren't going to find you.



Where to start?

The college that you
want to attend.



Websites . . . a place to start.

www.ocis.org (meet with your College Now advisor to set up your personal OCIS account)

apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx

www.princetonreview.com/scholarships-financial-aid.aspx

scholarships.fatomei.com/college.html

www.salliemae.com/before_college/students_plan/free_money/scholarship-search.htm

www.aie.org/Scholarships/index.cfm?ct=0

www.supercollege.com/

www.fedmoney.org/grants/0-scholarships.htm

www.free-4u.com/

www.careersandcolleges.com/

www.financialaid4you.com/index.php/scholarships

staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm

www.cappex.com/

www.brokescholar.com/

www.fastweb.com/

www.scholarsite.com/index.php?lang=en-US

www.scholarships.com/

Add you own discoveries to this list!

Strategy # 1:

Think Local

- Local civic organizations, churches, your high school, your place of employment all might offer scholarships.
- Your chance of getting a scholarship goes up the more local it is!

Strategy # 2:

Think Specific

- Scholarships are available for students based on academic achievement, for certain majors, for underrepresented students, etc.
- There are scholarships for specific people; as specific as YOU!

Strategy # 3:

Think Easy

- Apply to the most obvious scholarships first.

Applying for Scholarships

- Be sure you meet all deadlines
- Understand what is required for submission
- Follow up in a timely manner if you have not heard from awarding institution

The Essay Step 1:

- Choosing a topic
 - Are you answering the question
 - Do you have enough information to support your topic
 - Is your topic too controversial or too boring
 - Is your topic unique or can you put a unique spin on it

The Essay Step 2:

- Writing your essay
 - Use the essay as a chance to separate yourself from other applicants
 - Write so people understand what you are saying
 - The body of your essay should support the introduction

The Essay Step 3:

- Proofing an essay
 - Ask at least two honest and qualified people to read over your essay
 - If you quoted something make sure you cited it correctly
 - Make sure each word counts

Don't do this . . .

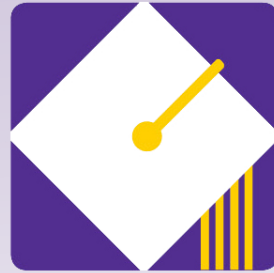
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As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long,
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Beware!

- Not all scholarship providers have your best interest in mind!
 - Watch out for:
 - *Application Fees*
 - *Guaranteed Winnings*
 - *Too-good-to-be-true offers*



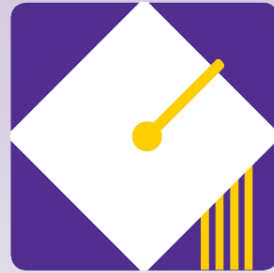
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