

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Most scholarship money will come from the colleges you apply to. Check colleges' websites, catalogs, mailings, and/or admissions offices to find out about any scholarships you may qualify for.
- To find other scholarships, check the following:
 - * Internet (e.g. www.fastweb.com, www.sdfoundation.org/scholarships, www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml, www.collegeanswer.com) - These searches allow you to enter information about yourself so you are shown only those scholarships for which you qualify.
 - * Employers, clubs, associations, or other organizations (for you, your parents, and even your grandparents). You might want to check with other organizations in your area even though you have no connection with them.
 - * Scholarship books (in the Counseling Office, bookstores, libraries, etc.)
 - * Junior and Senior Stuffs - I will assist in this process by regularly notifying you of scholarship opportunities that are sent to the Counseling Office.

It is recommended that you focus your time and energy on scholarships that are more specific to you (e.g. your ethnic background, intended major, county/city of residence, etc.). In other words, apply for a scholarship for San Diego County seniors before you apply for one for U.S. citizens with a 2.0 GPA.

Scholarship Tips (from wiredscholar.com)

1. Be completely honest about your grades, experiences, memberships, qualifications, family finances, and other information.
2. Talk to students who have already won the scholarships you're interested in, and find out what worked for them.
3. Carefully follow instructions. If the application asks for a 500-word essay, make sure you don't exceed this limit.
4. Strictly observe deadlines, and even strive to submit your applications early.
5. Only apply when you meet the scholarship's minimum requirements. If you know you don't, don't apply. It's better to spend quality time on the scholarships for which you are qualified.
6. Proofread everything before you send—lookout for typos.
7. Supplement your application with personal letters of recommendation.
8. Find creative ways to present information about yourself.
9. Follow up with a telephone call to make sure the organization received your application.
10. Remember to send thank you notes. This small courtesy often has a disproportionately big effect.

Organization is the key to an effective scholarship search. Try some of these suggestions:

- Use one calendar for all your scheduling and deadlines.
- Collect and organize your financial records.
- Obtain a copy of your academic transcript (from the office or Mr. Duyst).
- Make and keep copies of everything you submit. (You never know if the scholarship program might lose part or all of your application!)
- Send originals via certified mail to ensure the documents are received.
- Keep all your information organized in a filing folder, box, or cabinet.