

The AAA Student Lending Program

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Scholarship Resources

Searching for scholarships is not as difficult or as overwhelming as it might seem. Knowing where to look is half the battle; once you begin, in no time you'll find lots of scholarships to apply for. These resources are places to start, but remember there are many more places to look.

Online Databases

The Internet is by far the fastest and easiest place to search for scholarships. Use some of the websites listed below to find the scholarships best suited to you.

- CollegeBoard.com
- Fastaid.com
- Funding Section of Studentaid.ed.gov links to your state's higher education agency
- Scholarships.com
- Petersons.com

Scholarship Scams

Always be cautious about providing your sensitive personal information. You should never provide your bank account information or a credit card number in order to apply for a scholarship. You don't want to pay to get the "free money" available from scholarships. To find out how to spot, stop, and report a scholarship scam, contact the Federal Trade Commission:

- Website: ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
- Telephone: (877) 382-4357 or
TTY: (866) 653-4261
- Petersons.com

Books

Many books include lists of scholarships and details on how to apply for them. You can usually find them in public or school libraries. Just be sure you're using the most up-to-date information.

- How to Go to College Almost for Free
- Free \$ for College for Dummies
- Kaplan Scholarships
- The Scholarship Book
- College Board Scholarship Handbook
- Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes

Scholarships to Consider

National foundations and corporations provide millions of dollars in scholarship. Competition can be fierce, but these scholarships may cover your entire education or at least a significant portion of it.

- **Gates Millennium National Merit Scholarships**

(gmsp.org)

This program is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the United Negro College Fund.

- **Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program** (ed.gov/programs/idadesbyrd)

This federally funded program recognizes exceptional high school seniors who show promise of continued academic excellence in college with \$1,500 renewable awards.

- **Intel Science Talent Search** (sciserv.org/Sts)

Intel awards a \$100,000 scholarship in this competition for eligible high school seniors.

- **Coca-Cola Scholars Program** (coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb)

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is a national, merit-based scholarship awarded to 250 high school seniors each year.

Other Hints and Tips

- Follow the directions
- Proofread your essay
- Ask a parent, teacher or friend to proofread your application
- If applying via email, make sure the email address used is appropriate (i.e., don't use hotgirl2004@email.com)