

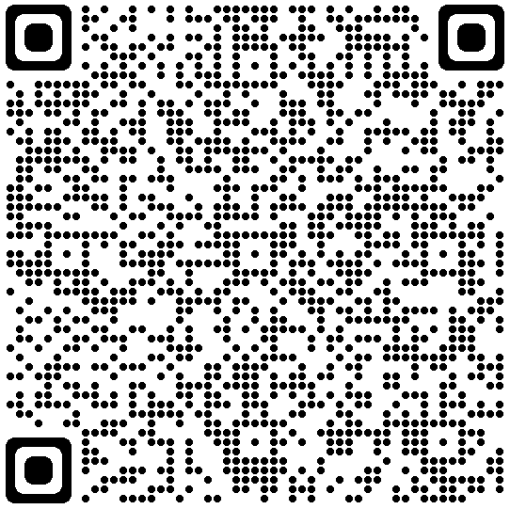


How to find Grants & Scholarships

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Don't let Scholarships SCARE you!

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agenda

Defining Scholarships/Grants/Loans

Learn how to search for scholarships

Understanding the language of
scholarships and grants

How to write a winning
scholarship essay

Timeline/Deadline

Summary

Money for school...

Both scholarships and grants for college are free money to help you pay for your education.

Unlike student loans, you don't have to pay back grants or scholarships, except under certain circumstances: withdrawing early from a program,

- change in your enrollment status,
- Do not meet criteria any longer
- Grades fall below what is expected

The biggest difference between college grants and scholarships is that grants for college are typically need-based.

Scholarships may be need-based or merit-based, which means they're given out based on some kind of ability, hobby, ethnicity, religion, etc.



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**Searching
for
Scholarships
but
Beware of SCAMS**



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Local
2. Regional
3. National

Think of closeness to you.

Local is in your community – Civic organizations, local businesses, private families, et.

Regional – is expanded beyond our community and can include the county, various counties, state or states in our surrounding area. Think bigger businesses, McDonalds, Bigger supermarket chains and organizations.

National is exactly what it means – The Nation. Think of corporate American Microsoft, Ford, Apple. They offer scholarships nation wide.

Scholarship Application Tips

As you get ready to apply for college scholarships, keep in mind that different scholarships have their own qualifying criteria and require certain documents.

- ❖ Be ready with an essay.
- ❖ Be careful.
- ❖ Be thorough.
- ❖ Be honest.
- ❖ Be proactive.
- ❖ Be diligent.
- ❖ Be on time.
- ❖ Be smart – think outside the box Choosing smaller amounts may lead to greater success.



Plan your search

STAY ORGANIZED

- Make a spread sheet
- Folder
- Journal



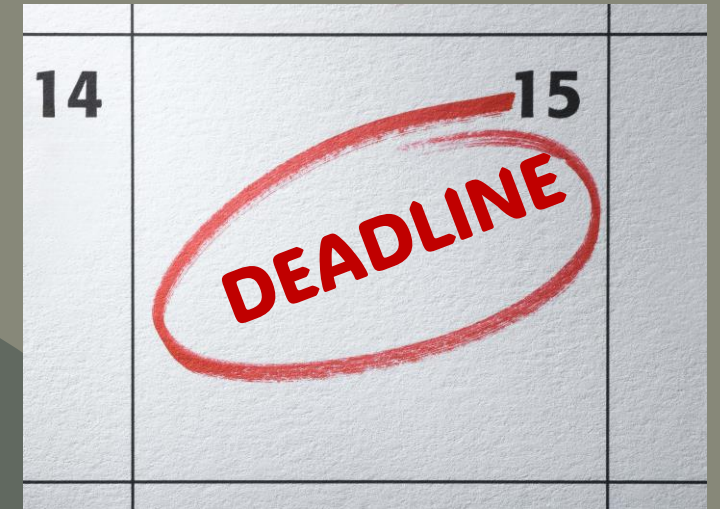
CHECK CRITERIA

- What are they looking for
- Any unusual traits (left handed)
- Ethnicity



CHECK DEADLINES

- When is it due date



How do I get started?

HASD Wediste

HASDK12.org

Guidance web page

Student Family Resource

Choices 360

Choices360.com

Log-in HAHS lunch Card #

Password – lunch card#

Go to their website

Your College

Look for Fin Aid page

Look for scholarships

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

Big Future

Find Paying for college

Search scholarships

Essay Tips

- PREPARE
- RESEARCH THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER. ...
- REVIEW OTHER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY EXAMPLES.
- BRAINSTORM IDEAS
- ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS
- READ AND REREAD THE INSTRUCTIONS
- CREATE AN OUTLINE WITH PROPER STRUCTURE
- INCORPORATE STORIES FROM YOUR LIFE
- SHOW YOUR PERSONALITY AND EMOTIONS.

Scholarship Web Search

- * Choices360.com
- * studentaid.ed.gov
- * Bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- * Salliemae.com/scholarships
- * HASDK12.org

Tips for scholarships

- * Start EARLY - Kindergarten and beyond At least a year before you need the money
- * Don't miss DEADLINES - get a calendar! Organize who, what, where, when
- * Use FREE Scholarship search sites Don't be tricked into paying for info! -
- * Don't ignore smaller award amounts - they add up!
- * Don't let Scholarship Names stop you from reading the criteria - Always presume you can apply unless specific words disqualify you

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