



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

2024-2025 Award year

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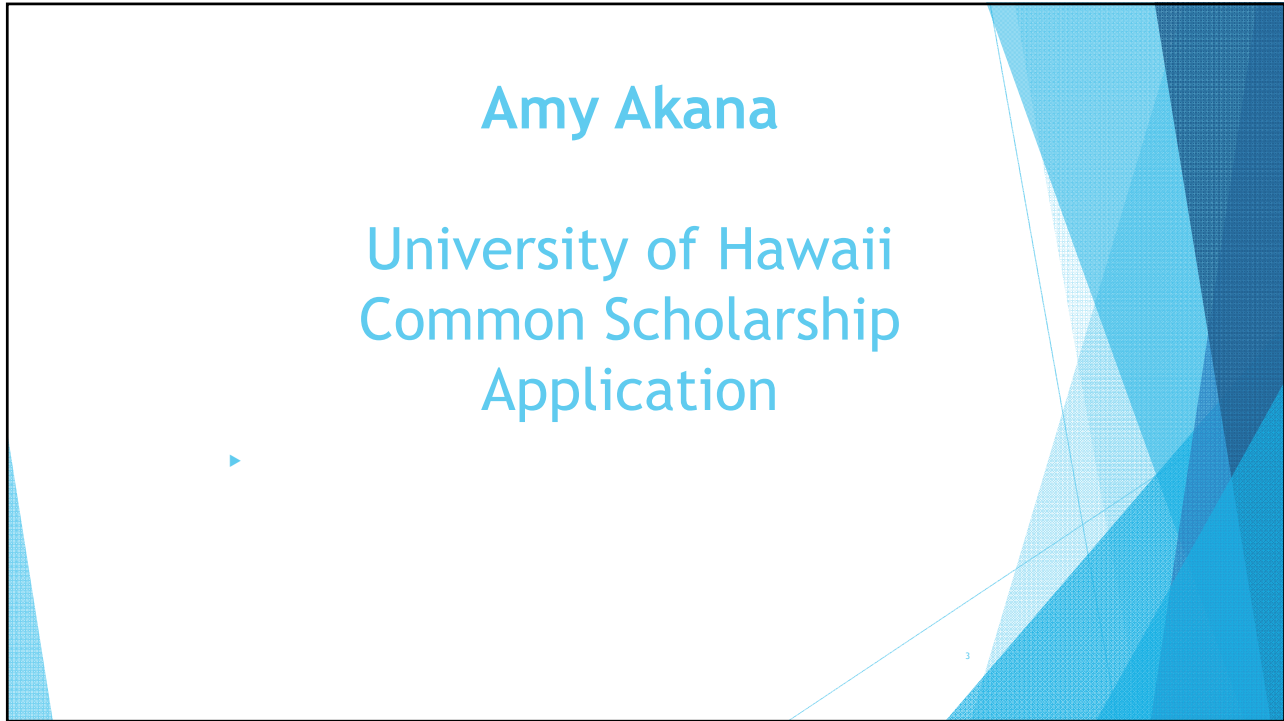



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<https://www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/>

- Open annually October 1-March 1
- One application for approximately 800 scholarship funds
 - For 23-24, awarded nearly 3 million dollars systemwide
- Open to students attending ANY campus within the University of Hawaii System

“How to Apply” page and link to application >>>>>>>



✓ Application checklist

- Be a University of Hawaii system student
- Complete the FAFSA (optional, but recommended)
- Transcripts (unofficial are OK)
- Contact info for recommendations (1-3 people)
- Personal Statement (900-word maximum)
- Optional essays for certain scholarships
- Review and submit

Personal Statement

- Helpful to think about:
 - Educational & career goals
 - Employment and/or service experience
 - Any accomplishments, including any honors or awards
 - Personal background
 - Any barriers to obtaining education goals & how the student plans to overcome them

Community Service

- Optional, but highly recommended
- There are many ways to be of service to others:
 - Formal or informal service projects or volunteer hours
 - Significant home or family responsibilities (ex. financially supporting parents, providing child or elder care, working unpaid at a family business)
 - Activities that give back to or contribute to the community
- Please indicate whether service was paid or unpaid, and whether it was part of coursework

Letters of Recommendation

- Need the name(s) and email address(es) of 1-3 references
- All recommendations are submitted via an online form by the recommender - nothing accepted via email and/or from the student
- Students can track letters of recommendations even after submitting the application
- **Deadline for students to list name/email of recommenders: March 1**
- **Deadline for recommenders to submit: March 8**

Transcripts

- Required for:
 - New first-time students (HS transcript)
 - Transfers from non-UH schools (college transcripts)
- Continuing UH students do not need to submit transcripts
- Transcripts can be unofficial, but must show student name, school name, grades, GPA, and the date printed

Tips and Recommendations for students

- Take your time - no advantage to submitting early...
- ...but also don't wait to the last moment to submit!
- Answer questions completely and accurately - don't expect selection committees to fill in the blanks for you
- Your progress will auto-save, no need to do the application all in one sitting
- Ask people to read over your essays for proofreading and content suggestions
- It's OK to recycle essays and statements from other applications, but they should still be tailored to the specific application prompt
- Currently the site is not enabled for Hawaiian diacritical markings, so they will not display properly in submitted applications - better to omit them for now

Any Questions?

UH System Common Scholarship Program
scholars@hawaii.edu
808-956-6203



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**2024-2025
HCF Common Scholarship
Application**

www.HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org



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One online application may qualify you for...



Over 300 Scholarship Funds



Over \$7 million in scholarship awards

Average scholarship = \$6,000
32% of awardees received multiple HCF scholarships



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Application Updates for 2024-2025


- Opens – **December 12, 2023**
- Closes – **February 29, 2024**
- Letters of Recommendation Due – **March 14, 2024**
- [2024-2025 FAFSA Submission Summary \(FSS\)](#) form
FAFSA not required, but HIGHLY recommended

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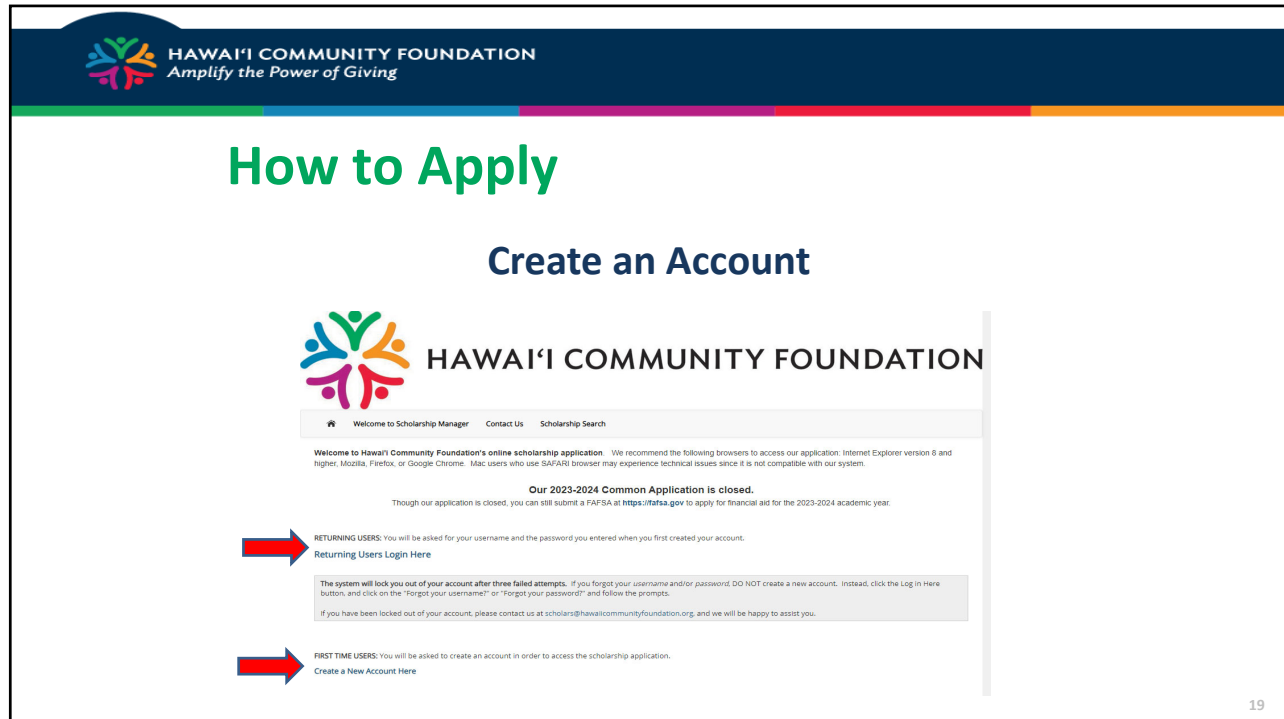


SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN YOUR PORTAL

The HCF Scholarship portal is where you can manage your account information and review submitted applications. If you need help or have general questions about the portal or process please contact us by calling (808) 566-5570 or email scholars@hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

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How to Apply

Create an Account



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Welcome to Scholarship Manager Contact Us Scholarship Search

Welcome to Hawaii'i Community Foundation's online scholarship application. We recommend the following browsers to access our application: Internet Explorer version 8 and higher, Mozilla, Firefox, or Google Chrome. Mac users who use SAFARI browser may experience technical issues since it is not compatible with our system.

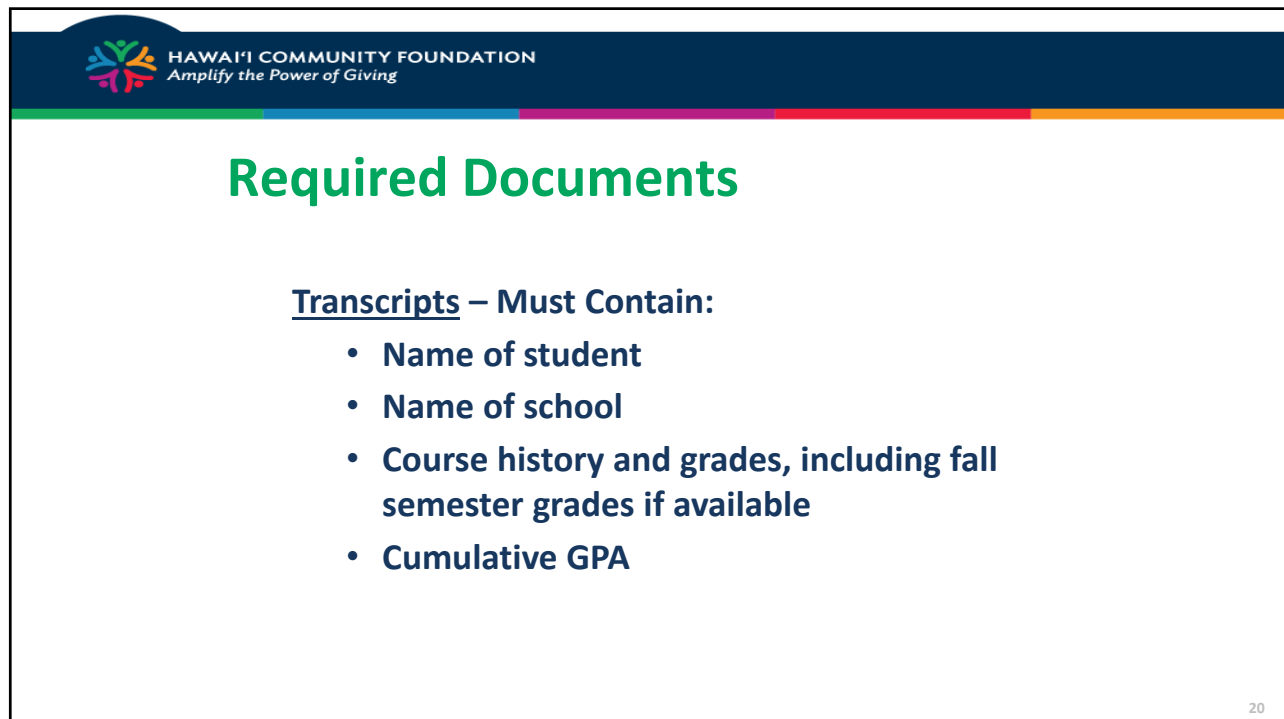
Our 2023-2024 Common Application is closed.
Though our application is closed, you can still submit a FAFSA at <https://fafsa.gov> to apply for financial aid for the 2023-2024 academic year.

RETURNING USERS: You will be asked for your username and the password you entered when you first created your account.
➔ [Returning Users Login Here](#)

The system will lock you out of your account after three failed attempts. If you forgot your username and/or password DO NOT create a new account. Instead, click the Log in Here button, and click on the "Forgot your username?" or "Forgot your password?" and follow the prompts.
 If you have been locked out of your account, please contact us at scholars@hawaiicommunityfoundation.org, and we will be happy to assist you.

FIRST TIME USERS: You will be asked to create an account in order to access the scholarship application.
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Required Documents

Transcripts – Must Contain:

- Name of student
- Name of school
- Course history and grades, including fall semester grades if available
- Cumulative GPA

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Required Essays

- What inspired you to choose (your) field of study and academic plan?
- How will your academic plans help you to give back to the community?



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Optional Documents & Questions

Optional Documents

- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Letters of Recommendation (students can request up to 3)
- Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Verification Services Letter
- SAT/ACT Scores (high school seniors only)

Optional Questions

- Yes/No
- Short Answers
- Essays



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Affiliation Questions

Affiliation Questions

You may be eligible for certain scholarships based on your affiliation or relationship to an employer, organization or association. Answer the questions below to help determine further eligibility.

Are you an Employee or Employee Dependent of any of the following? Note: If you are an employee dependent, the employee must be your parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian.*

Company/Organization Name	Employee's Full Name, Position, EIN and Relationship to you
1. Choose one...	
2. Choose one...	
••N/A - Not Applicable	
ABC Stores	
3. Alexander & Baldwin Inc. (at least 1 yr)	
Bank of Hawaii Corporation and subsidiaries (child or grandchild dependent)	
Castle & Cooke Hawai'i affiliated company (at least 1 yr)	
Are Central Pacific Bank or subsidiary/affiliated company	ing organizations?*
# Clinical Laboratories of Hawai'i	
1. Company Island Gourmet Markets	
Hawaii Independent Energy	
2. Island Insurance Co. Ltd	
Kahala Senior Living Community, Inc.	
3. Kamehameha Schools Food Services Department	
Meadow Gold Dairies-Hawaii	
Outrigger Enterprises	
Are Pan Pacific Pathologies, LLC	
Queen's Medical Center	

From the drop down menu, select the company/organization you or your relative are affiliated with.

Helpful Resources



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HCF distributes over \$7 million annually to deserving students, making it the third largest private provider of post-secondary scholarship in the state. Our scholarships support students who are pursuing degrees from colleges and universities, as well as those obtaining career and technical education at a community college. In 2021, the average scholarship award was \$6,200 per student.

The 2024-2025 HCF Common Scholarship Application will open on December 12, 2023 and close on February 29, 2024 at 4:00 pm Hawaii Standard Time. Applicants can check the status of their application by logging into their student account.

[Download 2024-2025 Flyer](#)

[READ THE SCHOLARSHIP FAQs](#)

Important Dates

Application Opens: December 12, 2023

Application Deadline: February 29, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

LOR Deadline: March 14, 2024 @ 4:00 PM



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Helpful Tips

- Start Early
 - Submit your FAFSA ASAP
 - Obtain your transcript ASAP
 - Save any attachment(s) as a .pdf for easy upload
- Answer all questions accurately - Every question is tied to a scholarship opportunity
- Prepare essays ahead of time and save as a Word document for easy cutting and pasting
- Notify recommenders **BEFORE** asking for a Letter of Recommendation
- **Submit your application before deadline day!**



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Contact Us!



Email: scholars@hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

Phone: (808)566-5570 or 1-888-731-3863 (toll free)

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How to find free money for college with scholarships



Elise Sanders, Director Relationship Management
November 1, 2023

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What you will learn today

- How scholarships can help you pay for school
- Variety of scholarship resources
- Importance and ease of scholarship search engines
- How to create a winning scholarship essay
- Tips on applying for scholarships

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How scholarships can help you pay for school

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Making a plan to pay for school

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Start with money you don't have to pay back.

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Apply for federal financial aid.

3

Consider a responsible private student loan to cover the rest.

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What's the average cost of college?

2-year public college

\$19,860

4-year public college/university (in-state)

\$28,840

4-year private college/university

\$60,420

4-year public college/university (Out-of-state)

\$46,730

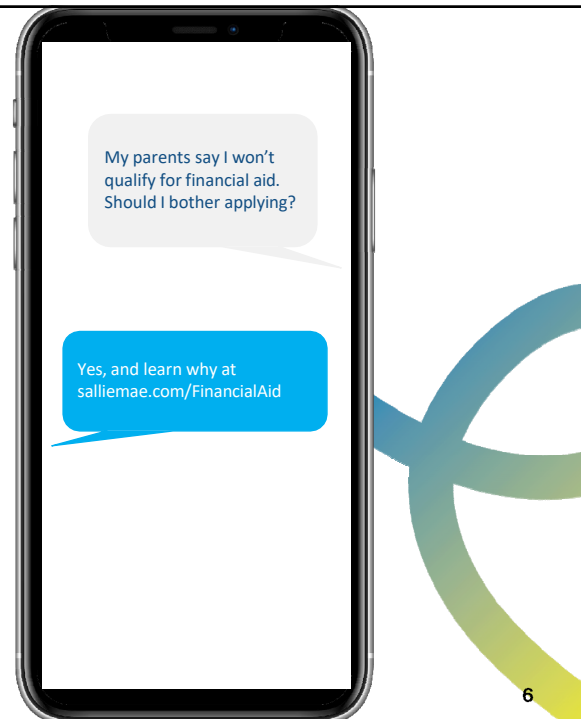
Source: College Boards Trends in College Pricing 2023 includes tuition, fees, and room and board, transportation, books, supplies, and other expenses

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The FAFSA® is the key to financial aid

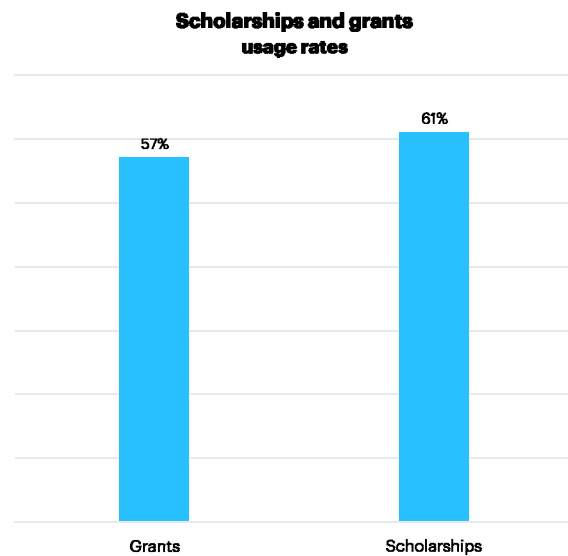
- Used to determine eligibility for all federal student financial aid programs and most state and college aid.
- The FAFSA application is available **in the fall** each year.
 - You'll need your family's 2022 tax return for the AY 24-25 FAFSA
- Some financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis —so apply as soon as you can.
 - Deadlines vary by state



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76% of families relied on scholarships and grants to cover school costs

- On average, families that used scholarships received \$7,822 and families who used grants received \$5,934
- Among scholarship users
 - 65% received them from the school (\$8,005 on average)
 - 37% from the state (\$3,311 on average)
 - 35% from non-profits or companies (\$1,968 on average)



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Scholarships help make college happen

- However, significant misconceptions still exist about the availability of scholarships and who may be eligible to apply
- 39% of families did not use scholarships to help pay for AY2022-23

86% of families say earning a scholarship is something to be proud of

79% of recipients agree scholarships made college possible

45% say scholarships are just for students with exceptional skills or abilities

31% believe it's not worth applying for scholarships if the parents make 'too much' money

SOURCE: How America Pays for College 2023

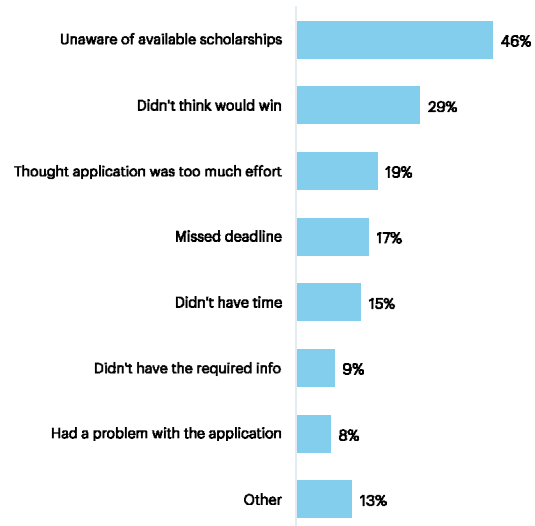
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Lack of awareness is top reason for not applying

- 74% of families who did not use scholarships last year did not even apply
- Many families lack awareness of scholarships that are available for their student and where to find them
- For other families, the perceived chances of winning don't always outweigh the effort required to apply

Reasons families did not apply for scholarships (among scholarship non-users)



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SOURCE: How America Pays for College 2023

Variety of scholarship resources

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Scholarships – the what, when, and how

What are scholarships?

- Free money that does not have to be paid back

When to apply for scholarships?

- Based on deadline dates
- Typically, in your junior or senior year
- Every year in your program

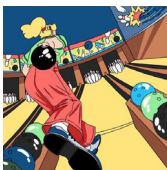
How to apply for scholarships?

- Requirements and deadline dates vary
- May require essays, creative entry, online application, etc.

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Scholarships



Bowling scholarship

Duct tape prom outfit scholarship



Candy technologist scholarship

Scholarships are typically merit-based and awarded for a variety of reasons including:

- ✓ Academic achievement
- ✓ Financial need
- ✓ Community involvement
- ✓ Organizational membership
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Talent or skill
- ✓ Leadership/school activities
- ✓ Ethnicity
- ✓ Religious affiliation
- ✓ Parent affiliation with work, club, or activity

Scholarships do not require repayment and are typically awarded on an annual basis.

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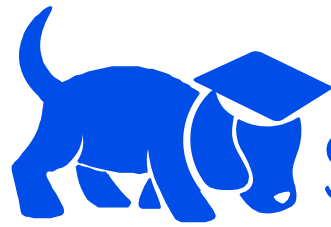
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Scholarship resources

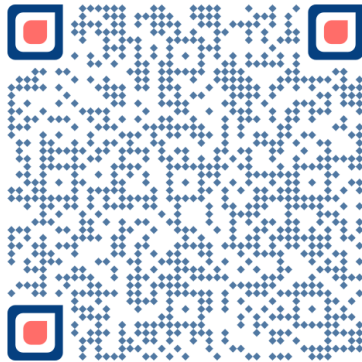
There are many resources for scholarships:

- Local or community-based scholarships
- Federal and state agencies
- College-specific scholarships offered by the colleges your students are interested in attending
- Religious organizations
- Employers
- Libraries
- Private organizations or major companies
- Online search engines that aggregate scholarship offerings and allow users to be matched to scholarships based on a personal profile

Importance and ease of scholarship search engines



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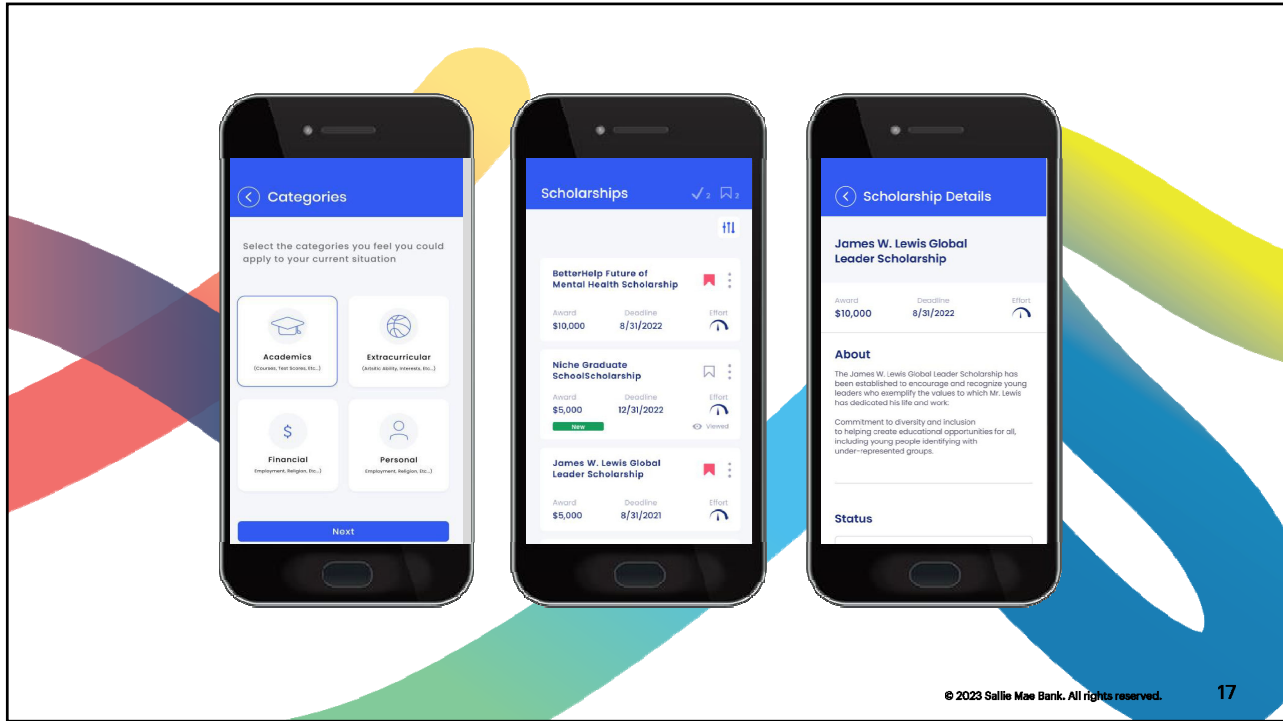
The top app for scholarships!

Get matched with scholarships in minutes based on your accomplishments, interests, and background!

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What to look for in a scholarship search engine

- FREE searches
- Continually validate scholarships
- Calendar listing scholarships by deadline
- Filtering capabilities
- Adjustable settings
- The ability to save profile information



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Creating a winning scholarship essay

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Tips for a winning essay

- ✓ Understand the provider's overall mission and purpose
- ✓ Write about something that's important to you
- ✓ Answer the question being asked
- ✓ Don't just recount—reflect!
- ✓ No repeats
- ✓ Being funny is tough
- ✓ Start early and write drafts
- ✓ Have at least one other person edit your essay

Source: www.Princetonreview.com/college-advice/scholarship-essays <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/scholarship-essays/>

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A good scholarship essay...

- Is original and honest
- States clearly why you deserve to win the scholarship
- Avoids unnecessary information
- Is inspirational and positive in tone

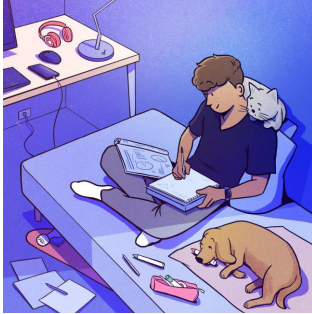


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Some scholarships are a little different...



Pet Lovers scholarship

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Duck calling scholarship

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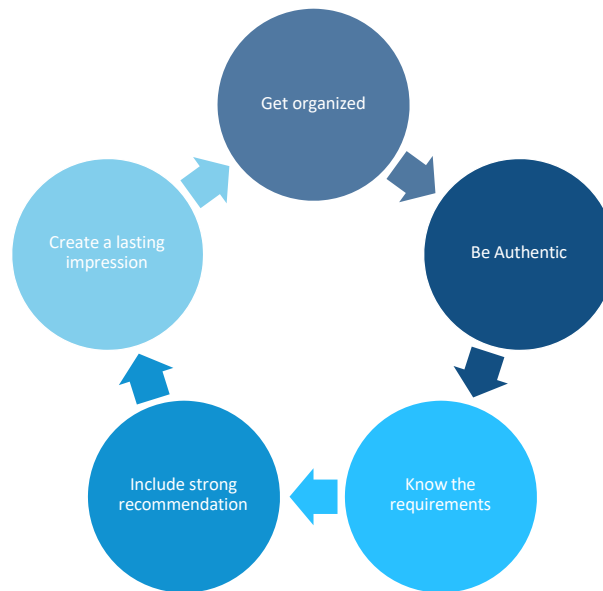


SciFi Writing scholarship

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Summary of tips to apply for scholarships

Scholarship application success



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Remember to

- Meet deadlines
- List important accomplishments first
- Showcase your honors and awards
- Don't rule out smaller scholarships
- Start applying early

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You've won a scholarship – now what?



Don't forget to write a thank you note

How will you get the scholarship money?

How will the scholarship affect your other financial aid?

What are the renewal requirements?

Source: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

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