

How do I get Scholarship Money?



- Getting scholarships is a numbers game. If you want to see results, you cannot just apply to one.
 - Check out scholarship search engines to find scholarship opportunities:
 - www.scholarships.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> (PAY FOR COLLEGE)
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.goingmerry.com
 - www.scholarshipowl.com
 - South CCC Team and Xello
- Weigh the risk versus the reward when deciding which scholarships to apply to.
- Look for scholarships that align with your unique characteristics in order to maximize your scholarship success, such as scholarships for students whose parents are custodians, scholarships based on ethnicity, scholarships for students who have faced adversity, or scholarships for students who are in AVID.
- The largest percentage of scholarships that most students receive comes from the universities to which they apply. In order to maximize your scholarships at a specific college, widen your search to more than just admissions scholarships. Many colleges offer additional scholarships for field of study, involvement, and endowment scholarships.
- Be professional in your scholarship applications. Use pen, capitalize letters, and use proper punctuation. Poorly done applications send the message that you do not care.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread, and then have someone else proofread for you.
- The way to the scholarship committee's heart? A quality essay.
 - Make sure that you answer EVERY part of the prompt.
 - Show your personality.
 - Give examples of things you have accomplished to illustrate the points you are trying to make.
 - Sometimes focusing on less is more.
 - Have someone proofread your essay for content, as well as grammar.
- Be thorough. It may take longer to complete, but list all of your activities and community service throughout high school. Do not short change yourself. It is okay to estimate on dates and hours, if need be.
- Don't be discouraged. Rejection is, unfortunately, a large part of applying for scholarships. Think of each scholarship you **apply** for as a success whether you receive it or not.