

SCHOLARSHIPS

When it comes to paying for college, the best place to start is with free money. Billions of dollars in college scholarships are awarded each year, but you must take the first step and apply. Searching for scholarships may take a little time and energy, but remember — even if you spend five hours applying and receive only one \$500 scholarship, that's the same as earning \$100 an hour. So, what are you waiting for?

Start your search at

www.thesalliemae.org/scholarships

Learn whether you qualify and apply online for a Sallie Mae Fund scholarship.

Since 2001, The Sallie Mae Fund® has awarded more than \$14.3 million in scholarships to help nearly 6,000 students enroll in college. Don't miss out!

Find other scholarships that might be right for you:

- **General Scholarships:** Tell us about yourself and we'll give you a list of scholarships for which you might be eligible from a database of 3 million awards worth more than \$16 billion.
- **"Latino College Dollars" Scholarships:** Search among more than 300 awards for Hispanic students, including those who are not U.S. citizens.
- **"Black College Dollars" Scholarships:** Access information for more than 300 awards especially for African-American students.

WHILE ONLINE YOU CAN ALSO:

Learn the top 10 tips for planning and paying for college.

Find financial aid resources and free workshops.

Download and order free materials on saving, planning, and paying for college.

Download a "do-it-yourself" workshop for your community.

Get scholarship information, criteria, deadlines, tips for avoiding scams, and more.

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KEYS TO TAPPING INTO SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ✓ **Don't rule yourself out.** Scholarships are not limited to class valedictorians and star athletes. They are awarded based on a number of factors — from your career goals to exceptional writing skills displayed in an essay contest.
- ✓ **Apply for as many awards as you qualify for.** Even small awards can be helpful in covering costs, such as books.
- ✓ **Pay close attention to deadlines.** Missing a deadline is a sure way to become disqualified.
- ✓ **Look for scholarships offered by a variety of sources,** including companies, unions, foundations, community organizations, churches, and more.
- ✓ **Tell family, friends, teachers, and others in your community that you are looking for scholarships.** They may know something you do not.
- ✓ **Understand the conditions of an award,** such as maintaining a specific GPA or participating on an athletic team.
- ✓ **Make use of free scholarship directories** and searches offered by reputable organizations, such as The Sallie Mae Fund.
- ✓ **Watch for scholarship scams.** You should never pay for scholarship advice or information.
- ✓ **If you receive a scholarship, be sure to write a thank-you note to the organization.** You may want to reapply for the scholarship in the future so it is important to make a good impression.

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