

Scholarships !!!!!

Think of looking for scholarships as having a part time job. Juniors and Seniors might spend an hour a day or half a day on weekends conducting searches and putting together applications.

Where to Find Them? (You have to ask)

Local and regional organizations
Parent's work
Student's work
Religious, service, cultural community organizations
Family

On the Internet? (You have to search)

Do not pay someone to find a scholarship for you. The internet searches are all free. See www.finaid.org and click on "Scholarships" to read more information about scholarship scams.

Some Scholarship directories (complete a profile and enter your e-mail address):

www.fastweb.com www.finaid.org www.collegequest.com
www.mach25.com www.collegeboard.com
www.fastaid.com www.collegenet.com

Some Search Engines:

Dogpile.com
Google.com
Yahoo.com

In the "Search" box, type: "Scholarships, _____". On the line, insert, one at a time, all the things that describe the student – interests, background, family structure, heritage, religion, activities, course of study, hobbies, anything unusual such as a disability in the family, very short, very tall, etc.

What/How to Submit? (You need to Stand Out)

Everything requested for the scholarship, but make sure the following are also included:

- Color photo of student on first page
- Table of contents – number the pages and list them all on the table of contents
- Application form
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation (get one from a parent too!)
- Transcripts (highlight all the "A"s and "B"s)

How to Submit:

- Use some color (color digital photo, colored paper for table of contents, etc)
- Submit originals whenever you can on only first generation Xerox
- Bind materials into a brightly colored report folder so it won't come apart
- Mail flat (not folded) in a large envelope