



Outside Scholarship Guide

We have seen many students lower their out-of-pocket educational costs by applying for outside scholarships. Here are some resources to help you make the most of your scholarship search efforts.

Scholarship Steps to Follow:

- **Mark deadlines on your calendar early!**
 - Most scholarships have deadlines early in your senior year of high school (there are some for continuing college students, too!). Research early and mark the deadlines so you have time to prepare.
- **Include letters of recommendation and a student resume**
 - Make sure to give the person writing the letter all the necessary details to paint an accurate picture by including your student resume, and give them enough time to write the letter.
 - Have your student resume handy when completing applications to remind yourself of relevant accomplishments.
- **Create a designated scholarship email**
 - Make a great first impression with your email address—one should deny you scholarships if you have a silly or out-of-the-ordinary email address, but we recommend keeping it professional.
 - You will be receiving A LOT of emails during your search, so it is helpful to have them sorted into a separate email address to not bog down your main email inbox.

Scholarship Practices to Avoid:

- **Don't disregard lower award amounts**
 - Scholarships with larger amounts are sure to have more competition than those with lower amounts.
 - Decreasing your competition will be in your favor and increase your chance of getting the scholarship committee's attention.
 - There's no limit to how many scholarships you can win or apply for, so applying for many smaller awards can be to your benefit.

- **Don't be disheartened if you don't triumph right away**
 - The more scholarships you apply to, the better your chances of success. Apply for however many you qualify for.
- **Don't steer clear of applications that require essays**
 - Many essays can be re-utilized and applied to future applications to save you time.

Tips for Success:

- **Apply early and often**
 - Some scholarships have earlier application dates than others, so make sure to apply early!
- **Be organized and aware of deadlines**
 - Be sure to complete applications before the deadline so you have time to make changes if any issues occur.
 - Keep a calendar to stay on track with application deadlines—these deadlines are final.
- **Create a schedule and stick to it!**
 - Take a specific time each day to focus on applying to scholarships (ex. one night a week, one hour a day, whatever works for you).
- **Notice scholarship and financial aid scams**
 - Here are a few of the red flags for scams:
 - Guaranteed scholarships/fees
 - If in doubt about scholarship legitimacy, reach out to your school counselor
 - Asking for personal information or credit card/banking numbers. Scholarship applications are ALWAYS free.

Connecticut Scholarships

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

More than 60 scholarships, most of which are geared to students from the Greater Hartford region.

Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut

For students who live in Connecticut or Rhode Island.

Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

Various scholarships to apply for students from the Greater New Haven area.

Connecticut Community Foundation

Various scholarships to apply for. Students must be from Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills, CT.

American Savings Foundation

An independent charitable foundation that serves 64 towns in Connecticut, with a core focus on New Britain and Waterbury.

National Scholarships

Sallie Mae & Thurgood Marshall Fund

Open to minority students and those from marginalized or underserved communities.

Earnest Scholarship Fund

The Earnest Scholarship Fund awards \$5,000 to 50 deserving students. Applicants can be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (including DACA students).

Regional Scholarships

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund

A scholarship for permanent residents of New England states, with financial need, who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, a strong work ethic and leadership qualities.

New England Society Scholarship

A scholarship for incoming freshman to an eligible New England college or university. Applicant must live and attend high school in one of the five boroughs of NYC and have a demonstrated need of financial aid.

Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship

For Massachusetts residents with difficult circumstances, financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA, among other requirements

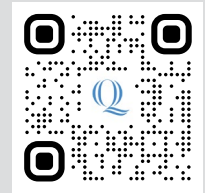
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scholarships.com



unigo.com



fastweb.com



scholarshipamerica.org

Additional scholarship recommendations are available



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