

Financial Aid and Scholarship Sites

Federal Government Sites

PIN Number www.pin.ed.gov

Offers you and your parent the opportunity to register for the PIN number that is your electronic signature for FAFSA on the Web.

FAFSA on the Web www.fafsa.ed.gov

You can complete and file the FAFSA online at this site, which also has links to federal financial aid programs.

Department of Education Home Page www.ed.gov

Offers a wide range of links to frequently requested information. Topics include - FAFSA, Direct Loans, Hope Scholarship, Title IV School Codes, Student Financial Assistance, Research and Statistics, Publications, and Products.

Federal Student Aid Guide www.studentaid.ed.gov

The U.S. Department of Education's student guide with information on all federal student aid programs. Click on the sign that says "FUNDING" when you enter the website.

Student Aid Home Page www.studentaid.ed.gov

Help for every stage of the financial aid process: general information about student financial assistance programs, questions about the application process, status of your loan, location of lenders, and financial aid publications.

students.gov www.students.gov

students.gov is designed to make interacting with the government easier for students pursuing education beyond high school. At students.gov, you can find all sorts of government information and services of interest to you. For example, you can apply for financial aid, file your taxes, search for a job, and register for selective service.

National Student Loan Data System Web site for Students www.nsls.ed.gov

If you have a pin number, this site offers access to the NSLDS Web site. You can use this Web site to make inquiries about their Title IV loans and/or Pell grants.

Federal Trade Commission www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship/

FTC's scholarship scam warning.

Other Online Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources

Helpful tips regarding scholarships:

- ✓ You do not have to be a 4.0 student to qualify for a scholarship.
- ✓ Scholarship committees are looking for your past and current involvement in your community and school.
- ✓ Most scholarships require a writing sample either in the form of an autobiographical statement or an essay on a specific topic.
- ✓ Deadlines are crucial. Scholarship committees cannot consider your application if it is **LATE**.
- ✓ Neatness is a must. Always type the essay part of your application.
- ✓ Remember: If you don't apply, you have already eliminated yourself!

www.college-scholarships.com

Online directory of college and university admissions office email addresses and telephone numbers, college scholarship and financial aid office email addresses, and links to the home pages and online applications of more than a thousand colleges and universities.

California Scholarshare www.scholarshare.org

The Golden State ScholarShare College Savings Trust On-line where you can learn more about California's tax-deferred college savings program and The Governor's Scholarship Programs.

California Student Aid Commission www.csac.ca.gov

Go here to learn about state and institutional-based financial aid programs and for helpful pointers on finding money for college.

Citibank www.studentloan.com

Citibank's site for student loans and PLUS loans. Includes information on getting into college, school searching, and financial aid basics also.

College Board Online Scholarship Search www.collegeboard.com

A database of more than 2,000 programs that provide funding for undergraduate study from non-college sources. Click on "For Students." Click on "Pay for College." Click on "Scholarship Search."

College Bound Magazine www.StudentRewards.com

The magazine's site for scholarships and financial aid. This site also has links to other useful college information.

CollegeNet www.collegenet.com

CollegeNet's database contains over 600,000 awards totaling over \$1.6 billion. Keyword Search gives you a quick way to narrow down to a particular scholarship or group of scholarships.

EDFUND www.edfund.org

Click on Students/Parents on the top bar to learn more about planning for college and a career, applying for financial aid, federal student loans, managing your loan, and advice on borrowing.

EDWISE www.edwise.org

The online financial planning tool developed by EDFUND and UCLA. You can calculate how much you can afford to repay and budget your money while in college and after. Easy to use and provides a printed report with your financial information.

FastAID Free Scholarship Search www.fastaid.com

FastAID claims to be the world's largest and oldest private sector college scholarship database, with 20 years of scholarship research, and is constantly updated.

Fastweb www.fastweb.com

This destination is the best known online database of private sector sources of financial aid, with more than 500,000 awards for undergraduate and graduate study.

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid www.finaid.org

Everything from loans and scholarship information, to loan calculators, to FAQ's and beyond. A "yellow pages" to the world of financial aid.

Fresch www.freschinfo.com

FreSch! has a database of over 2,000 organizations and foundations that offer scholarships, representing approximately 169,000 awards.

Loan Finder www.estudentloan.com

Looking for the fastest way to the best student loan? Then use the free [LoanFinder](#) for instant comparisons and online applications. They will match your specific needs with up to 12 loan programs from top lenders. It's fast and free!

Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide www.collegeplan.org/cpnw/pnwguide/pnwguide.htm

A downloadable guide that is a personal, step-by-step tool designed for students. This guide free, requires no personal profile for use, and provides access to 100% of the scholarship data. Scholarships are constantly being added to the database.

Peterson's Education Center www.petersons.com

A database of scholarships from more than 2,000 sources. Click on "High School Students." Click on "Pay for School".

SallieMae College Answer www.collegeanswer.com

A great financial information source. Their scholarship database "contains over 2.4 million scholarships."

Scholarships.com www.scholarships.com

Create a personal profile & their free scholarship search will match you to our database of college scholarships. Search results include scholarship summaries & a custom application request letter.

Scholarship Resource Network Express www.srnexpress.com

Search through more than 8,000 financial aid programs for undergraduate through postgraduate study.

StudentAwards.com www.studentawards.com

A site dedicated to free scholarship search.