

# Scholarship Searching

Scholarship Site	What Does This Site Help With?
<a href="http://www.chegg.com">www.chegg.com</a> <a href="http://www.nextstudent.com">www.nextstudent.com</a> <a href="http://www.scholarshipexperts.com">www.scholarshipexperts.com</a> <a href="http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com">www.scholarshipmonkey.com</a> <a href="http://www.findtuition.com">www.findtuition.com</a> <a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a> <a href="https://www.thedream.us/">https://www.thedream.us/</a> <a href="https://scholars.horatioalger.org/">https://scholars.horatioalger.org/</a>  <a href="#">American College Foundation's Visionary Scholarship Program-grades 9-12</a> <a href="#">Essay on "Why College is Important to Me"</a> <a href="#">Deadline 5/1/21</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities.</li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.scholarshipowl.com">www.scholarshipowl.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One application for several scholarships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities</li> <li>Internship Opportunities</li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.cappex.com">www.cappex.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities</li> <li>College/university admission comparisons</li> <li>Financial advice</li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.scholarshippoints.com">www.scholarshippoints.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play mini-games to earn points that can be used to enter yourself into drawings for scholarships.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pinpoint your search based on major, year in school, location, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a questionnaire that will help narrow down types of scholarships.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org">www.studentscholarships.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career profile</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.supercollege.com">www.supercollege.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help Guides for applying</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.collegenet.com">www.collegenet.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities</li> <li>Discussion Blog               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation gains scholarship access</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.scholarships360.org">www.scholarships360.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Opportunities</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offers at least one different scholarship a day</li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.college-scholarships.com">www.college-scholarships.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scholarship Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compilation of many scholarship websites</li> <li>○ Navigate several websites at one time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.raise.me">www.raise.me</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scholarship Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Micro-Scholarships for 9th-12th graders</li> <li>○ Enter ALL activities, grades, college visits, community service, etc. to earn \$\$ to participating schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.unigo.com">www.unigo.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scholarship Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scholarship Matching</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Things to Remember about Scholarship Searches

**According to Mark Kantrowitz, Financial Aid Expert, his top four rules of thumb for scholarship searches are...**

1. If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam.	2. Spend the time, not the money.
3. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.	4. Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships.

Require Too Much Personal Information	Most scholarships will need a student's name, address, and some other information. The scholarship provider may be investing in your education, so they will want to get to know you. However, there are some items that are just too personal to provide to a scholarship provider, or anyone for that matter. If the scholarship is asking for information on bank accounts, credit card numbers, or social security numbers, it is probably a scam to steal money or identity information.
Unclear Eligibility Requirements	A real scholarship will have some sort of eligibility requirements. Even if the requirements are not very specific, a legitimate scholarship will outline requirements. If it is open to everyone, or doesn't give any requirements, it might be a scam.
You've Won Without Applying	We have all heard stories about individuals being scammed out of large amounts of money. This can happen with students and their families as well. Many students will need some sort of financial help to attend college, and scammers know this. If someone calls or emails saying you have won a scholarship you did not apply, it is probably a scam.
Application Fee	Scholarship providers do not charge an application fee. Sometimes a scholarship website will mask the application fee as a way to only get legitimate applicants. Or, they may say the application fee is for "handling." Real scholarship providers set aside a set amount of money they want to give away as a scholarship to a student and don't need any money to award the scholarship. If the scholarship is asking for an application fee, be weary. Even if the application fee is a small amount and not a large loss for you, think about it like this: If the scholarship application fee is \$5 and they receive 1,000 applications for a \$500 scholarship, where does the rest of the money go? The person running the scam will probably pocket the money.
Buy Something To Be Considered	Just like the application fee, requiring an applicant to purchase something to be considered for a scholarship is probably a scam. They are probably just trying to get people to buy their product. <b>Note:</b> There are some organizations that ask for students to sign-up for a free profile to be considered for a scholarship. There are many websites that offer great information and an entry into a nice scholarship if students sign-up. This type of scholarship does not need to be ignored. Instead, students should follow their gut feeling when considering whether to apply or not.
Contact Information	The internet has made it easier for scammers. Anyone can create a website and publish whatever they want. A scholarship scam may not provide contact information on their website. If students have questions about the scholarship or the organization, some sort of contact

	information should be made available. If only an online scholarship form is available with no contact information available anywhere, it may be a scam.
Spelling or Grammar Errors	A real scholarship will not have spelling or grammar errors on their websites or application materials. Since a scholarship is such a serious matter, the scholarship provider will want to make sure that their opportunity comes across as professional. If spelling or grammar errors are found throughout a scholarship website, it may have been a fast creation in hopes to scam students.
Something Just Doesn't Feel Right	Sometimes we have a gut feeling about things, and a scholarship might feel too good to be true. If it doesn't feel right, it could be a scam. Students and families should follow their gut feeling when deciding to apply for a scholarship or not.