# Paying for College: Apply for Scholarships

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**Did you know?**

Scholarships are not just for high school seniors or current college students! For example, these scholarship providers open applications to students in kindergarten:

* My529TM Make Your Mark
* My529TM Book Your Summer
* Doodle4GoogleTM

**Who provides scholarships?**

* State and local government
* Technical colleges, community colleges, and universities
* Community organizations, school districts, and K-12 schools
* Companies and corporations
* Private donors

**SCHOLARSHIP TYPES**

* Merit-based scholarships
* Need-based scholarships
* Athletic scholarships
* Activity-based scholarships
* Identity-based scholarships
* Field of study scholarships
* Creative or artistic scholarships
* Military scholarships
1. **School counseling or guidance office**

# Getting Started

## 4. Community scholarships

* Ask: “Who can I talk to about scholarships in high school?”
* Set up a time to meet and be prepared with questions
* Apply to as many scholarships as possible

## Apply through your college or university

* + Scholarships upon admission
		- Many Utah colleges have automatic scholarship opportunities when students apply
		- Some colleges do have separate scholarship applications
	+ Departmental scholarships
	+ Leadership scholarships
	+ Private scholarships

## Explore employer-sponsored tuition

* + Tuition reduction
		- Employer benefits that provide reduced tuition
	+ Tuition reimbursement
		- Employer benefits that reimburse employees for tuition costs
	+ Employee scholarships
	+ Both parents’ or students’ employers may offer this benefit
	+ Many community organizations and local businesses provide scholarship opportunities.
		- Inquire at your credit union
		- Check with local businesses
		- Ask community organizations
	+ Local scholarships can increase chances of earning the award
	+ Apply for small scholarships, too, $250-1,000 scholarships can reduce out-of-pocket costs

## Online scholarship search

* + An online search for scholarships can go a long way. Just be aware of scams and fraudulent applications. Never pay to apply for a scholarship. If a website looks sketchy, then just leave and move on to an official site.

## File the FAFSA

* + Although the FAFSA doesn’t give scholarships, it may be required to qualify for scholarships.
	+ Commonly, scholarships requiring the FAFSA are based on need. However, that isn’t always the case.
	+ An example would be the Opportunity Scholarship, which is merit-based.

# Additional Resources

USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid KTSutah.org

Myscholly.com Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships

Unigo.com Chegg.com/scholarships

Goingmerry.com Fastweb.com Scholarships.com Cappex.com Niche.com Careeronestop.org