**Paying for College: Apply for Scholarships**

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**SCHOLARSHIP TYPES**

* Merit-based scholarships
* Need-based scholarships
* Athletic scholarships
* Activity-based scholarships
* Special interests, skills, attributes scholarships
* Field of study scholarships
* Creative or artistic scholarships
* Military scholarships

**Did you know?**

Scholarships are not just for high school seniors or current college students.

For example, scholarship providers open applications to students in kindergarten:

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

**Who provides scholarships?**

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

**Getting Started**

1. **Community scholarships**
* 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 the chances of earning an award.
* Applying for scholarships with $250-$1,000 awards can add up and reduce out-of-pocket-costs.
1. **Search for scholarships online**
* An online search for scholarships can go a long way. Be cautious of scams and fraudulent applications. Never pay to apply for a scholarship. If a website seems suspicious, leave it, and visit an official site instead.
1. **File the FAFSA**
* Although the FAFSA doesn’t directly provide scholarships, completing it may be required to qualify for some scholarships.
* Many scholarships that require the FAFSA are based on financial need, but there are exceptions:
	+ For example, the Opportunity Scholarship is merit-based and requires the FAFSA to be completed.
1. **School counseling or guidance office**
* School counseling or guidance offices are a great resource for students with scholarship questions.
* Set up a meeting and prepare questions.
* Apply to as many scholarships as possible.
1. **Apply through the college or university for**
* Scholarships upon admission:
	+ Many Utah colleges offer automatic scholarship opportunities when students apply.
	+ Some colleges require separate scholarship applications.
* Departmental scholarships
* Leadership scholarships
* Private scholarships
1. **Explore employer-sponsored tuition**
* Tuition reduction
	+ Employee benefits that provide reduced tuition.
* Tuition reimbursement
	+ Employee benefits that reimburse employees for tuition costs.
* Employee scholarships
* Both parent and student employers may offer these benefits.

**Additional Resources**

* Myscholly.com
* Unigo.com
* Goingmerry.com
* Fastweb.com
* Scholarships.com
* Appily.com
* Niche.com
* Careeronestop.org
* USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid
* Key to Success app – KTSutah.org
* Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships
* Chegg.com/scholarships