



## 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:

- My529™ Make Your Mark, My529™ Book Your Summer, Doodle4Google™

## 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

## 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

## Getting Started

### 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.

### 2. 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

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. 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.

## Additional Resources

- [USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid](https://USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid)
- [Key to Success app – KTSUtah.org](https://KeytoSuccessapp.com)
- [Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships](https://Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships)
- [Chegg.com/scholarships](https://Chegg.com/scholarships)
- [Myscholly.com](https://Myscholly.com)
- [Unigo.com](https://Unigo.com)
- [Goingmerry.com](https://Goingmerry.com)
- [Fastweb.com](https://Fastweb.com)
- [Scholarships.com](https://Scholarships.com)
- [Appily.com](https://Appily.com)
- [Niche.com](https://Niche.com)
- [Careeronestop.org](https://Careeronestop.org)