

Scholarship Scavenger Hunt – Instructions

Objective:

- Introduce students to the process of finding scholarships to help fund their college education.

Time:

- Thirty minutes to one hour, depending on how much time students spend searching for scholarships.

Materials Needed:

- Computers with internet access
- Printed copies of the student worksheet (below)
- Prizes or incentives for participation (optional)

Activity Steps:

1. Introduction (5 minutes):

- Review the Paying for College Toolkit section called Apply for Scholarships, or watch our [Apply for Scholarships playlist](#) online.
- Explain the importance of scholarships in financing a college education.

2. Instructions (5 minutes):

- Explain the activity. Students will conduct a ‘Scholarship Scavenger Hunt’ to search for scholarships online.
- Divide students into small groups or pairs, or have them work individually.

3. Research (20 minutes):

- Provide students with a printed copy of the student worksheet (below) and a computer to search for scholarships.
- Instruct students to search for scholarships that match their interests, qualifications, and future goals.
- Encourage students to read the eligibility criteria, application requirements, and deadlines for each scholarship they find and record them on the worksheet.

Scholarship Scavenger Hunt – Instructions (continued)

4. Sharing and Discussion (15 minutes):

- Each group presents the scholarships they discovered and shares interesting or unique opportunities they found.
- Facilitate a discussion about the scholarship search process, considering challenges and strategies for success. Here are some questions to ask:
 - Was it straightforward or challenging to find four different scholarships?
 - Were scholarships that aligned with your interests or goals hard to find? If so, which ones?
 - What obstacles did you encounter while searching for scholarships?

5. Closing and Follow-up (5 minutes):

- Ask students to reflect on what they learned and how they plan to incorporate it into their college planning process.
- Thank students for their participation and encourage them to continue exploring scholarship opportunities.
- Provide resources or additional guidance for students who wish to continue their scholarship search.

Optional:

- Offer prizes or incentives for the group that finds the most scholarships or the most unique scholarship opportunity.
- Follow up with individual students to provide personalized assistance or support in applying for scholarships they discovered during the activity.

Scholarship Scavenger Hunt – Student Worksheet

Instructions: Search for four different scholarships that align with your college interests and education goals. Use the worksheet to record information about the scholarships. The goal of this activity is to find scholarships, not to apply for them.

Steps to Follow:

- 1. Identify Your Interests and Goals:** Think about your hobbies, academic interests, career aspirations, and personal situation (e.g., first-generation college student or financial need).
- 2. Search for Scholarships:** Use reliable scholarship search engines and websites. Be cautious of scholarship scams and fraudulent websites. Pro-tip: Never pay to apply for a scholarship.
- 3. Where to search?**
 - 1. Search the State of Utah’s Scholarships** at [USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid](https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid)
 - 2. Search your college’s website for scholarships.**
 - Examples of what to search: “Utah Tech University scholarships,” “Utah Valley University Nursing scholarships,” or “University of Utah scholarship opportunities,” etc.
 - 3. Check out these scholarship websites:**

• KTSutah.org	• Myscholly.com	• Apply.com
• Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships	• Goingmerry.com	• Niche.com
• Chegg.com/scholarships	• Fastweb.com	• Unigo.com
• Careeronestop.org	• Scholarships.com	
- 4. Tips for a Successful Search:**
 - 1. Use Multiple Sources:** Don’t rely on a single website. Different sources can offer a variety of opportunities.
 - 2. Be Specific:** Use keywords that relate to your interests and goals.
 - 3. Stay Organized:** Keep your worksheet up to date with accurate and complete information.
 - 4. Look Beyond Academics:** Scholarships are available for a wide range of talents and situations, including artistic abilities, community service, sports, and specific life experiences.

Scholarship #1

- Scholarship Name: _____ • Scholarship Provider: _____
- Website: _____ • Application Deadline: _____
- Eligibility (Do you qualify to apply? If yes, what are the criteria?): _____

- Award Amount (specify if it's a multiple-year or one-time award): _____
- Essay Prompt or Activity Prompt: _____
- What else is required? (Check all that apply): Financial need/Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 Letter(s) of Recommendation Transcript Other requirements not listed: _____
- Additional Notes or Comments: _____

Scholarship #2

- Scholarship Name: _____ • Scholarship Provider: _____
- Website: _____ • Application Deadline: _____
- Eligibility (Do you qualify to apply? If yes, what are the criteria?): _____

- Award Amount (specify if it's a multiple-year or one-time award): _____
- Essay Prompt or Activity Prompt: _____
- What else is required? (Check all that apply): Financial need/Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 Letter(s) of Recommendation Transcript Other requirements not listed: _____
- Additional Notes or Comments: _____

Scholarship #3

- Scholarship Name: _____ • Scholarship Provider: _____
- Website: _____ • Application Deadline: _____
- Eligibility (Do you qualify to apply? If yes, what are the criteria?): _____

- Award Amount (specify if it's a multiple-year or one-time award): _____
- Essay Prompt or Activity Prompt: _____
- What else is required? (Check all that apply): Financial need/Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 Letter(s) of Recommendation Transcript Other requirements not listed: _____
- Additional Notes or Comments: _____

Scholarship #4

- Scholarship Name: _____ • Scholarship Provider: _____
- Website: _____ • Application Deadline: _____
- Eligibility (Do you qualify to apply? If yes, what are the criteria?): _____

- Award Amount (specify if it's a multiple-year or one-time award): _____
- Essay Prompt or Activity Prompt: _____
- What else is required? (Check all that apply): Financial need/Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 Letter(s) of Recommendation Transcript Other requirements not listed: _____
- Additional Notes or Comments: _____