

Apply for Scholarships



Scholarships
Handout



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What is college?

Any postsecondary education (after high school)

- Technical college
- Community college
- University

Types:

- Certificates and other credentials
- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Graduate and professional degrees

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Certificates and other Credentials

1 year or more (depending on program)

Provides preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to a little over a year of full-time attendance. Many certificates build into and count toward associate degrees.

Examples:

- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

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Associate Degrees

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:*

- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

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Bachelor's Degrees

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

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Graduate and Professional Degrees and Credentials

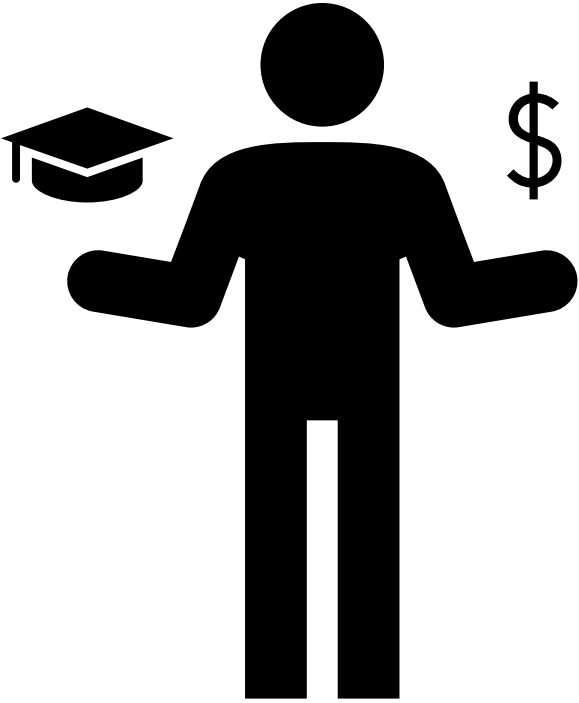
Typically 1-6 years beyond a bachelor's degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates

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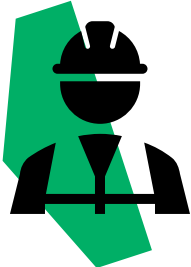
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File the
FAFSA



Earn and
Save



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Individual Student
Situations



Creative Ways
to Cut Costs





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:

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

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

Common types of scholarships:



Merit-based scholarships



Special interest/skills/attributes scholarships



Need-based scholarships



Field of study scholarships



Athletic scholarships



Creative or artistic scholarships



Activity-based scholarships



Military scholarships

Where to begin:

1. School counseling or guidance office
2. Apply through your college or university
3. Explore employer-sponsored tuition
4. Community scholarships
5. Online scholarship search
6. File the FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)





School counseling or guidance office

- Ask: Who can I talk to about scholarships while in high school?
- Set up a meeting and prepare with questions like:
 - Where can I find a list of scholarships and deadlines?
 - Are there any scholarships specific to our school?
 - Where have other students from our school received scholarships?
 - What tips or workshops are available to help me become a better applicant?
 - What other resources should I use?
- Apply to as many scholarships as possible

Apply through your college or university

- Scholarships upon admission
 - Many Utah colleges offer automatic scholarship opportunities when students apply
 - Some colleges require separate scholarship applications
- Departmental scholarships
 - Some departments offer scholarships for students pursuing a specific major
- Leadership scholarships
 - Offered both externally and internally
- Private scholarships
 - Some private donors provide scholarships through the college





Explore employer-sponsored tuition

- Tuition reduction
 - Employer benefits that provide reduced tuition
- Tuition reimbursement
 - Employer benefits that reimburse employees for tuition costs
- Employee scholarships
 - Award opportunities for employees
- Both parents' and students' employers may offer these benefits

Community scholarships

Many community organizations and local businesses provide scholarship opportunities

- Inquire at your credit union
- Check with local businesses
- Ask community organizations

National scholarships vs. local scholarships

- Local scholarships can increase the chances of earning an award because they typically have smaller applicant pools

Small scholarships

- Applying for scholarships with \$250-\$1,000 awards can add up and reduce out-of-pocket-costs



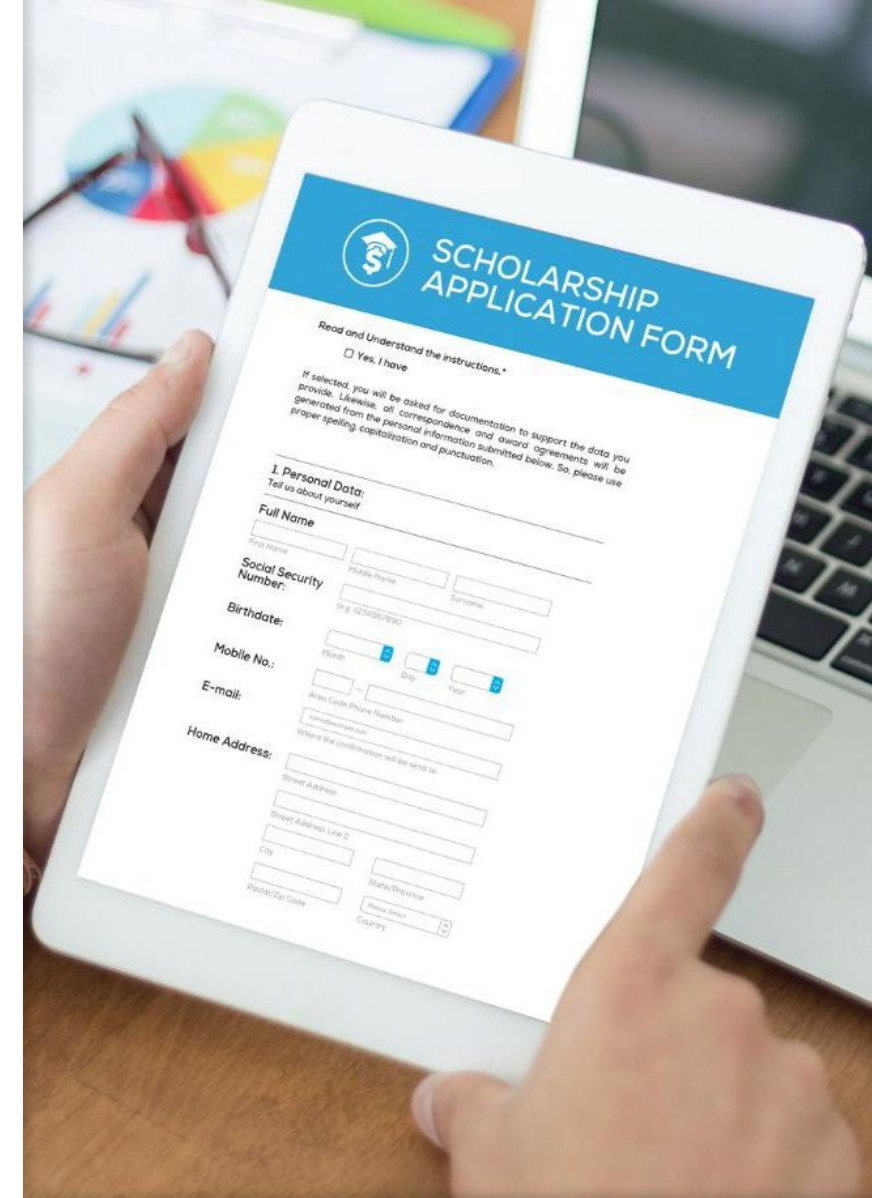
Search for scholarships online

An online search for scholarships can go a long way

Some websites and apps we recommend are:

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

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.



File the FAFSA

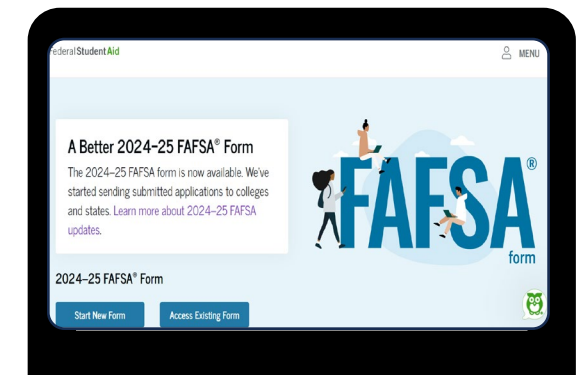
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Although the FAFSA doesn't automatically provide scholarships, completing it may be required to qualify for certain scholarships.

- Examples of scholarships that may require FAFSA completion:
 - State scholarships (e.g., Opportunity Scholarship and Utah Promise Scholarship)
 - Scholarships from technical colleges, community colleges, and universities
 - Some private scholarships

Many scholarships that require the FAFSA are based on financial need, although there are exceptions.

- For example, the Opportunity Scholarship, which requires the FAFSA and is merit-based



Deferment



Deferment
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Deferment

Is the option to postpone or delay college enrollment and scholarships for a period of time

- What reasons do students have to defer college?
 - Military service
 - Religious services
 - Humanitarian service
 - Personal circumstances such as illness, family responsibilities, or financial constraints
 - Research, internships, or other educational experiences

Note: Some reasons for deferment may not be eligible depending on the college. Contact the college for eligible reasons to defer attendance.

Inform the college or university about plans to defer admission and scholarships

Deferment continued

Some colleges may require students to apply, be admitted, and accept their offer before deferring enrollment. Contact your college to review their deferment process.

Although federal financial aid such as grants, work-study, and student loans CANNOT be deferred, we recommend that students still complete the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.

Why?

- Having a backup plan is crucial
- Some deferrable scholarships require FAFSA completion, such as the Opportunity Scholarship
- Filling out the FAFSA early simplifies the process later on, as some information will be saved in the system
- Learning how to apply to college and file the FAFSA while still in high school equips students with valuable skills for the future

What might*
be deferrable?

- Enrollment and admissions
- Scholarships
- Housing

What CANNOT
be deferred?

- Federal aid
- Deadlines for aid or scholarships

**Each college has different policies and procedures. The examples above may not be or could be deferred depending on the institution.*

Scholarship resources for refugee and asylee students

- **One Refugee** – onerefugee.org
- **Immigrants Rising** – immigrantsrising.org/resource/overview/
- **University Alliance for Refugees and At-Risk Migrants (UARRM)** – uarrm.org/toolkit
- **Opportunity Scholarship & Financial Aid Estimator** - studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/
- thedream.us

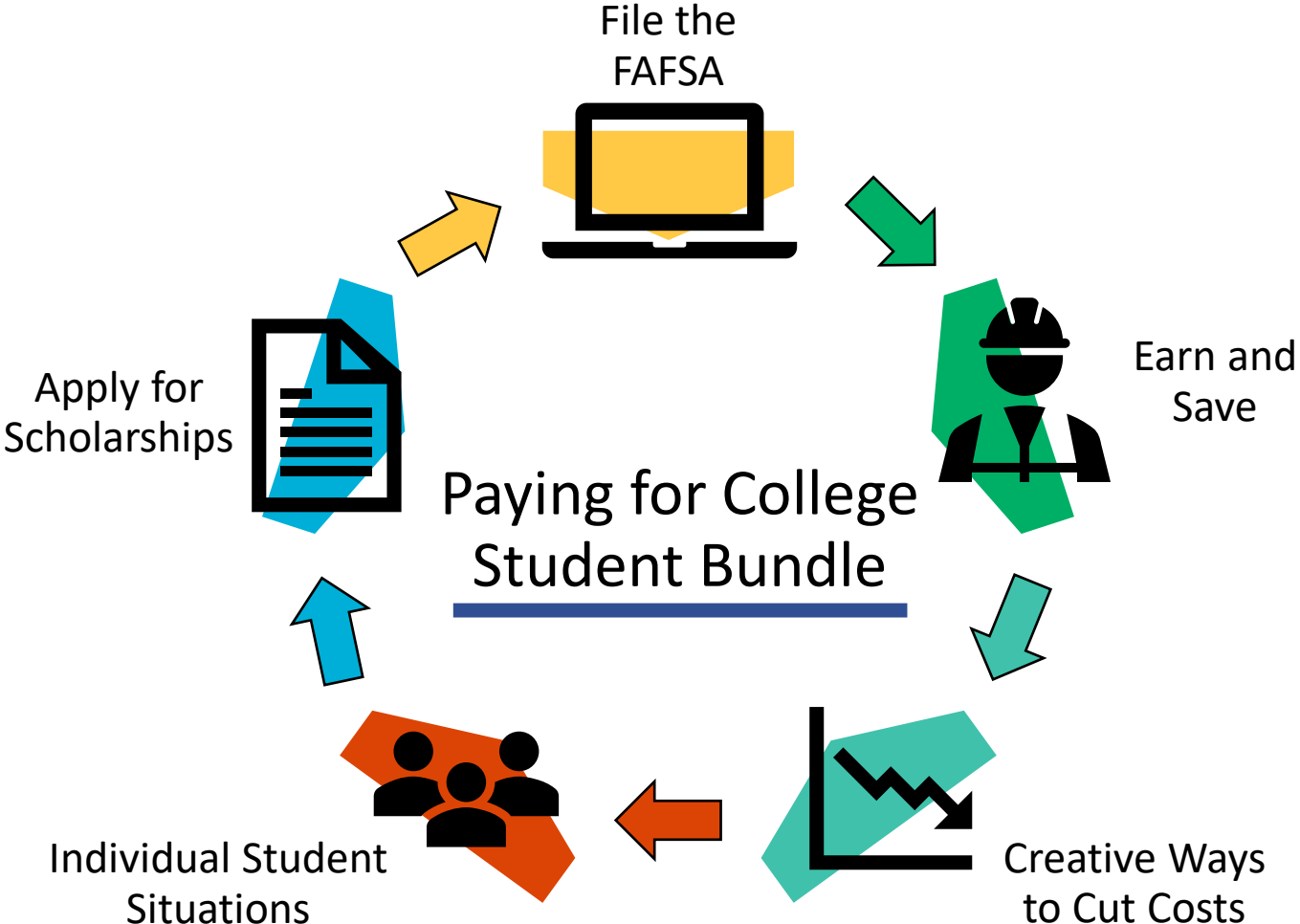


Scholarship resources for students who are neither U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens

- **University of Utah Dream Center:** dream.utah.edu
- **Salt Lake Community College Dream Center:** slcc.edu/dreamcenter/
- **Utah State University:** usu.edu/financial-support/undocumented-student-resources
- **Weber State University:** weber.edu/undocumented/scholarships.html
- **Utah Tech University:** scholarships.utahtech.edu/non-resident-freshman-scholarships-2/
- **Southern Utah University:** <https://www.suu.edu/finaid/scholarships.html>
- **Davis Technical College:** davistech.edu/scholarships
- **Utah Valley University:** uvu.edu/studentaffairs/initiatives/



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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, Colorado, featuring a prominent domed building (the Colorado State Capitol) and surrounding urban landscape. The image is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay. The word "Questions" is written in white, sans-serif font within this overlay, positioned to the right of a vertical white line.

Questions