

# HOW TO FIND MONEY FOR COLLEGE AND WIN SCHOLARSHIPS!



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# What is a Scholarship

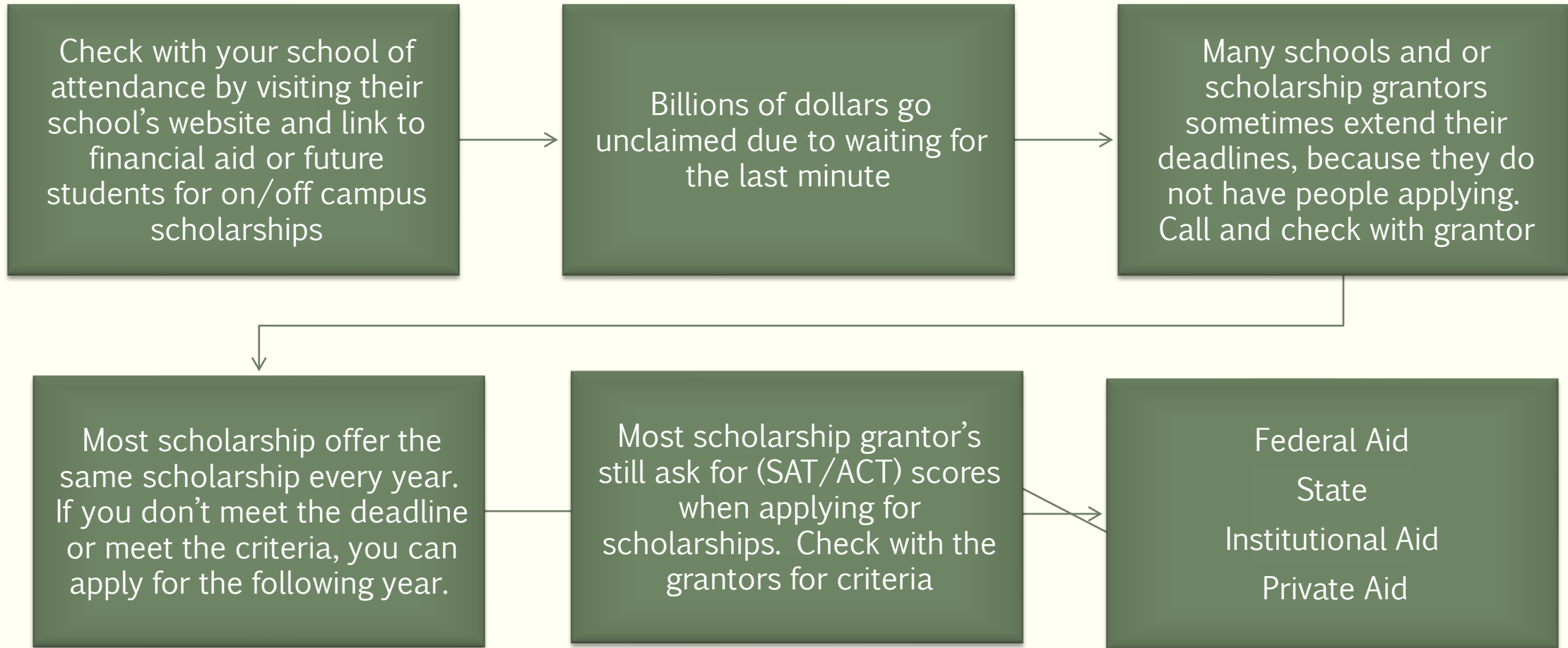
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- A scholarship is money paid to you, or on your behalf, to help pay for tuition, books, housing or other education-related expenses.
- Scholarships are awarded to student for various reasons.

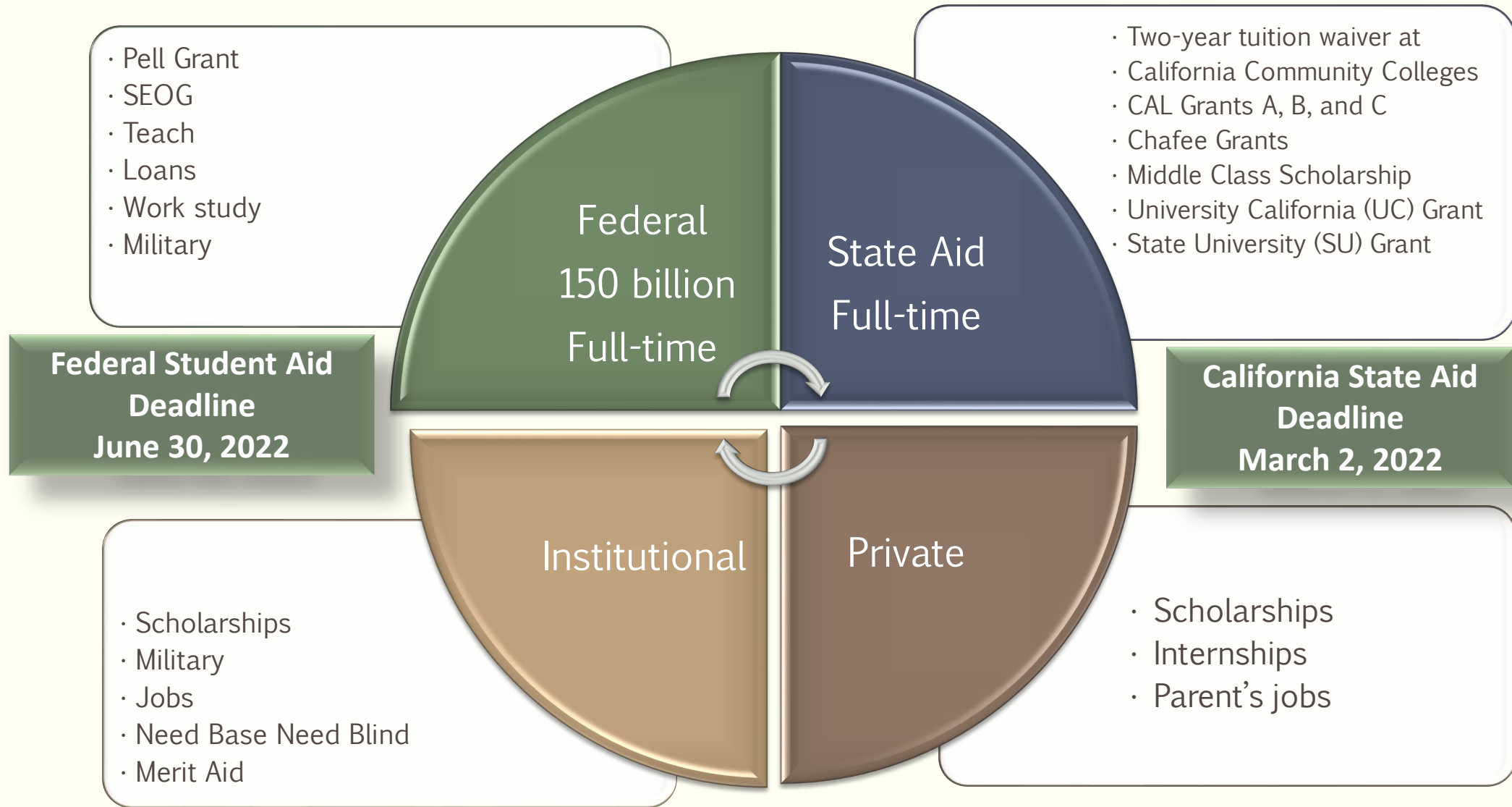


# Where are the Scholarships

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# California Financial Aid Resources to help pay for college



# Types of Scholarships

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To get started, consider exploring these common types of scholarships:



Academic  
scholarships

Community service  
scholarships

Athletic  
scholarships

Scholarships for  
hobbies and  
extracurriculars

Scholarships  
based on  
applicants'  
identities

Need-based  
scholarships

Employer  
scholarships and  
military  
scholarships



# Avoiding Scholarship Scams

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- Students and parents do not pay for advice for scholarship opportunities
- Many scams are targeted toward families who are not familiar with the process and who are 1<sup>st</sup> generation students, low-income, or athletics
- Parents always want the best opportunities and think that these scammers are professionals
- If you pay for scholarship opportunities, then it may be a scam

# I didn't get excellent grades; can I still go to college or get a scholarship?

■ YES!

What are excellent grades? A's and B's

What are good grades? B's and C's

What are decent grades? C +

What are struggling grades? C's and D's

What are failing grades? "F's

What type of grades do you think you'll need for a scholarship  
or admission to your dream college

# Weighted vs. Unweighted GPA

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When applying

- Your high school GPA may be measured on either an unweighted or weighted scale. The main difference between the two is that **weighted GPAs take into account the difficulty of your coursework and unweighted GPAs don't**. Most unweighted GPAs are recorded on a scale of 0 to 4.0, and most weighted GPAs are recorded on a scale of 0 to 5.0.
- For the most part, whether your high school uses unweighted or weighted GPA shouldn't affect you in the college application process. However, it may affect scholarships. Make sure to read the criteria if they are asking for one or the other.
- Colleges and grantors will look at your GPA, but they will also consider the bigger picture. **Their greatest concern is that you've managed to challenge yourself intellectually with your coursework.** GPA is important, but proof of your determination and perseverance in the face of academic struggles is often more impressive than a 4.0. That is why, they ask for an essay.
- Transcripts and essay are the two most important factors when admitting and/or offering scholarships.



# What do Scholarship Judges and organizations look for?

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- Keep in mind that they are real people
- They are judging on a rubric
- They know the difference between a student writing the essay and adult writing the essay
- Presentation and delivery are very important
- Avoid fancy fonts, colors, and design
- Postmark vs. deadline – apply on time
- Tell a story in your writing
- Turn a challenging life situation into a learning experience and how did it help you grow

# Top ten tips in winning a scholarship application

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Apply only if you  
are eligible

Complete the  
application in full

Follow directions

Neatness counts

Write an essay  
that makes a  
strong impression  
with passion

Start early (August  
to December)

Watch for  
deadlines

Make sure your  
application gets  
where it needs to  
go

Keep a back-up  
file in case  
something goes  
wrong

Give a final “over-  
look” and ask  
someone to edit  
for you

Don't forget about  
community  
services and  
leadership

# Writing your Personal Statement Essay

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- Tell us about yourself, family, where are you from, etc....
- Tell us about an academic or extracurricular interest
- Tell us why and how the scholarship will benefit you
- Show us an imaginative side of your personality
- Sensory detail- use an experience to set the scene in which you will illustrate something about yourself, topic, or situation
- Write about something that means a lot to you, and support your thoughts with reason and examples
- Essays are usually from 300 to 500 words and Ivies 1,000-1500
- Participate in an Essay workshop to help you develop skills or other resources that are made available.
- Check your grammar and ask someone to edit your essay

# Why you need letters of Recommendations

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- Colleges often ask for letters of recommendations from people who know you well.
- Letters should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality.
- Letters of Recommendations validates your essay

If you apply under early decision or early action plans, you'll need to ask for recommendations by the start of your senior in August.

## Request

- Request at least 6 weeks in advance

## Follow up

- Follow up 2 weeks after your request – via email

## Obtain

- Obtain at minimum of three recommendations (sometimes it's good to have several letter of recs.)

## Provide

- Provide the requested information for recommendation: sometimes an educational resume

## Make

- Make many copies and keep the original for your special scholarship or for your files

## Keep

- Keep a USB drive to store all your letter recommendations and other college stuff

## Make

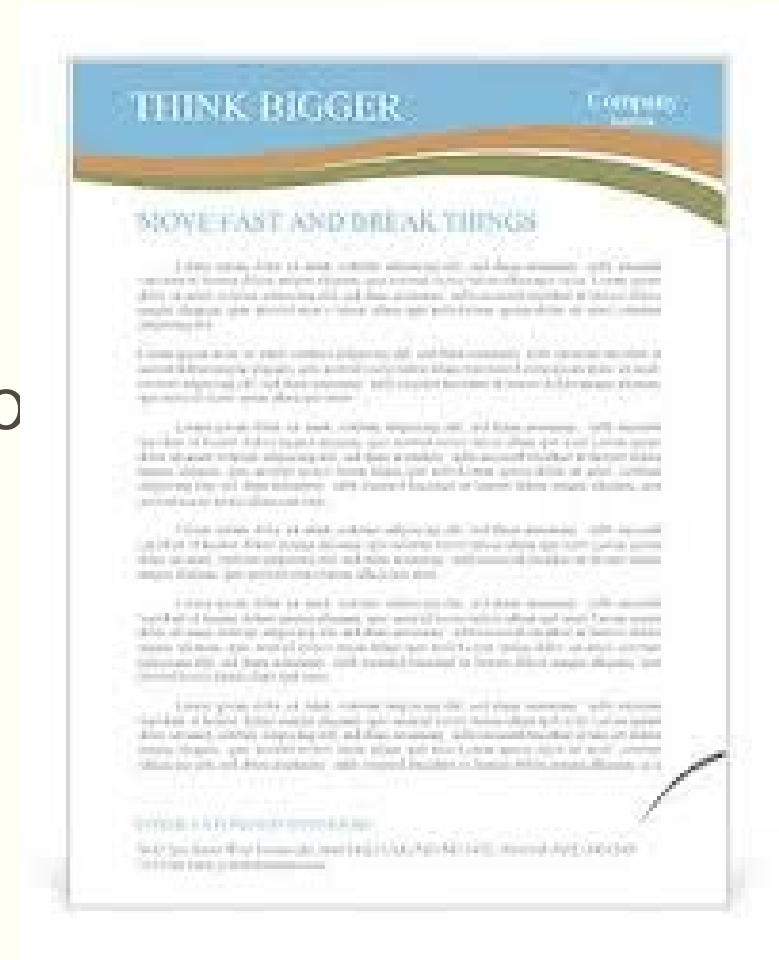
- Make sure your letters are clean copies

# Your recommendations should be from

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- A Teacher
- A Science teacher if majoring in the sciences
- Your high school counselor
- Someone from your school administration who knows your talents, ability, and background
- A community organization
- Your church (pastor)

**Note:** Make sure your letters are on agency letterhead





# Great Example of an Essay that has substance, passion, and creativity!



Music has become the spark of my intellectual curiosity. I directly developed my capacity to think creatively around problems due to the infinite possibilities in music. There are millions of combinations of key signatures, chords, melodies, and rhythms in the world of music that wait to become attached to a sheet of staff lines and spaces. As I began to explore a minute fraction of these combinations from the third grade onwards, my mind began to formulate roundabout methods to solve any mathematical problem, address any literature prompt, and discover any exit in an undesirable situation. In middle school, my mind also started to become adept in the language of music. Playing the works of different composers, such as *Kol Nidrei* by Max Bruch and *Coriolan Overture* by Ludwig Van Beethoven, expands my diverse musical vocabulary, my breadth of techniques and my ability to practice in order to succeed in solo performances.

Music has also become the medium for my roles in the community. While onstage as Big Jule of *Guys and Dolls* during my favorite musical, I helped create a wonderful atmosphere in the school auditorium by singing and dancing. Whenever I perform, whether as a bassist in Men's Doo Wop Group or as a violist in Chamber Ensemble, I become immersed in the conversations between performers and the audience. As I become lost in these conversations, I create blissful memories in which I am truly part of my community's culture-and eventually its history. I would not have the admiration of my teachers and friends if I had not let the charisma of music persuade me to become a performer in my school, town, and state.

Lastly, music has become the educator that has taught me the importance of leadership, teamwork and friendship. It has taught me the importance of order and balance. When I am part of a group, I know how

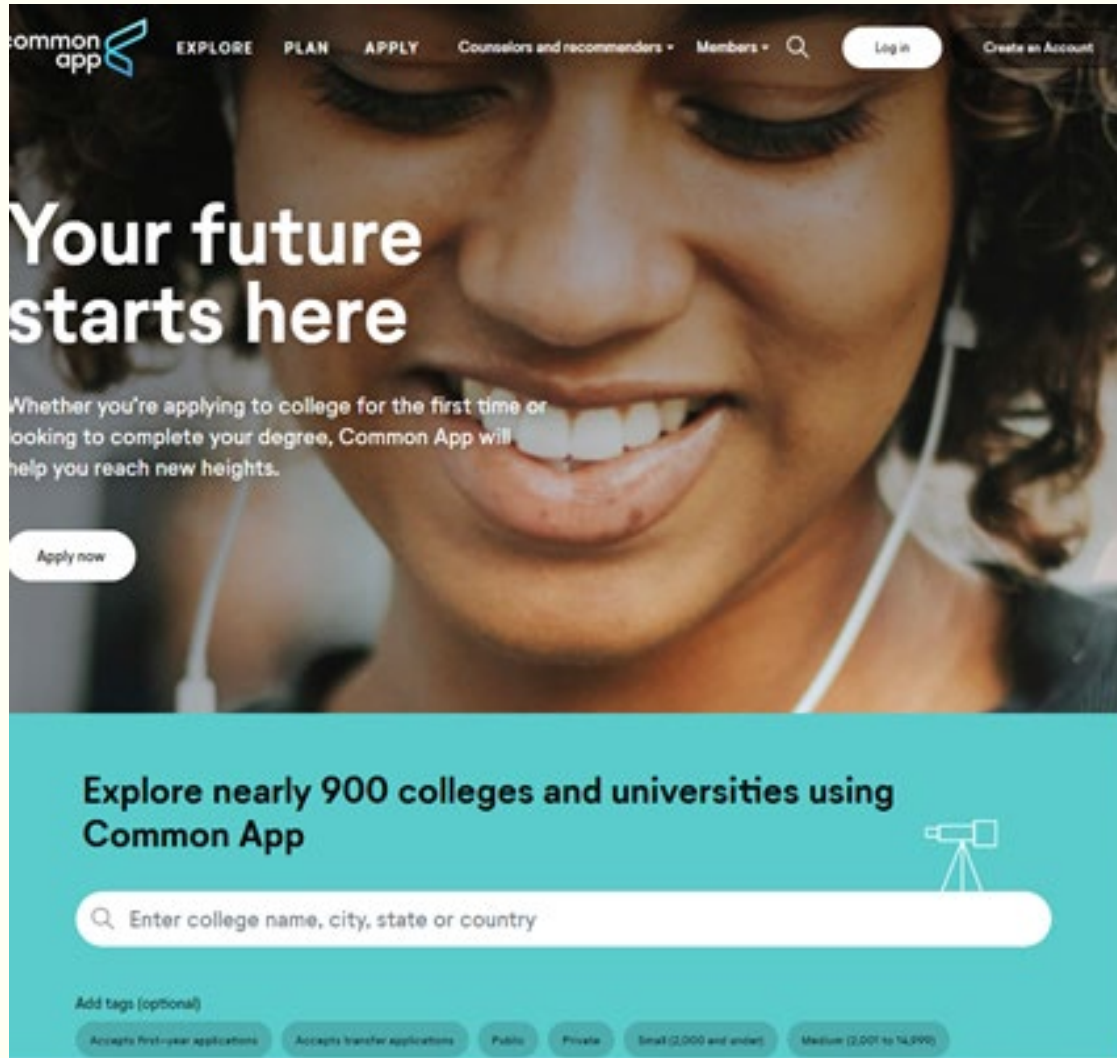
**Here's the Essay That Got One Teen**

**Accepted Into Every Ivy League School**



# WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION?

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- The Common Application is a not-for-profit organization that serves students and member institutions by providing an admission application – online and in print –
- students may submit to any of 900 members.
- 200 plus colleges and universities with no application fee
- 33 international universities from 14 countries outside the U.S.

<https://www.commonapp.org>

[https://youtu.be/\\_JyKt-vyZf4](https://youtu.be/_JyKt-vyZf4)

The Common Application, is an excellent resource hub with a new refresh look. New content written to support students, parents, and counselors during all phases of the college admissions process

# Many scholarship opportunities

## Spread the Word about College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships is a different kind of scholarship program. Students don't have to write an essay, fill out an application, or have a specific GPA or test score. The program rewards students for simply completing the actions they need to take in order to apply to college. For more information, please see Scholarship Details and [Official Rules](#).

Get fellow parents and educators excited about the College Board Opportunity Scholarships program and encourage your students to join.

## How You Can Spread the Word

Use the following resources to help guide your students through the program.

## Pledge to Connect Your Students to Scholarships

When you pledge to tell your students about our program, we'll mail you the following resources:

- College Board Opportunity Scholarships Resources and Handouts Booklet
- Advisement Tracking Pad
- Poster

[Take the Pledge](#)



# Reserve Officer' Training Corps (ROTC)

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## ROTC Scholarships

- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Marines
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army

Military scholarships at 4-year universities

Check with your local colleges and ask questions about college funding and obligation





# National and Community Service

AmeriCorps, a program of national and community service, provides funding for education in exchange for service

Participants can earn up to two education awards of up to \$4,725 each.

Participants must be at least 17, U.S. citizens, and residents.


For more information, students may call 1-800-942-2677, visit [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) or email [quesitons@americorps.org](mailto:quesitons@americorps.org)



The screenshot displays the AmeriCorps website's navigation bar with links for AMERICORPS PROGRAMS, WHAT IS AMERICORPS?, JOIN, CURRENT MEMBERS, and GRANTS & FUNDING. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Programs / AmeriCorps / Use Your Education Award'. The main heading is 'USE YOUR EDUCATION AWARD'. On the left is a sidebar menu with links: Join AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Programs, What is AmeriCorps?, Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (highlighted), Amount, Eligibility, and Limitations, Use Your Education Award, Tax Implications, Ed Award Matching Program, Matching Institutions, Education Award FAQs, FAQs for Institutions, Current Members, Alumni Resources, AmeriStates and AmeriCities, AmeriCorps FAQs, AmeriStories, and AmeriCorps Login: My AmeriCorps Portal. The main content area features the AmeriCorps logo (a circular seal with 'AMERICORPS' and a large 'A' with a star) and the text 'Pay Educational Costs at Eligible Institutions' and 'Repay Qualified Students Loans'. Below this is a photograph of graduates in caps and gowns. At the bottom right of the image is the text 'AmeriCorps.gov/Join'.

- ✓ Pay Educational Expenses
- ✓ Repay Qualified Student Loans
- ✓ Forbearance & Accrued Interest Payment


# Raise Me – Earn Scholarships while in high school 9th-12th

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## Scholarships for students starting in 9th grade.

RaiseMe is the easiest way for students to earn scholarships for everyday things they do while in high school. [Learn More.](#)

Sign Up with your student for free!



## Micro-scholarships

[Invite Your Students](#)

Here is a list of micro-scholarships that are available to your students.

[Print](#) | [PDF](#) | [CSV](#) | [Excel](#)

▼ Micro-scholarship Name	Earnings Range	# Colleges Offering
Attend a college fair	\$5 - \$2,500	<a href="#">195</a>
Attend a college's unique event or complete a specific activity	\$5 - \$4,000	<a href="#">41</a>
Attend a summer program	\$10 - \$4,500	<a href="#">96</a>
Attend an off-campus event	\$5 - \$4,500	<a href="#">194</a>
Complete the FAFSA	\$15 - \$4,000	<a href="#">24</a>
Get a good grade in a course	\$10 - \$1,500	<a href="#">258</a>
Have perfect attendance	\$10 - \$750	<a href="#">178</a>
Hold a leadership position	\$10 - \$1,500	<a href="#">244</a>
Invite your classmates to join RaiseMe	\$50 - \$100	<a href="#">119</a>
Maintain a high GPA	\$5 - \$1,400	<a href="#">253</a>
Participate in an extracurricular activity	\$5 - \$800	<a href="#">233</a>
Play a sport	\$5 - \$600	<a href="#">126</a>
Receive an honor or award	\$10 - \$4,000	<a href="#">183</a>
Score well on an AP test	\$15 - \$2,000	<a href="#">234</a>

# Free Year Tuition at Community Colleges AB-2 and AB-19

The first step to receive tuition aid is to fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or, for undocumented students, a [California Dream Act](#) application each year. The free-tuition initiatives at the community colleges use information from forms to automatically determine students' eligibility, so students don't need to fill out a separate application for the programs

- Must be first time
- Enrolled 12 hours
- Have an accurate FAFSA or Dream Act completed





# Where are the Ivy Leagues?

- All eight Ivy Leagues schools will not require standardized (SAT/ACT) testing for admissions for 21/22 Academic Year
- Students whose family income is less than \$65,000 will not be required to pay for tuition, fees, room, and board
- These schools are highly competitive
- Some of these Ivies offer a fly-in Program to serve low-income families



# The Eight Public Ivies

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- University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- University of California System
- University of Virginia
- University of Vermont
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Wisconsin- Madison
- College of William and Mary
- University of Texas at Austin

# Tuition waivers for low-income at Ivy Leagues

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## Ivy League schools

- ☐ Brown
- ☐ Harvard
- ☐ Yale
- ☐ Columbia
- ☐ Dartmouth
- ☐ Cornell
- ☐ Princeton
- ☐ UPENN

## Baby Ivy League and other prestigious schools

- Bates
- Amherst
- Wesleyan
- Middlebury
- MIT
- Vassar
- Stanford
- West Point
- UC System



*Families' income less than \$65,000- will receive tuition, fee,  
room and board- parents pay \$0*

# You Can Afford Harvard or any other Ivy League



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Getting into Harvard or other Ivy Leagues can be challenging. Figuring out how to pay for it shouldn't be. The Ivy Leagues are more affordable than public universities for 90 percent of Americans—and international students receive exactly the same financial aid as American students, including Dreamers.

Because the Ivy Leagues and other Ivies want to admit the best people, they will follow two important principles.

1. **Need-blind admissions.** Your financial need and your aid application will never affect your chance of being admitted to an Ivy League. Students are accepted based on their merits, but a financial aid package is awarded based only on financial need and nothing else
2. **100% need-based aid.** We base aid awards on need, not on merit. This means that financial aid supports the students who will benefit from it the most. Furthermore, we meet 100 percent of our students demonstrated financial need.

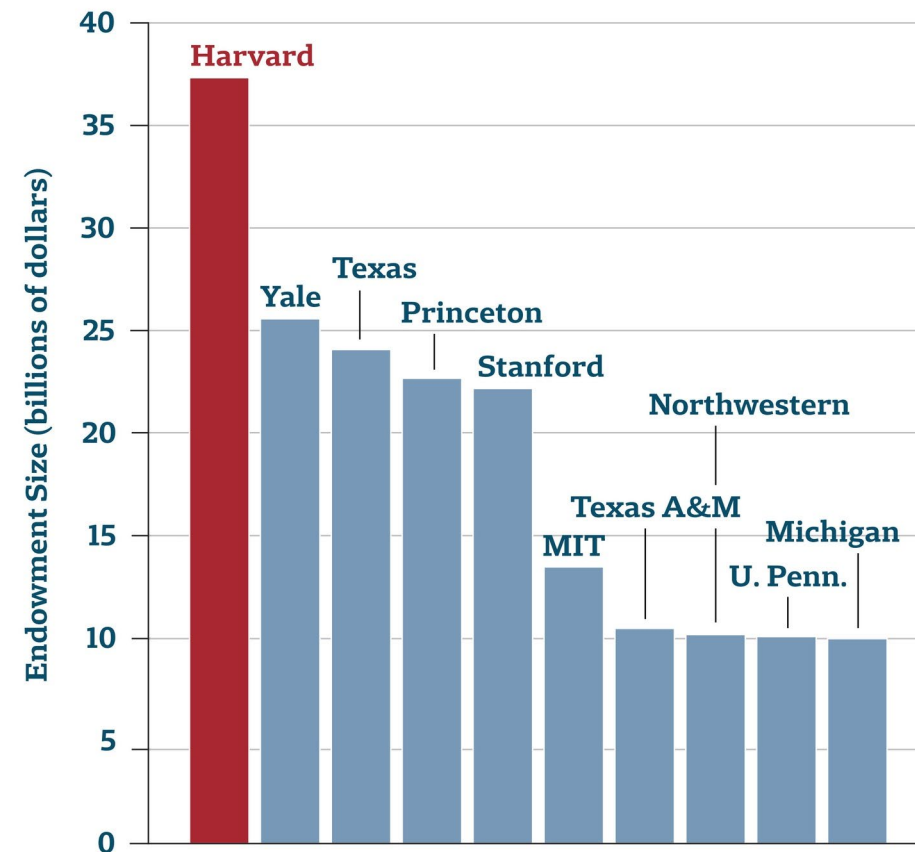
The Ivy Leagues will work with you and your family one-on-one to help you navigate the options and make sure these Ivy Leagues are an affordable option for your education.

# Endowments at the Ivies

Bloomberg reported earlier in 2015 that Ivy League schools were raising the tuition to an average of around 4%, with some schools going as high as \$63,000 a year. In the exact same report, Bloomberg pointed out that many students won't even notice the increase, and Ivy Leagues might be less expensive than many public and state schools- because of endowments.

According to Forbes, Harvard is sitting on a \$40 billion endowment for 2015. Even UPENN boasts a 5.5 billion endowment, and Brown brings up the rear – at 4.2 billion. With massive endowments, Ivy Leagues schools can shower their students with hefty financial aid packages

## 10 Largest University Endowments



# First-Year Application Requirements

- All first-year applicants—both international and U.S. candidates—must complete the [Common Application](#), the [Universal College Application](#), or the [Coalition Application](#) along with the required supplements. You will need to submit:
- Harvard College Questions for the Common Application, Coalition Application, or the Universal College Application - Harvard supplements
- \$75 fee (or request a fee waiver)
- Optional: AP or other examination results
- Optional SAT or ACT – Using Holistic Admissions and other factors
- School Report and high school transcript
- Teacher Report (2) you'll still need three letters of recommendations
- Midyear School Report (after your first semester grades)
- Final School Report (for admitted students only)





# Opportunities to visit Ivy League Campuses (Example)

- **Penn Early Exploration Program (PEEP)**
- PEEP is a fly-in program from Sunday, October 8th - Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. PEEP serves high-achieving high school students from historically underrepresented and/or low socioeconomic backgrounds seeking to visit Penn, gain first-hand exposure to Penn's social and academic atmosphere, and learn about the highly selective admissions process. The program is fully funded by Penn Admissions, which includes travel and board.
- The PEEP 2019 application deadline is September 8th, 2019, before 5:00PM EST. To learn more about the program and its application requirements, please refer to the [PEEP website](#).
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# Sample from Princeton Class 2022

Gross Family Income	Percent Qualified	Average Grant	What It Covers
\$0-65,000	100%	\$77,240	Full Tuition, college free, room + room
\$65,000-85,000	100%	\$70,520	Full Tuition, college fee, 71% room + board
\$85,000-100,000	100%	\$68,180	Full Tuition, college fee, 50% room + board
\$100,000-120,000	100%	\$65,750	Full Tuition, college fee, 37% room + board
\$120,000-140,000	100%	\$62,780	Full Tuition, college fee, 14% room + board
\$140,000-160,000	100%	\$57,550	Full Tuition
\$160,000-180,000	100%	\$53,360	89% Tuition
\$180,000-200,000	98%	\$44,440	78% Tuition
\$200,000-250,000	95%	\$37,320	60% Tuition
\$250,000 & above	43%	28,820	46% Tuition

**Estimate your Princeton Financial Aid Eligibility by using the Financial Aid Estimator**

2/18/2022



# Did you know that there are College Fly-in Programs?

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Carnegie Mellon

Bowdoin

Colgate

Washington (St Louis)

Vanderbilt

Swarthmore

Wellesley

And others

- Columbia

- UPENN

- Dartmouth

- MIT

- Amherst

- John Hopkins

- Vassar

- Emory



# OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU)

White House Initiatives on HBCUs – <https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/>  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

<https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/one-hundred-and-five-historically-black-colleges-and-universities/>

# What and Where are HBCUs?

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- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Predominately Black College & Universities
- There are 107 HBCUs in the U.S.
- HBCUs are in 20 States in the South, Central States and Caribbean
- HBCUs represent 3% of the 4000 plus universities (graduate 25% of African American graduates annually)
- North Carolina and Virginia have the majority HBCUs

NC-9

VA-7



# HBCUs offer internships

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- Morgan State has the highest federal grant of 28 million from Department of Education (DOE) in efforts to produce more NASA engineers, scientist and aviator. In February of 2020, Maryland HBCUs won a 577 million lawsuit that will support four HBCUs in Maryland
- Offer paid internships while in college
- Summer internships
- Merit aid for STEAM majors
- 19 Land grant schools offer USDA scholarships or 1890 scholarships



# The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program

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Offers scholarships to U.S. Citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the nineteen 1890 HBCU Land-Grant Universities in any field of study in agriculture, food, national resources sciences or other related disciplines.

- Covers Tuition, room, board & fees
- Books
- Laptop and printer
- Paid summer internship and board in D.C or assigned USDA site



<https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars>

# United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Opportunities

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- ❑ 1890 National Scholars Program (19 land grant HBCU schools)
- ❑ Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (HR Division)
- ❑ Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU)
- ❑ Pathways Programs ( Internships)
- ❑ Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities

# U.S. Department of Agriculture (Land Grant Universities)

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- Alabama A & M
- Alcorn State University
- Delaware State
- Florida A & M
- Fort Valley State
- Kentucky State
- Langston
- Lincoln University
- North Carolina A & T
- Prairie View A & M
- South Carolina State
- Southern University
- Tuskegee University
- Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University
- West Virginia State University



1890 scholarships – USDA opportunities

# Programs of Student for 1890 Scholarship

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- Agribusiness
- Agriculture/Biological Regulatory Science
- Agricultural Production and Technology
- Agronomy or Crop Sciences
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Engineering/Mechanics
- Animal Science
- Aquaculture/Fisheries
- Biological System Engineering
- Botany
- Business Management
- Entomology
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Farm and Range Management
- Financial Management
- Forestry and Related Sciences
- Horticulture
- Natural Resources Management
- Nutrition
- Soil Conservation/Soil Science
- Water Resource Management
- Other Related Disciplines (e.g., pre-veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, computer sciences, non-medical biological sciences)



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# WHAT IS WUE

WUE (pronounced “woo-wee”) is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a regional tuition discount program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

Founded in 1987 and all WICHE states have now signed the agreement.





**"WUE has enabled Mayville State University to be a very affordable option to students and families. Often, we are able to offer total costs below what it would cost the student to stay in their home state. WUE helps us be competitive and helps keep our enrollment numbers going up."**

**James Morowski**

*Director of Admissions, Mayville State University, North Dakota*

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## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)



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E X C H A N G E

In 2018-19, 40,000+ students saved over \$380.5 million on out-of-state tuition.

**Next year, be one of them!**

### Through the Western Undergraduate Exchange:

- Reap steep nonresident tuition discounts—averaging \$9,400/year!
- Choose from hundreds of majors at 160+ two-/four-year schools in 16 Western states/U.S. territories (CNMI and Guam).
- Graduate with more options, less debt.

**Search the New WUE Savings Finder to find your School Today**

[WUE Savings Finder](#)

With WUE, out-of-state students pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at participating schools, compared with nonresident rates that can exceed 300% of in-state rates.

## Student Access Programs: By the Numbers 2018-19



WICHE  
Student Access Programs:  
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# Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

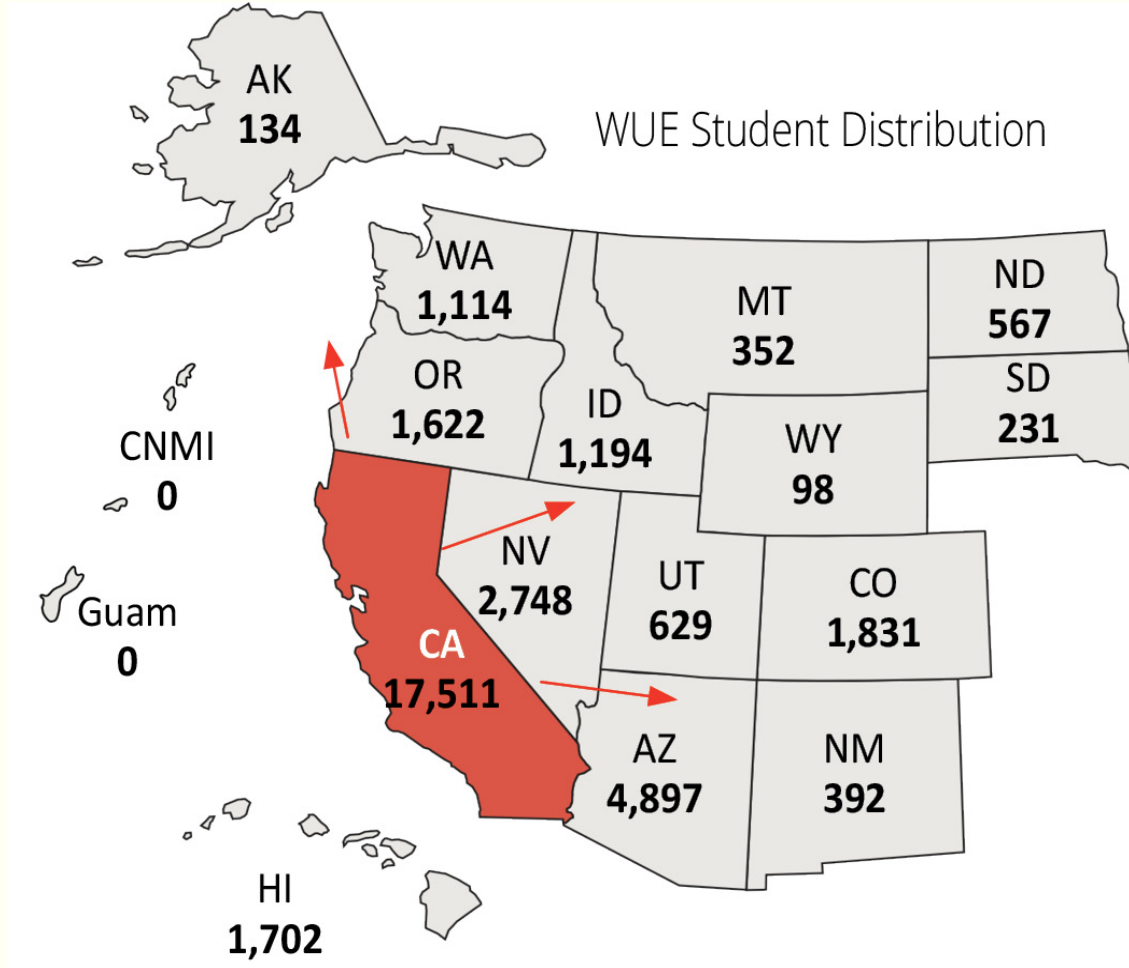
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Alaska, Arizona,  
California,  
Colorado, Hawaii,  
Idaho, Montana,  
Nevada, New  
Mexico, North  
Dakota, Oregon,  
South Dakota,  
Utah, Washington,  
Wyoming, U.S.  
Pacific Territories  
and Freely  
Associated States

- Through WUE, students in Western states may enroll in participating in the 160 two-year and four-year public college programs at a reduced tuition level up to 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition
- WUE supports over 160 community colleges and 4-year universities
- Families can save an average of \$9,000 annually each on the cost of nonresident tuition

# California by the Numbers

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17,511 California undergrads paid 150% or less of resident tuition to save \$179.2 million



# COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP



# Most scholarships awarded are to students who have community service

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Community Service Scholarships are offered by many corporations and private foundations to encourage service-learning.

Encourage your college-bound student to participate in volunteer activities that could qualify them for more opportunities for community service awards.





# Leadership

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- ✓ Leadership opportunities are very important when applying for scholarships that offer full rides and/or waive the tuition and fees for admission. Being involved in leadership usually open the doors for a substantial amount of scholarship support.
- ✓ Leadership and community service differ from each other.





# Volunteering in your community

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- Looks good on a college application and for scholarship eligibility

*This comes across as a well-rounded person.*

- Let's you try out careers

*Volunteering in a specific field will let you know if this is really what you want to do.*

- Is an American tradition

*No matter what your talents, there are unlimited ways for you to serve your community*



# Community service awards

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- Target All-Around Scholarship: Target awards over six hundred All-Around Scholarships each year — including one \$25,000 scholarship
- Presidential Freedom Scholarships: Each high school in the country may sponsor up to two students — juniors or seniors — to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of outstanding leadership in service to their community.
- Bonner Scholars Program: At 25 colleges, the Bonner Foundation supports as many as 1,600 students who receive up to \$4,000 per year for four years. In return, award recipients are asked to serve their communities in a lasting and meaningful way, by committing 10 hours each week to volunteer service activities and by completing at least one full-time summer service internship.
- For a list of these scholarships go to the following:

<http://charityguide.org/volunteer/fifteen/community-service-scholarships.htm>



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# TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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# Search within your community

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- Fresno Unified School District scholarship
- Elk's Lodge Scholarship and Rotary Club
- PG & E Scholarships
- AMAE ( mid-January)
- [www.peocalifornia.org](http://www.peocalifornia.org) (only for women) Scholarships
- Delta Sigma Theta Inc. Sorority AA Recognition
- Sororities and Fraternities
- Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE)
- The Latino College Expo and The Black College Expo
- Check with your counselors, school website, or [ccr@fresnounified.org](mailto:ccr@fresnounified.org)

# Scholarship Opportunities - Start Early

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- Searching for scholarships takes preparation and planning for your future. You must decide how much time you want to put into your scholarship search.
- Use these tools to create your portfolio. These are a couple of the best tools that will help you search for scholarships and colleges that fits your profile.
- Make sure you create a free account in your freshman year of high school
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com) (11 BILLION worth of scholarships)
- [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- [www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com) (7 million scholarships worth 41 BILLION)

## A deeper look at college's cost: Visit

- [collegesscorecard.ed.gov](http://collegesscorecard.ed.gov)
- <https://myscholly.com/>
- [www.cb.org/opportunity](http://www.cb.org/opportunity)
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best->
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

*Visit the school's website and link to financial aid to retrieve various types of scholarships on and off campus!*

# Other Scholarship websites

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- [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)
- [www.chci.org](http://www.chci.org)
- [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)
- [www.littleafrica.org](http://www.littleafrica.org)
- [www.hispanic.fund](http://www.hispanic.fund)
- [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)
- [www.scholarshiphunter.com](http://www.scholarshiphunter.com)
- [www.shell.com](http://www.shell.com)
- [www.maldef.com](http://www.maldef.com)
- [www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)
- [www.dreamersroadmap.com](http://www.dreamersroadmap.com)
- [www.adelantefund.org](http://www.adelantefund.org)
- [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)
- [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)
- [www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)
- [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)
- [www.xerox.com](http://www.xerox.com)
- [www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org](http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org)
- [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)
- [www.jackieRobinson.org](http://www.jackieRobinson.org)
- [www.blackExcel.org/link4.htm](http://www.blackExcel.org/link4.htm)
- [www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)
- [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)




## Resources

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- <https://www.ylc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/YLC-Financial-Aid-Guide-for-Juvenile-Justice-Involved-Youth-rev.2020.03.pdf>
- [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- [ccr.fresnounified.org](http://ccr.fresnounified.org)
- <https://www.csac.ca.gov/foster-youth-students>
- <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources/all.jsp>

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## Plentiful Scholarships for Dreamers and Latinx

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### SCHOLARSHIPS




⌚ Due: Oct 25, 2018  
Golden Door Scholars  
\$20,000.00




⌚ Due: Jan 1, 2018  
If Given a Chance  
\$1,000.00



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<https://collegesofdistinction.com/advice/the-mega-list-of-scholarships-you-should-apply-for-class-of-2019-2020/>




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## The Mega List of Scholarships You Should Apply For | Class of 2020-2021

Marie-Antonette Bone / [More Scholarships »](#)

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There are lots of scholarship opportunities out there, but it can be hard to know where to start looking. Some

# School Aid (Institutional Aid)

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- Many postsecondary (colleges & universities) schools offer aid from their institutional funds.
- Most require the student submit an application in addition to the FAFSA to be considered for institutional aid.
- Some require a FAFSA before considering a student for merit aid; so, encourage your students to complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Visit [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com) or the school's website to retrieve application for institutional funds.
- Some states only use their “state aid” for their state community college, state universities, or private

# Private & Foundation scholarships

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- Private scholarships come from colleges, the government, corporations, individuals, religious groups, non-profits, civic organizations, employers and professional organizations.
- Most private scholarships are awarded based on certain criteria such as academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement, ethnic heritage or religious affiliation.

# Band & Choir scholarships

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Earning a marching band scholarship generally depends on four things:

*strong track record of band or choir experience from your high school*

*A great audition or have a video of your performance*

*Perhaps, most importantly, finding a college or university that offers such scholarships*

Letters of Recommendation from your music teacher



# What are Presidential, Board of Visitors, Governors, & departmental?

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These types of scholarships are made available to exceptionally able postsecondary students.

Each university may have different titles for these types of exceptional scholarships such as Board of Trustees, Honors, or Dean's scholarships

# Scholarships from employers

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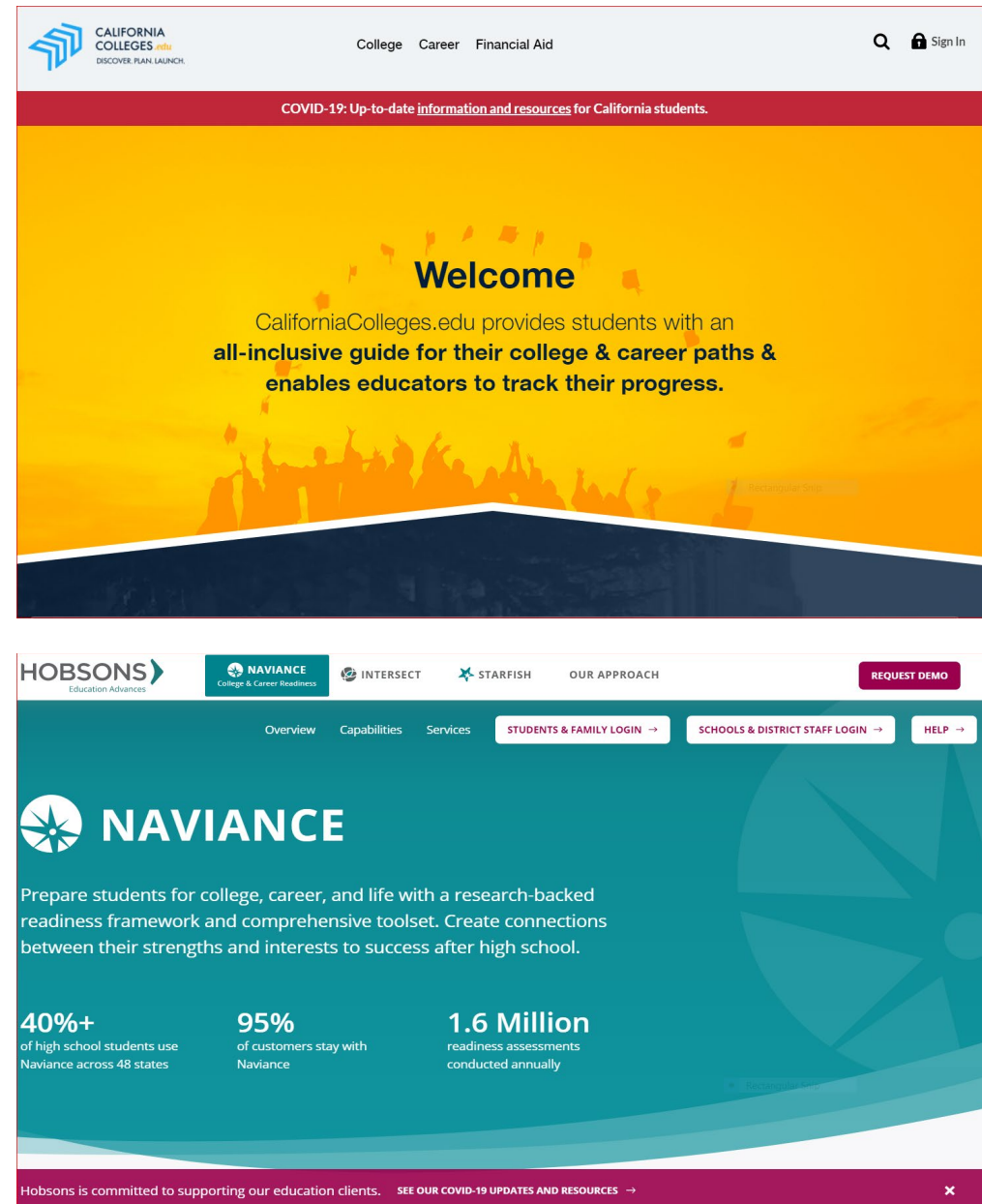
- Some employers offer incentives by providing college tuition benefits for their employees and their children.

- ☐ Bank of America
- ☐ Coca Cola
- ☐ Fed-Ex

Check with your employer to see if they offer tuition remission

# Check with your counselor for college planning resources

- XELLO formerly Career Cruising  
[www.xello.com](http://www.xello.com)
- Naviance  
<https://www.hobsons.com/solution/naviance/>
- California Colleges  
<https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/>
- College Navigator  
<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- College Board Big Future  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Khan Academy  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Raise Me  
[www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)



# Create an excel to keep track of scholarships that meet your criteria

Funding Name	Award Amount	Timeline	Eligibility and Criteria	Application Requirements
Coca Cola Foundation	\$20,000	Oct. 31, 2016	Entering Freshmen 3.5 GPA 27 ACT	Three letters of recommendation, community Services, and leadership
Norfolk State University  Board of Visitors	\$ 6,000	November 15, 2016	Out-of-state resident; First-time freshmen; Enrolled full-time (minimum 12 hours); GPA 3.0 and above; 900 SAT or 19 ACT. FAFSA must be completed	Two letters of recommendations from teacher or counselors. FAFSA must be completed

Remember, you are in control of your time and the effort you put into searching and applying for scholarships

# Students with Disabilities

Can attend any college or university that receives federal education funds

Receive additional support and services

After admitted, should contact the Disability Services and complete forms

Visit the website to acquire the information in the early stages

Plan early so that their paper work is processed accordingly

# The American Disability Act for student with Special Needs

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If you have an Individual evaluation Plan (IEP) and have been accepted to the university. You will also have an opportunity to receive an abundance of resources under The Americans with Disability Act. All universities are mandated to provide services to support the rights of people with disabilities. Therefore, postsecondary institutions must adhere to both the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disability Act. Contact the Disabilities services at your prospective university.





# McKinney-Vento liaison or another high school staff member.

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- If you were identified as homeless in high school by a McKinney-Vento liaison or another high school staff member who knew about your homelessness, you might have received a determination letter in high school.
- Your liaison can write a letter for you each year of college if you continue to meet the definition of an unaccompanied homeless youth, and if the liaison knows enough about your situation to make a determination.
- Financial aid administrators are required to accept this letter, unless they have conflicting information.
- Reach out to your high school and ask for the McKinney-Vento liaison's contact information and ask if you meet the requirements for the letter.

# Comparing Award letters!

- ☐ What is the cost of attendance?
- ☐ How much financial aid will you be awarded (grants, work-study, scholarship, & loans)?
- ☐ Do the simple math. Cost minus financial your financial aid
- ☐ Compare your offer.
- ☐ This is where you will need to be realistic in deciding what school you'll be attending
- ☐ Will you consider loans (see legend on “Know before you owe” chart
- ☐ Or a payment plan

Please note: You will need to either accept or reject your award letter by the deadline that the school specifies.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator>

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Know before you owe!			
Compare your award letters to determine the college you will be attending.			
College(s)	College #1	College #2	College #3
<b>COST ON ATTENDING</b> (What are the charges)			
Tuition & Fees			
Room & Board			
Living off campus – Apartment			
Laptop, Printer, ink, etc.			
Books, labs, supplies, etc.			
Misc. (clothing, cell phone, etc.)			
Other misc.			
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>			
<b>GIFT AID – GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER GIFT AID</b>			
Pell Grant - Federal			
Cal Grant - State			
SEOG			
Teach Grant			
Institutional Grants/Scholarships			
Work Study			
Scholarships OR Merit Aid			
ROTC, Veterans, GI Bill – (Military)			
Tuition remission (employment)			
Other misc.			
<b>TOTAL GIFT AID</b>			
<b>TOTAL (minus charges from gift aid)</b>			
<b>LOANS</b>			
Subsidized Loan			
Un-Subsidized –			
Parent Plus Loan			
Outside Loans (not recommended)			
<b>TOTAL LOANS (minus for loans, only if you are taking out loans)</b>			
<b>Expected Bill</b> Minus all financial aid from your charges.			
<b>Payment Plan- most schools have payment options available to offer</b> (check with student accounts for the best payment plan)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

\* **Work-study**— If you owe the university and after all aid has been applied an no balance, you keep it. If you owe, most universities will apply it to your balance due.  
 \* **Subsidized** - After you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time, you will have a 6-month grace period before you are required to begin repayment.  
 \* **Unsubsidized Loan** – After you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time, you will have a 6-month grace period before you are required to begin repayment, also, you are responsible for paying the interest on a Direct Unsubsidized Loan during all periods.  
 \* **Parent Plus Loan**—Parents typically start paying back the parent PLUS loan as soon as the loan is fully paid out, or they can apply to have the payments deferred for up to six months after your child graduates  
 \* **Payment Plans** – Most schools offer some type of payment plan. You can use this option if you feel you cannot cover the total amount due in one lump sum.

Thank you!  
Q&A

