



Scholarships and Grants

1. What Is It?

- Every year, organizations award billions of dollars in scholarships and grants to students. According to the College Board, scholarships are usually based on specific qualities (e.g. merit or ability), while grants are usually based on financial need. Government organizations, colleges, and private organizations are common sources of scholarships and grants.

2. How Do I Apply?

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Research and apply for scholarships

3. What Are Some Tips and Best Practices?

- Start your search early
- Use a scholarship search engine (e.g. College Board Scholarship Search)
- Prepare and organize your information
- Apply for all scholarships you are eligible for
- Follow the instructions and complete forms in their entirety
- Track your applications
- Be cautious and avoid scams
- Ask your school, professional associations, and civic organizations about opportunities

Helpful Links:

- FAFSA application: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- College Board Search: www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- Fisher House Search: <http://search.militaryscholar.org/>
- Guard Scholarships: www.nationalguard.com/tools/guard-scholarships
- DoD STEM Scholarships: <https://smart.asee.org>

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