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**What is a scholarship?**

- **Funds donated by**
- individuals
  - corporations
  - small businesses
  - churches
  - community organizations
  - clubs
  - colleges

**Money that  
does not  
have to be  
paid back**

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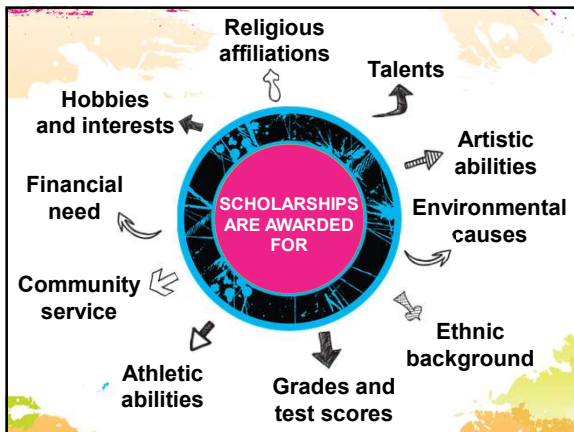
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## LOOK LOCALLY

- Check with your church, service organizations and community foundations
- Contact local businesses, your employer, or your parent's employer
- Check your guidance office

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## CHECK WITH COLLEGES

- › Contact the financial aid offices of the colleges you are interested in
- › Search college websites

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## SEARCH ONLINE

- CollegeGreenlight.com
- Fastweb.com
- Niche.com
- Petersons.com
- Scholarships.com
- Unigo.com

**FREE!**

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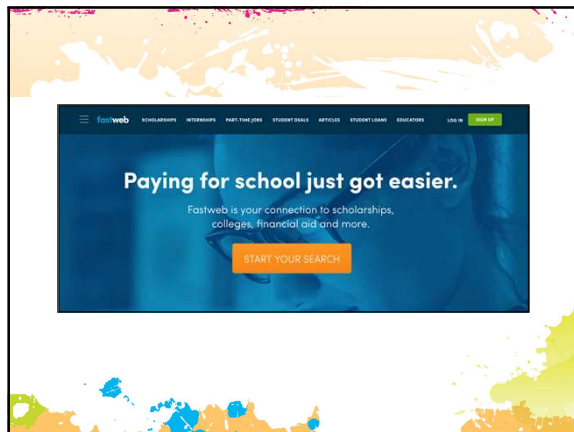
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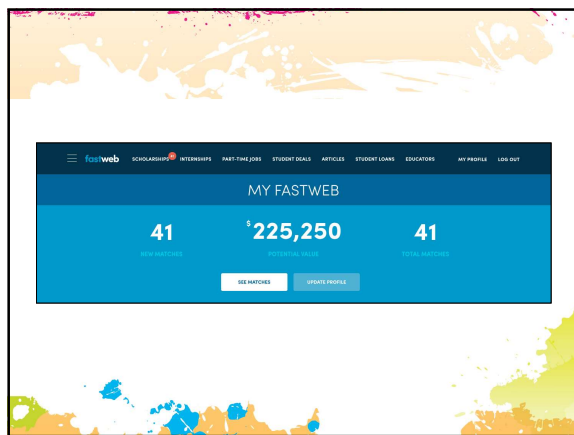
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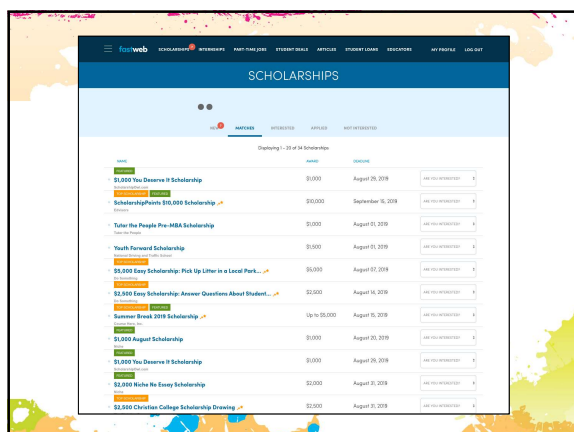
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**unigo** COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIPS EASY SCHOLARSHIPS STUDENT DEALS STUDENT LOANS ARTICLES LOGIN SIGN UP

**Flavor of the Month Scholarship**

AWARD AMOUNT  
\$1,500

SEE PREVIOUS WINNERS

APPLY NOW

**Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship**

AWARD AMOUNT  
\$2,000

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
October 31, 2019

SEE PREVIOUS WINNERS

APPLY NOW

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MAY REQUIRE**

- ➔ Essay
- ➔ Letters of Recommendation
- ➔ Interview
- ➔ High School Transcript

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**TIPS**

**Applications**

- ➔ Watch deadlines
- ➔ Follow all instructions
- ➔ Submit all required documents
- ➔ Have another person review your application
- ➔ Confirm your application was received

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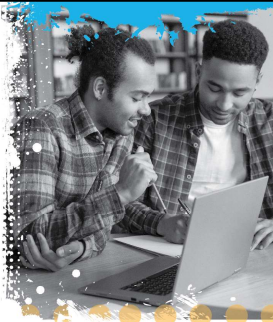
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## TIPS

### Essays

- Type your essay
- Ask someone to proofread
- Add style and personality
- Reuse essays by tailoring them for each new application



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## TIPS

### Letters of recommendation

- Consider asking your teacher, coach, counselor or pastor
- Give letter writers enough time
- Send a thank you note to letter writers



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## TIPS

### High school transcripts

- Ask your counselor what the process is for your high school
  - Parchment
  - Naviance



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## COMMON MISTAKES

- Failing to follow directions
- Applying for scholarships you are not eligible for
- Writing a boring essay
- Not applying for scholarships you are eligible for

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## BEWARE of scholarship scams

- Never pay money to get money
- Nobody can guarantee that you'll win a scholarship
- Do not give out personal information
  - Bank account numbers
  - Credit card numbers
  - Social security numbers




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Students studying STEM majors tend to win more scholarships

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Two \$1,000 scholarships won

Total received \$2,000

÷ 5 hours spent applying

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**= \$400 per hour!**

**WORTH YOUR TIME**

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**TAKE ACTION**

**1**

**Get organized**

- Make a list of the scholarships you are eligible for and their requirements
- Note the application due date

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**TAKE ACTION**

**2**

**Pull together and request information**

- Personal information
- List of activities
- List of jobs
- List of community/volunteer service
- Personal essay
- Letters of recommendation
- High school transcript

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**TAKE ACTION**

**3**

**START APPLYING!**

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**REVIEW**

- ➡ Make searching and applying for scholarships an ongoing commitment
- ➡ Carefully follow application instructions and avoid missing deadlines
- ➡ Beware of scams
- ➡ To win more, you need to apply for more—it's worth your time

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**THANK YOU  
FOR ATTENDING**

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