



Buffalo State College Scholarship Information Sheet



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Each year, millions of dollars in scholarships and fellowships are awarded to students in the United States. However, finding funds that you might qualify for requires work. With patience and practice, you will learn how to mainstream your scholarship searches to reduce the amount of time searching on scholarship databases.

Though most scholarships are based on financial need there are many more scholarships that are based on academic merit alone. The Internet has become the most popular search engine for obtaining scholarships. Through the use of the Internet you will find scholarships that are offered by major corporations, charitable organizations, colleges and universities, and the list goes on.

All students should start searching for scholarships at least 9 months prior to their entry into college. The earlier you begin the more resources you will have, and it also allows you an adequate amount of time to prepare your application)

Most scholarship applications contain the following:

- An essay
- A list of the student's extra-curriculum activities and/or community services
- A high school or college transcript
- Letters of recommendation

When submitting your scholarship application, take into account these three principles:

1. Give your scholarship application a professional finish. Use high quality bond paper. All Forms should be typed with no erasures or mistakes. Essays should be professionally proofread and contain no errors. These errors can establish doubt about your ability to do work at the college level.
2. Include all requested information. Twenty-five percent of all applications received are returned. Applications returned due to missing information depreciate in value, minimizing the opportunity of earning an award.
3. Sell yourself. Don't be modest. Show a pattern of initiative. Include a well-written resume which includes school activities, community volunteerism, honors and awards received, and positions of leadership. **Past behavior is the best indicator of future action.**

Be aware of scholarship scams. There are six common signs of a scholarship scam, they are:

1. Application or processing fees;
2. Loan fees;
3. Guaranteed winnings;
4. "Everybody is eligible" - each scholarship is geared towards selective criteria;
5. Unclaimed aid myth - "Billions of dollars of scholarships go unclaimed every year"; and lastly,
6. "We will apply on your behalf".

Being cautious of scams prevents you from giving away money instead of obtaining it.

Scholarship Database	Description of Database	Internet Address
Fast Aid	The database is one of the largest and most established, and has a reputation for accuracy and integrity.	www.fastaid.com
The Scholarship Page	Offers an excellent selection of links.	http://www.scholarship-page.com/
SRN Express	Has the most accurate, detailed, and comprehensive scholarship.	www.srnexpress.com
College Board Expanded Fund finder	Does not require registration.	www.collegeboard.com
College Net Mach 25	Scholarship information is displayed nicely and is easy to understand.	www.collegenet.com
Go College	Offers free searches taken from a "random" 1/3 of their database or searches for \$9 for the complete database.	www.gocollege.com
FastWeb	Very popular scholarship search site, easy to use despite 7-page search form. Actively resells mailing created from the information you supplied but are honest about it.	www.fastweb.com
SallieMae	Search results are emailed to you within 24 hours. Search accuracy & scholarship information is outstanding.	http://scholarships.salliemae.com/
RSP Funding Focus	If you have access to AOL, very good listing of scholarships. Must have an AOL account, keyword: RSP .	http://www.rspfunding.com/
PANO'S Scholarship	Provides scholarships to Buffalo State Sophomore, Junior or Senior who are single mother over 25 and ethnic minority students.	http://www.buffalostate.edu/scholarship/x583.xml
Peterson's College Quest	Nice variety of scholarship listings, but must be a member.	www.petersons.com
Marine Corps Scholarship	Offer one year undergraduate scholarship for the children of active duty reserve of former US Marines.	http://www.marine-scholars.org/
ARMY Emergency Relief	Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers financial assistance for undergraduate study of dependent children of Army Soldiers.	http://www.aerhq.org/education_collegelinks.asp
Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation	For students who have outstanding leadership potential, plan to pursue careers in government or public service, and wish to attend graduate school.	http://www.truman.gov/
International Education Financial Aid	Scholarship & grant information for international students wishing to study abroad.	www.iefaf.org
(HRSA)Health Resources & Service Administration	Offer grant to support the health care field.	www.bhpr.hrsa.gov
Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation	Provides undergraduate scholarships to juniors & seniors who major in television & film.	www.kingfoundation.org
Fin Aid	Information on financial aid disseminated by category.	http://www.finaid.org/
HESC	Scholarships, Grants, and Fellowships offered by New York Higher Education Services Corporation.	www.hesc.com

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FindTuition.com	Free college scholarship search database.	http://www.findtuition.com
The Association of Graphic Solutions Providers	Offers scholarships to students who are interested in a career in graphics communications.	http://www.ipa.org/
Scholarships.com	The largest & fastest free college scholarship search database. Similar to FastWeb, requires an account.	www.scholarships.com
Sallie Mae	Free financial aid service offered by SallieMae. Includes thousands of private scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, internships and fellowships.	www.collegeanswer.com
National Academy of American Scholars	Private organization that awards financial & academic scholarships to college freshmen.	www.naas.org
The Roothbert Fund	Award grants for undergraduate & graduate students to study in the US.	www.roothbertfund.org
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation	Scholarship program for high school seniors.	https://www.coca-colascholars.org
Student Awards.com	Offer both US & Canadian scholarship searches, membership is recommended.	www.studentawards.com
State Farm Insurance	A list of Minority Scholarships.	http://www.statefarm.com
Super College.com	Awards for high school, college, and graduate students.	www.supercollege.com
College Funds.net	Membership required. Scholarship & financial aid resource. Professional financial aid & college scholarship advice.	www.collegefunds.net
Xap	Search thousands of different scholarship sources.	www.xap.com/getmoney/scholarship
Chela Educational Financing	Access to scholarships, loans, and helps students find affordable ways to pay for school.	www.loan4students.com
Corporation for National & Community Service	For high school juniors or seniors who have outstanding leadership in community service.	http://www.learnandserve.gov/home/site_map/index.asp
The Princeton Review	Provide searchable database for scholarships.	http://www.princetonreview.com/college/finance/
Burger King Scholarship Program	For high school seniors.	http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/bkscholars/
The Lancaster Area Chamber	Provides scholarship to adult residents of Depew, Elma or Lancaster who want to return to school, and have a financial need. Contact Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce	http://www.laccny.org

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National Collegiate Athletic Association	Minority Sports Scholarships.	http://www.ncaa.org
Siemens Foundation	Scholarships for Math, Science and Technology.	http://www.siemens-foundation.org/
Federal Scholarships & Aid Gateways	Resource for all US Federal Government Financial Aid Programs.	www.fedmoney.org/
Aid & Resources for Re-entry students	Resource for re-entry students.	www.adultstudentgrants.com
TextbookX.com	Provide scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students.	http://www.textbookx.com/scholarship/
Hispanic College Fund	Provide Scholarships to Latino students.	www.hispanicfund.org
Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)	Provide money for research that will advance the specialized practice of emergency nursing. All relevant research topics will be considered.	http://ena.org/foundation/grants
The HOPE Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits	Provide scholarship to college students.	http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PI/HOPE/index.html
Free 4u Scholarship	Search for thousands of college scholarships by major, region, religion, and more.	http://www.free-4u.com/
Arkansas Scholarship Connection	Contain few links to other scholarship database.	http://www.arkansas scholarship connection.org/
Scholars site	Allows you to search for scholarships, in Spanish.	www.scholarsite.com
Student Rewards.com	Provide searchable database for thousands of scholarships.	www.studentrewards.com
EASTMAN Scholarship Program	Awards tuition scholarships to university and college students of film, film production, and cinematography at the undergraduate and graduate levels	www.kodak.com/US/en/motion/students/program/scholarship.shtml
National Alliance for Excellence Scholarships	Offer scholarships to high school seniors, undergraduate, graduate, and returning students.	http://www.excellence.org/programs.html
Rotary International—A Global Network of Community Volunteers	This is the prestigious “rotary” organization scholarship for students who can speak another language and want to study aboard in the “host” country of that language.	http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html