

# COLLEGE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

## Scholarships

The national scholarship search sites usually require you to establish an account with them with a username and password. Don't feel like you need to limit your search to the websites listed below, but remember not to get "scammed" and do not give out credit card or bank account information. Also, you will see advertisements and links on many of these websites that lead to fee for service application sites and private student loan sites. If your goal is to find scholarships, narrow your search to that area. Many of these sites also have information on how to search for a college, college life, and other college related information. The sites are listed in alphabetical order.

Broke Scholar [www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)

College Answer [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com) – click on "Scholarship Search"

FastAid [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

Fastweb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

FinAid! [www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml) - lists several other scholarship search engines

Scholarship Experts [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

Scholarships.com [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Student Award Search Aid [www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm)

MeritAid.com

## Resources for Minority Students

Bureau of Indian Affairs [www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)

America's Black Collegians [www.am-blk-coll.com](http://www.am-blk-coll.com)

Hispanic College Fund [www.hispanicfund.org](http://www.hispanicfund.org)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

American Indian College Fund [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

United Negro College Fund [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

Black Excel [www.blackexcel.org](http://www.blackexcel.org)

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org)

Black College Dollars [www.blackcollegedollars.org](http://www.blackcollegedollars.org)

Bureau of Indian Education [www.bic.edu](http://www.bic.edu)

Gates Millennium Scholars [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)

Latino College Dollars [www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)

Scholarships for Hispanics [www.scholarshipsforhispanics.com](http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.com)

U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce <http://uspaacc.com/programs/overview> - click "College Scholarships"

## Resources for Members of the Military, Veterans, and their Families

Veterans Benefits [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Military Scholarship Finder [www.military.com/scholarships](http://www.military.com/scholarships)

## Resources for Disabled Students

FinAid for Disabled Students [www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml)

Disability Resources [www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)

National Center for Learning Disabilities [www.ncl.org](http://www.ncl.org)

**Search for scholarships that apply only to the schools in which you are interested.**

Go to the school's website and put in "scholarships" in the search bar.

Many schools have a deadline for priority consideration of November 1<sup>st</sup> or **earlier** for scholarship applications that apply to the following school year. Make sure you contact any school you may be interested in to find out deadlines that may apply. (You need to complete an application for admissions before or along with a scholarship application.)

**Follow all directions very carefully when applying for a scholarship and pay particular attention to the deadlines or dates referred to as "for priority consideration". "Priority consideration" is a nice way to say "DEADLINE". Most schools are very serious about these dates.**

### Grants

Federal Student Grants are listed here:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/grants.jsp>

Other grant opportunities are listed here: [www.collegegrant.net](http://www.collegegrant.net)

Grants provide "free money" like scholarships but the student would have to contractually agree to a list of "conditions" before receiving the grant. A good example of a long list of conditions is under the TEACH grant on the student aid website above.

### The FAFSA

**Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) . This is the only official site. Other sites require payment, this one does not. If you want to get an idea about what you might receive, do the FAFSA4caster that is on the home page for the FAFSA. In order to remain eligible for financial aid, a college student needs to do the FAFSA every year beginning with the year you start college.**