



SCHOLARSHIPS

They've got em, You want em.

How to get em.

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MYTH BUSTERS

- ❖ I can't possibly get a college scholarship because of the academic competition.
- ❖ Scholarships only go to minorities.
- ❖ Too many apply for scholarships. Not worth the effort.
- ❖ I'm a top student, so scholarships will just come to me.
- ❖ My family won't qualify for federal aid, so I don't need to complete the FAFSA or apply for financial need scholarships.
- ❖ Scholarships require a glamorous talent or great essay.
- ❖ Start searching for scholarships during your senior year.
- ❖ I should pay a company to help me find scholarships.



BE PREPARED

- ❖ Copy of Transcript and Test Scores
- ❖ Resume
- ❖ Letters of Recommendations
- ❖ Essay
 - Why I deserve this scholarship...
 - Have a thesis statement
 - Personal, Passionate, Promote Yourself
 - Obstacles and how you overcame (but not a sob story)
 - What makes you different, special and memorable
 - Be specific and use examples (avoid over generalizations)
 - Use positive language (well-prepared, qualified candidate)
 - Find an Editor (teacher, parent)

COLLEGE SPECIFIC

- ❖ Scholarship App Deadlines usually December 1st
- ❖ Must be admitted before apply for scholarships
 - Some colleges have separate scholarship applications
 - Some colleges automatically qualify for scholarships based on admission application
- ❖ Mainly based on GPA and ACT/SAT
- ❖ Home Address, College Major, Parent Alums, Church, etc.

**Largest scholarship offers come directly from college institutions!
Keep that GPA and ACT/SAT high!**

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ Set aside time every week to work on these...take initiative!
- ❖ Review and Calendar Deadlines
- ❖ What is unique about YOU? Family? Jobs? Clubs?
- ❖ Work Through the LSA Scholarship Matrix
- ❖ Utilize scholarship search engines
 - www.fastweb.com and www.potentialmagazine.com (many more!)

**The bigger your investment (time, effort, number of applications),
the bigger your return!**



SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

- ❖ Wahoo!! You've earned scholarship money! Now What???
- “Accept” or “Decline” the offer ASAP (online)
- Thank the selection committee and any recommenders
- Is it renewable? What are the restrictions to keep it? (grades, credit hours, certain major, etc.)
- Make a copy of the scholarship offer for Mrs. Matthews (whether you accepted the offer or not)



WHAT'S NEXT?

SENIORS

- ❖ Complete College Specific Scholarship Applications
- ❖ Complete the FAFSA
- ❖ Research and Apply for Private Scholarships
- ❖ Meet all Deadlines!

JUNIORS

- ❖ Complete a Resume & Scholarship Essay
- ❖ Continue to Take the ACT & Consider the SAT
- ❖ Utilize all Test Prep Options
- ❖ Research and Apply for Private Scholarships
- ❖ Meet all Deadlines!