

Free Scholarship Search Sites

<http://www.aie.org/scholarships/>

- Adventures in Education - Students can conduct a keyword search of a data base containing 10,000 scholarships.

www.collegefund.org/

- American Indian College Fund – The foundation started by 30 tribal colleges seeking to provide financial aid for Native American students across the US.

<http://careerinonet.com/scholarshipsearch/>

- Career One Stop –Search more than 7,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

- College Board Scholarship Search - The College Board’s free scholarship search utilizes a database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding totaling almost \$3 billion in scholarships and aid.

<http://www.collegescholarships.com/>

- College Connection Scholarships - This service provides free scholarship searches and personalized scholarship application letters.

https://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/scholar/scholar_search_tmpl.jhtml

- College Data - This free scholarship search allows students to save results in a “data locker”.

<http://www.collegefunds.net/>

- CollegeFunds - Their website says, “CollegeFunds.net helps you hunt down the most ideal student loan, scholarships and other financial aid resources available to you!”

<http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>

- College Net/Mach 25 - Allows you to search through 600,000 awards for scholarship matches.

www.collegeview.com/

- College Scholarship Information - Use the CollegeView's scholarship to explore thousands of national, local, and school-specific scholarships and awards.

<http://scholarships.collegetoolkit.com/scholarship/main.aspx>

- College Tool Kit -These folks allow you to search for scholarships by geography, heritage, religion, extracurriculars, family affiliation, high school, or scholarship name.

<http://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship-search/>

- Discover Nursing Scholarship Search - If you are or will be studying nursing, give this free scholarship search a try. You will probably find more nursing scholarships here than in any other source.

<http://www.ecampustours.com/scholarship-search>

- eCampus Tours - The eCampusTours search uses a database of more than 10,000 scholarship programs that distribute awards worth more than \$36 million.

<http://www.fastaid.com/>

- FastAid – The site claims to be “the world's largest and oldest private sector scholarship database.”

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

- Fast Web –very large database of free scholarships

http://www.financialaidofficer.com/scholarship_search/

- Financial Aid Officer - This free scholarship search engine lists scholarships worth \$1.45 billion.

<http://www.findtuition.com/scholarships/>

- Find Tuition - This free scholarship search site lists \$24 billion in scholarships.

<http://www.freschinfo.com/>

- Free Scholarship Search - This site doesn't list as many scholarships as some sites, but it's very well done and lists some awards not often found elsewhere.

<http://www.gocollege.com/>

- Go College - Their search encompasses 800,000 individual awards worth over \$2.8 billion in scholarships, and they say they maintain a strict privacy policy.

<http://www.iefaf.org/>

- International Education Financial Aid - The IEFA website was created to be a resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for US and international students wishing to study abroad.

www.internationalscholarship.com/

- International Scholarships Online - Provides a searchable database of grants, scholarships, and loan programs available for students preparing to study abroad.

<http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/>

- Latino College Dollars – Scholarships for Latino students regardless of immigration status.

<http://scholarships.fatomei.com/>

- Nationally Coveted Scholarships and Fellowships – This site offers national and international scholarship listing for high school students.

<http://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx>

- Peterson's - This search includes 5,000 scholarship provider with 1.5 million scholarships, grants, fellowships, prizes, and forgivable loans.

<https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/>

- Sallie Mae College Answer - Find college scholarships, information on grants, and resources to help you understand financial aid.

<http://www.scholarsite.com/>

- Scholar Site - Their introduction reads, "Welcome to ScholarSite.com, the site that allows you to search for scholastic financial aid quickly and accurately, without forcing you to lose time and privacy by entering personal information."

<http://www.scholarships.com/>

- Scholarships.com - This site claims their search allow students to "search more than 2.7 million college scholarships and grants worth more than \$1.9 billion."

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>

- Scholarships Canada - These folks call their site "Canada's most comprehensive scholarship portal."

<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/>

- Scholarship Experts - One of the best, most comprehensive free online scholarship searches available to students, parents, and educators.

<http://blackexcel.org/>

- Scholarship Gateway - Huge list of minority scholarships and resources.

http://www.myfreedegree.com/?from=%2F&tp_campaign_id=66&traffic_id=51172786/

- Scholarship Insider - Their database contains "billions of dollars of college scholarships and financial aid awards," including some for bowlers, knitters, C students, cartoonists, etc.

<http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/>

- Scholarship Monkey - Claims a data base of one million scholarships with a value in excess of \$3.5 billion. If that's not enough reason to give this site a shot, how often do you get a monkey to talk to you?

<http://www.scholarship-page.com/>

- The Scholarship Page - Started by a student in 1997, this site primarily featured engineering scholarships, but has since expanded to include others.

<http://www.schoolsoup.com/>

- School Soup - Their scholarship data base lists \$32 billion in scholarships.

<http://www.studentawards.com/canlearn/>

- Student Awards - Another Canadian free scholarship search site.

<http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/>

- Student Scholarship Search – With one of the largest database of scholarships online and a scholarship matching tool, this site will match your strengths and talents to scholarships!

<http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/>

- Study Abroad Funding - Their website says, "Our comprehensive database of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, and grants can help make your dream of studying abroad a financial possibility and a profound reality." Scholarship searches can be conducted by country or subject.

<http://www.supercollege.com/scholarships/scholarships.cfm/>

- Super College – Create a match profile to search more than 2.2 million scholarships and grants

<https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

- United Negro College Fund Scholarship Search - A free online scholarship search sponsored by the United Negro College Fund.

www.4scholarships.4anything.com

- 4Scholarships.com – Part of the 4Anything network of over 5,000 search websites, each covering a separate topic, 4Internet is a new way to search.

Avoid Scams

Here are some helpful tips on how to spot potential fraud, avoid paying for free services, and prevent identity theft:

- *"We guarantee you will receive a scholarship."* A company could claim they fulfilled their promise if you receive a \$300 scholarship. Is that worth a \$1,000 fee or more? Almost every applicant is eligible for some form of aid. A guarantee like this is, therefore, worthless.
- *"Buy now or miss your chance."* Don't give in to pressure tactics. Remember, the "missed chance" is information you could find yourself for free.
- *"You can't get this information anywhere else."* Not true. With a wealth of information available at your fingertips a legitimate source of aid will make itself widely available through a number of means.
- *"Credit card or bank account number required to hold a scholarship."* Do not give out your credit card or bank account information unless you trust the organization. You could be putting yourself at risk of identity theft.
- *"The scholarship costs money."* The concept of you have to spend money to make money does not apply here. There are thousands of scholarships you can apply to free of charge using the search engines listed. The most valuable investment you could make in this situation is your time.

But just because a scholarship sounds odd or uncommon doesn't mean it's a scam. For example, the legitimate Stuck-at-Prom scholarship contest rewards high school students who wear duct tape to their prom!

The moral of the story is to do your research. ***Happy applying!***

**The above information has been adapted from Kaplan's From Here to Freshman Year.*