



Scholarship Search Tips

The Process

- Start your search early and search often!
- Apply for both large and small scholarship amounts.
- Create a system for tracking application deadlines and requirements. Dedicate a spreadsheet, a desk, or a box to keep all your information together.
- Create a free e-mail account like Gmail or Yahoo just for your scholarship search requests and information.
- Create a portfolio of reusable materials (e.g., essays, goals, resume, etc.) that you can customize to fit a particular scholarship application.
- **Give it one last look**-proofread your materials.
- Beware of scholarship scams. Visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov for information.

Where to Look – Utilize the Internet

- *Fastweb.com*
- *Scholarships.com*
- *Collegeboard.com*
- *ScholarshipAmerica.org*

Additional Resources

High School students

Your parent's workplace
Your guidance counselor
Your high school Boosters, PTA
Your church or synagogue
Local banks and other local businesses
Local civic and community organizations
Local department stores (e.g., Kohl's, Walmart)

Maryland Residents - Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

- Visit the MHEC website at www.mhec.state.md.us for information about: *Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships*

Community Foundations

(e.g., Maryland is home to 15 community foundations like the Baltimore Community Foundation)

Organizations/Foundation that offer scholarships

American Legion
Boy Scouts of America
Buick Achievers – GM Foundation
Burger King
Coca-Cola Scholars Program
College Bound Foundation
Dell Scholars
Dunkin Donuts
Elks Club
Gates Millennium Scholars

GE-Reagan Foundation
Horatio Alger Foundation
JPK-Knapp Educational Fund
Lillis Foundation
Microsoft Scholarship Program
Northrop Grumman
Ronald McDonald House
Rotary
Ruritan
Zenie Foundation

You can also perform a web search using the following terms:

“Charitable Foundation”
“Ethnicity”
“Field of Study or Interest”
“Geographical Region”
“Professional Associations”
“Sports”
“State”
“Trust”
“Any Large Company name”