



## 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 email account like Gmail or yahoo just for your scholarship search requests and information
- Create a folder 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
- Be Patient and Persevere
- Beware of scholarship scams. Visit the Federal Trade Commission website at: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for more information.

### WHERE TO LOOK

#### Utilize the Internet

- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
- [Scholarships.com](http://Scholarships.com)
- [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com)
- [Dollars for Scholars.org](http://DollarsforScholars.org)
- [ScholarshipAmerica.org](http://ScholarshipAmerica.org)

*Did you know that Maryland is also home to 15 community foundations, like the Baltimore Community Foundation?*

#### **Maryland Residents**

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). Visit the MHEC website for information about *Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships* [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)

#### Other Places to Look

Employers  
Local department stores (e.g. Kohl's, Walmart)  
High School Guidance Counselor  
Local banks and businesses

Community and Church Organizations  
Professional Organizations

#### National Organizations/Foundation

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation  
Dunkin Donuts  
Elks National Foundation  
Gates Millennium Scholars  
Horatio Alger Association  
Microsoft Scholarship Program

Ronald McDonald House Charities/Scholars  
Siemens Foundation  
Veterans Association Education Benefit  
The Zenie Foundation

#### You can also perform a web search for outside scholarships using the following terms:

“Charitable Foundation”	“Sports”
“Ethnicity”	“State”
“Field of Study or Interest”	“Trust”
“Geographical Region”	“Any Large Company name”
“Professional Associations”	“Scholarships due in (Month, Year)”