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About the Scholarship Bulletin

The *Scholarship Bulletin* is published monthly and will be made available in our newsletter which can be viewed at www.newsletter@pinnacle.com.

- The *Scholarship Bulletin* lists a broad range of scholarships at the national, regional, and local levels. Awards are for seniors unless stated otherwise.

- Scholarship and financial aid information

is available in the newsletter. You can also search for scholarships by contacting colleges and universities, organizations you or your par-

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ents belong to, the Internet at www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org,

www.collegeboard.org, businesses, foundations, or other sources.

- We do not recommend that you send money to scholarship search services that advertise or send information to you. The same information is available free in the Career Center or online.

- Descriptions in the bulletin are brief. The scholarship website can provide more details on any scholarships that interest you.

Top Ten Scholarship Tips

...helpful tips for successful applications...

1. **GIVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES WHEN ANSWERING AN ESSAY QUESTION**
If your answer to an essay question is abstract, support it with a concrete example that illustrates your point. The sponsor wants to see evidence that you satisfy their criteria, not just unsupported statements.
2. **APPLY ONLY IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE** Read all eligibility requirements and directions carefully. Your application will not be considered if you aren't qualified to apply.
3. **IDENTIFY THE SPONSOR'S GOALS** Try to understand the sponsor's motivation in offering the award. Are they promoting interest in their field? Do they want to identify future researchers and business leaders? Identifying their goals can direct your application toward satisfying those goals, increasing your chances of winning the award.
4. **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN FULL AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**
You can give yourself a competitive advantage by following the directions carefully. Provide everything required, but don't supply things not requested. Complete the entire application. If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application rather than leaving it blank.

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5. **NEATNESS COUNTS** Make several photocopies of all the application forms to use as working drafts as you develop your application packet. It is always best to type the application. If you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Proofread the entire application carefully. Nothing is less impressive than an application with misspelled words or grammar errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.
6. **WRITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENTS RESUME** Compile a list of all your accomplishments. This will help you identify your strengths and prepare a better application. Give a copy of the resume to the people writing letters of recommendation for you. It will help them know you better.
7. **WATCH ALL DEADLINES** Impose a deadline for yourself that's at least two weeks before the application deadline. Use this time to proofread your application. You are responsible for making sure the application arrives on time. This includes supporting materials, such as letters of recommendation and transcripts. Give contributors to your application ample lead-time.
8. **MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION GETS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO** Before sending, make a copy of the entire application packet for your file. Make sure your name appears on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless the pages are clearly identified.
9. **ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT** If you have problems with the application, call the sponsor. They will be glad to help. But don't expect them to do the work for you. Completing the application is your job.
10. **YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REPRESENTS YOU** Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. It's the face you present to the sponsoring organization. Take pride in yourself by submitting the best

Scholarship Scam #1

If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam.

Scholarships with September Deadlines

Every month we will post new Scholarships that are available for you that have a deadline of the upcoming month. Check back each month to see what new scholarships are available. Apply to as many as you can . . . the more you apply to the better your chances!!

[Click Here](#) for **Scholarships with September Deadlines**

Scholarship Scam #2

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

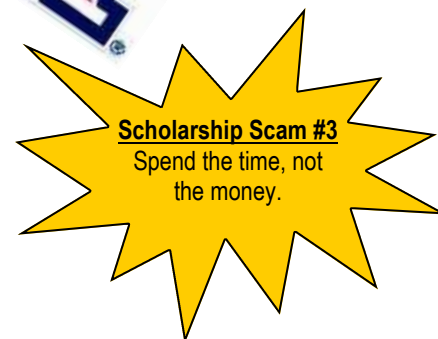


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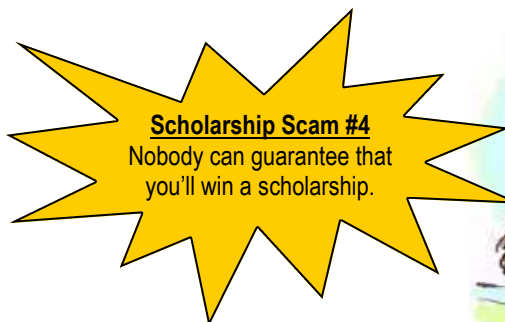
State Colleges and Universities

- www.asu.edu - Arizona State University
- www.nau.edu - Northern Arizona University
- www.arizona.edu - University of Arizona
- www.maricopa.edu - Maricopa Community Colleges



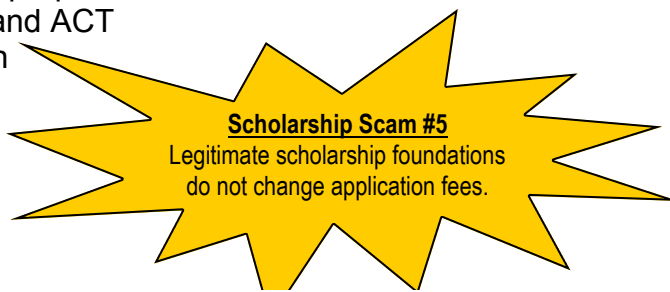
College Search and General Information

- www.usnews.com - U.S. News and World Report (Premium Version In Career Center)
- www.mymajors.com - information and interest survey suggests career/course of study
- www.campustours.com - view a college campus
- www.nacacnet.org - National Association for College Admission Counseling
- www.collegeanswer.com - on line resource for parents, students and guidance
- www.gocollege.com - find schools by matching profile
- www.studyabroad.com - resources for students who want to study abroad
- www.mycollegeguide.org - college planning and information
- staffinder.ucop.edu - compare admissions statistics among UC schools



Test Registration and Test Preparation

- www.actstudent.org - ACT test prep and registration
- www.collegeboard.com - College Board Online, SAT prep and registration
- www.princetonreview.com - college information and test preparation
- www.kaptest.com - Kaplan test preparation for SAT and ACT
- www.studyworks.com - SAT ACT preparation



Minority Scholarship Resources

There are scholarships for just about any ethnical background you may have. Click on the link below for a list of Minority Scholarships that are offered to anyone who meets the particular criteria.

[Click Here](#) for *Minority Scholarship Resources*

Scholarship Scam #6

Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships.

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Other Useful Websites

Scholarship Scam #7

If you're suspicious of an offer, it's usually with good reason.

Financial Aid, Loan and Scholarship Information

www.fafsa.ed.gov - free application for federal student aid

www.finaid.org - award winning collection of information about financial aid

www.studentaid.ed.gov - federal government site for financial aid

www.meritaid.com - lists of merit scholarships at hundreds of colleges from one site

www.fastweb.com - huge scholarship data-base

www.ventures.org - scholarships & financial aid for minority & 1st generation college bound

www.mapping-your-future.org - college, career and financial aid information

www.collegescholarships.com - college tips and scholarship search

www.salliemae.com - downloadable forms and calculators, student loans

www.upromise.com - savings/rebate program for parents of college bound

www.projectonstudentdebt.org - advocates for reduction of student debt, good loan info.

www.training.nih.gov/careers/careercenter/finaid.html - U.S. Department of Human Services financial aid and scholarship search tools

Scholarships with October Deadlines

Each month we will update new scholarships with approaching deadlines. Make sure to **STAY TUNED!**

