



## Knowledge is Power. And We're All About Empowering Students.

There are \$50 billion in scholarships given out each year. No matter what makes you stand out, there's an award for you!



**Proven Tips.** Just know that we take our tips and guidance seriously. After all, this is your future we're talking about.

### Scholarship Search Success

**Get Organized  
Before You  
Have To**

**Start Your  
Scholarship  
Search Early**  
(But It's Never  
Too Late)

**Manage Your  
Time Wisely**

**Don't Get  
Discouraged**

### Scholarship Application Top 5 To Do's

- 1. Read Directions Thoroughly.** Not following directions could disqualify your application.
- 2. Be Sure YOU do the Work.** Your scholarship application needs to be an authentic portrait of you.
- 3. Tell Your Story.** Even if you aren't sure of what your major or career path will be, indicate your intentions and interests. Share your passions and important events in your life. It's not just about your academics. Scholarship Providers want to know your story.
- 4. Plan Ahead.** Track deadlines. Sign-up for reminders.
- 5. Prepare Your Recommenders.** Provide your recommenders with key information about you and detailed directions for submitting the recommendation.

# Activity Timing Guide

We want to help you stay informed about timing and all the things to consider as you make your college dream a reality.



## Sophomore Year

- Record all of your activities:
  - Job or Family responsibilities
  - Athletics: club and high school
  - Clubs and Organizations: 4-H, Speech Team, etc.
  - Volunteer activities
  - Church/Religious Activities
  - Music/Theater/Art Activities
- Explore job fields/careers



## Junior Year

- Create a resume and keep it updated
- Start searching for potential scholarships to apply for when you are eligible in your senior year. If there is an option to set-up a profile or get reminders, do it.
- Pare down colleges you plan to apply to
- Prepare general goals and/or overcoming obstacle essays you can tweak for different scholarship applications



## Senior Year

- Search scholarships early and often. The majority of scholarships will open and close in the fall or early winter of your senior year.
- Track application close dates. Schedule time to work on scholarship applications leading up to those deadlines with specific deliverables.
- Give advance notice (2-4 weeks) to anyone who is writing a recommendation for you.

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**We're Always Doing Something that Benefits Students.**

**Search for scholarships and access resources on [scholarshipamerica.org](https://scholarshipamerica.org)**

## Other Places to Look for Scholarships:

- Local school district or high school
- Parent employers and/or any membership organizations that they are affiliated with (examples: Kiwanis, American Legion, Masons, other clubs)
- Look at colleges you are applying to. They often list both internal and community scholarships
- Search engines like: [fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com), [cappex.com/scholarships](https://cappex.com/scholarships) and scholly app ([myscholly.com](https://myscholly.com))