

Scholarships

Scholarships are FREE money that you can use to pay for college costs. Scholarships do not have to be repaid and are typically earned by exhibiting strong academics, athletics, hobbies, background, leadership, and/or community service. There are scholarships available for all sorts of interests, activities, GPA's, and grade levels, and it's never too early to start applying!

Two main types of scholarships:

- Merit - based upon your academics & achievements
- Need - based upon your family's financial need to pay for college, as well as academics & achievements

Use the sections below to look for and learn more about scholarships!

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I. Scholarship Websites

Scholarships are available to all students, in all grades! Use these websites to look for scholarships you can apply for. Some websites also allow you to create an account/profile and answer questions to get matched to scholarships!

- [Cappex](#)
 - [College Depot](#)
 - [College Resource Network](#)
 - [Fastweb](#)
 - [JLV Scholarship Blog](#)
 - [Niche](#)
 - [Scholarships AZ](#) **scholarships available to all students regardless of citizenship*
 - [Scholarships.com](#)
 - [UNIGO](#)
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II. Scholarship Lists

Use these lists of scholarships to assist you with your college! Most of the money students get to attend college often comes from the college they end up attending - apply to places that will give you money!

- [Annual Scholarships for Seniors](#)
- [Annual Scholarships for Juniors](#)

- [Colleges that Meet 100% of your Financial Need](#)
 - [Significant College-Specific Scholarships \(Full Tuition & Full Ride Programs\)](#)
 - [Significant Scholarships for National Merit Semifinalist/Finalists](#)
 - [College Board Recognition Program Scholarship](#)
(*National Hispanic Scholars, African American Scholars & Indigenous Scholars*)
 - DACA/Undocumented Student Scholarships
 - [WUE Schools](#) (discounted tuition for AZ residents at colleges in the western U.S.)
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III. Instate University Scholarship Links

Arizona State University

- [Merit Scholarships](#) (awarded through admissions; no separate application needed)
- [Obama Scholars Program](#) (need based program; see website for eligibility)
- [College Attainment Grant](#) (need based program; see website for eligibility)
- [Next Generation Service Corps](#) (leadership program & full tuition merit scholarship)

Northern Arizona University

- [Merit Scholarships](#) (awarded through admissions; no separate application needed)
- [NAU Advantage](#) (need based program; see website for eligibility)

University of Arizona

- [Merit Scholarships](#) (awarded through admissions; no separate application needed)
- [AZ Assurance Program](#) (need based program; see website eligibility)
- [Pell Pledge](#) (need based program; see website eligibility)
- [Baird Scholarship](#) (full tuition & more; must be accepted to Honors College)
- [Stamps Scholarship](#) (full ride; must be accepted to Honors College)

Pima Community College

- [Scholarship Portal](#) (use this portal to apply for merit & need based scholarships)

ALL Instate Universities - ASU, NAU, & UA (need based program; see website for eligibility)

- [Arizona Promise Program](#): Provides financial assistance for students whose federal Pell grants or other financial aid don't cover the cost of college tuition and fees. Students must be eligible for the full Pell Grant amount.
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IV. Tips for Completing Scholarships

1. Never pay to apply for a scholarship!

2. Make a scholarship goal, or treat it like a part time job - it can pay off! The more you apply to, the higher your chances are of receiving one.
3. Search for scholarships for everything that makes you who you are!
4. Edit and revise scholarship essays. Seek feedback from teachers, peers & counselors.
5. Always ask for letters of recommendation at least 2 weeks before a scholarship is due.
6. Make sure all pieces are completed and/or sent in by the deadline (application, essay, test scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.).