

Scholarship Tips

Tips for finding scholarships

- Start looking in the spring of your junior year.
- Organize scholarships in deadline order, and set aside time each week to work on scholarship essays and applications.
- If requested on the application, list activities, awards, honors classes, leadership positions, and volunteer or paid jobs. Track them using *Activities Resume* at **eqf.org/ActResume**.
- If an application requires a letter of recommendation, give the person writing the letter sufficient notice, a specific deadline, and a copy of your *Activities Resume*.
- After writing an essay, ask an adult (preferably an English teacher) to review the document for spelling, grammar, and sentence structure.
- Follow all directions, and make sure the application is complete and submitted by the deadline or it could be disqualified. This video has more tips: **<https://youtu.be/4MHQV3HeLOE>**.
- *Never* pay for scholarship services! Talk to your school counselor or contact EducationQuest about the many free options available.

Where to find scholarships

- **ScholarshipQuest at eqf.org/SQ.** Contains more than 2,000 local and state scholarships.
- **High school counselor's office/website.** Visit at least once a month during your senior year to learn about local and national awards.
- **Potential colleges.** Contact colleges of interest for a list of scholarships they offer along with information about criteria, deadlines, and application procedures.
- **National scholarship search sites.** Visit *free* sites such as:
 - CollegeBoard.org
 - ScholarshipAmerica.org
 - Fastweb.com/college-scholarships
 - MyKaleidoscope.com
 - GetSchooled.com
 - InternationalScholarships.com
 - CareerOneStop.org
 - Scholarships4HighSchool.org
- Other resources could include clubs, parents' employers, and civic organizations.