

NextStudent Scholarship Search Engine



**It doesn't grow on trees,
but free money does exist.**

Free Money

Scholarships, grants and work-study programs are considered free money because they don't have to be repaid. Grants and work-study opportunities are awarded to students based on financial need, and scholarships are available from a variety of sources for students with academic, athletic, artistic or leadership talents.

Be Smart

Regardless of a student's financial position, it's important they investigate scholarship opportunities first – before borrowing.

The NextStudent Scholarship Search Engine

NextStudent is dedicated to helping students and their families find affordable ways to pay for college. Since 1991, we've built and maintained one of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use scholarship search engines available. The NextStudent Scholarship has more than 42,000 funding sources comprised of more than 2.4 million individual awards valued at over \$3.4 billion. It's fast, completely private, and totally free of charge.

To Search for Scholarships

To use the NextStudent Scholarship Search Engine, visit www.nextstudent.com and click on "Scholarship Search." To search for scholarships, enter your personal and academic information into the fields provided and then click the button at the foot of the page. Within seconds, the NextStudent Search Engine will display all scholarships matching your profile, along with each source's eligibility requirements, application deadlines, number of awards, award amounts, and contact information.

Search Tips for Students

- Start early and search often.
- Identify your strengths and write a list of accomplishments for yourself including test scores and class rank.
- If you meet the criteria of the scholarship or grant, apply as soon as possible.
- Complete the application in full and follow directions.
- Make a copy of your application and everything that you submit.
- Watch the application deadlines.
- Always include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- Call funding sources no more than once to check application status.
- Send a thank you note.