

Searching for Scholarships



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College Costs



- College is expensive
- Investment in future
- Often hard for high school students to grasp the amount and see importance of applying for scholarships

Types of Scholarships



- Institutional (college specific scholarships)
- Local
- Private

Institutional Scholarships

- Also known as Merit Aid - typically awarded to recognize students for excelling in some area such as academics, arts, leadership, or athletics
- Also awarded to align with college goals (boosting numbers of low SES students, first generation college students, minority students, etc.)
- Some college scholarships are earmarked by donors for particular areas - business students, students from a certain area of the state/ country, etc.



Local Scholarships



- Clubs, organizations, businesses, or memorial scholarships established specifically for Worthington students
- Spring of senior year
- Posted on Counselor Website - www.wkhscounselors.com

Private Scholarships

- General Scholarship search
- Parent/ student employers
- Places of Worship
- Clubs, groups or organizations family members are involved with



Scholarship Search Websites & Apps



<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://www.chegg.com>

<http://www.goingmerry.com>

<http://www.cappex.com>

<http://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://columbusfoundation.org/students>

<http://www.scholarshipamerica.org>

Apps: Scholarships.com, Scholarship Advisory, Scholly, SAIL

<https://www.wkhsounselors.com/index.php/merit-need-based-aid/searching-for-scholarships>

Some scholarships will require that students/ families have completed the FAFSA first before the scholarship can be awarded.

- Some scholarships have financial need as a factor
- Others are set aside to meet remaining need after need-based aid has been awarded





Applying for scholarships can be a time consuming process.

Need to stay organized.

Watch deadlines.

Give them exactly what they are looking for - pay attention to details.

- Essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Official/ unofficial transcripts
- Resume

Financial Fit



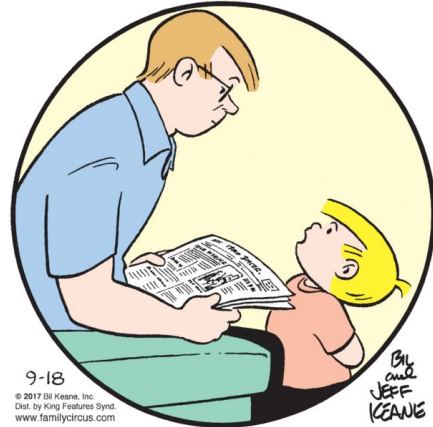
Finding a college that fits for a student does include Financial Fit.

Scholarships are one way to help make the financial fit a more realistic option.

Need to look closely to see if they are just 1 year scholarships, renewable, or for all 4 years.

FAFSA

- Opens for students and parents to complete in December
- Financial Aid Night Presentation at WKHS will be November 29th at 7pm



“Have you and Mommy figured out how much college I can afford to go to yet?”

Questions & Answers



- Please enter your questions in the chat and we will read and answer them for the group.
- Next Lunch & Learn presentation: November 10th - Topic: Career Fit & Trends