

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

Education after high school helps open doors to the **career and life** you want. There are resources available to make the cost of going to college manageable for you and your family.

You want to **find funding** to help you earn your degree or certificate, so it's time to apply for **SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS**.

Remember, you should **NEVER** pay to apply to or receive a scholarship.

Here is a list to jump-start your search:

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- **LearnMoreIndiana.org:** *Shameless plug for our own resources and scholarship programs
- **StudentAid.gov:** Federal Student Aid (This also links to the FAFSA and/or FSA ID creation)
- **Indiana529Direct.com**

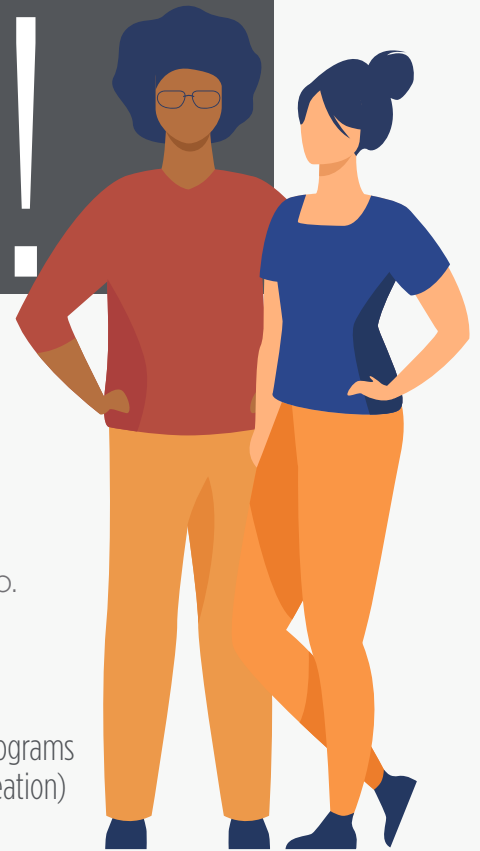
ONLINE:

These are FREE and reputable sources.

- **Fastweb.com:** Scholarship search site
- **INvestEdIndiana.org:** A nonprofit offering free financial aid counseling, FAFSA filing events, etc.
- **ScholarshipInformer.com:** Scholarship search site
- **Scholarships.com:** Scholarship search site
- **Scholarships.Collegeboard.org:** Scholarship search site
- **Check your college's financial aid website**

LOCAL:

- **Church** (if you attend)
- **Civic Organizations:** Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs International, Kiwanis International, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Future Farmers of America, etc.
- **Employers of parents/legal guardians/grandparents** (and your employer, if applicable)
- **Local businesses** in your town
- **Local/County Community Foundations**
- **Local Public Library:** Ask a friendly librarian to help search for scholarships/grants
- **Prospective college's financial aid office**
- **Volunteer organizations** (if you volunteer): see if the organization offers scholarships for college
- **If you have a hobby**, a special character trait, have a disability, etc...look into organizations or groups that are associated with that; they might have a grant or scholarship



YOU CAN DO IT! WHAT WOULD BE A BETTER GIFT TO YOUR FUTURE SELF THAN TO GRADUATE ALMOST DEBT-FREE?

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SCHOLARSHIPS EXPLAINED

Funding to Help Pay for Education after High School.

Thousands of scholarships are available every year to help students pay for the next step in their education. Scholarships vary in amount and who qualifies for them. This guide highlights scholarships available to Indiana students, as well as information on other types of scholarships and how to find them.

What type of scholarships are available?

There are scholarships for all types of skills and backgrounds. Several types of scholarships can open the doors to funding to help pay for education after high school.



Scholarship Guide

Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on skills and academic accomplishments.	Need-based scholarships are based on how much a student or their family can pay for their education.
Athletic scholarships are awarded based on participation in various sports.	Activity scholarships are awarded based on a student's involvement with a profession, hobby or extracurricular activity.
Government Scholarships are different from loans. Local, state or federal scholarships may be available for qualifying students.	Employer-sponsored tuition assistance is awarded by participating employers to employees seeking to further their education and skills.
Military scholarships are awarded based on military service.	Affinity or Identity-based scholarships are awarded based on a student's belonging to an underrepresented group.



Scholarship Tips and Tricks

- Start the application process sooner rather than later.
- Ask for letters of recommendation early.
- Review the scholarship requirements before submitting.
- Reach out to your network and ask for support.
- Pay attention to deadlines.



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