

# Paying for College: Scholarship & Financial Aid Resources



- Never pay for financial aid or scholarship information. If there's a fee, it's a scam.
- You'll find many "scholarship sweepstakes" sites online. The odds of "winning" are slim, and you end up being a marketing test subject. Your time is better spent applying directly to specific scholarships.
- Some scholarship search engines require that you set up personal accounts before you can access applications. Always be cautious about disclosing your personal information.
- For the best return on your investment of time, prioritize state and local scholarships over national ones.
- Most of your scholarship dollars will come from the school you choose to attend. Once accepted, you'll have access to internal opportunities.

**Check here first: Xello** <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/xelloinpsd/students?authuser=0>

Log into your Xello account and navigate to College Planning / Local Scholarships

You'll find a list of 87+ local scholarships vetted by PSD

## Scholarship Search Engines:

Name	Site Address
Appily	<a href="https://www.appily.com/">https://www.appily.com/</a>
Boettcher Foundation	<a href="https://boettcherfoundation.org/scholarships/prospective-scholars/">https://boettcherfoundation.org/scholarships/prospective-scholars/</a>
Bold	<a href="https://bold.org/">https://bold.org/</a>
College Board: BigFuture	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search</a>
CollegeNet	<a href="https://www.collegenet.com/focusing-promos/">https://www.collegenet.com/focusing-promos/</a>
Daniels Fund	<a href="https://www.danielsfund.org/">https://www.danielsfund.org/</a>
Fastweb	<a href="https://www.fastweb.com/">https://www.fastweb.com/</a>
Global Scholarships	<a href="https://globalscholarships.com/">https://globalscholarships.com/</a>
GoingMerry	<a href="https://www.goingmerry.com/">https://www.goingmerry.com/</a>
Greenhouse Scholars	<a href="https://greenhousescholars.org/">https://greenhousescholars.org/</a>
My Colorado Journey	<a href="https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/">https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/</a>
Niche	<a href="https://www.niche.com/">https://www.niche.com/</a>
NOCO Foundation	<a href="https://nocofoundation.org/">https://nocofoundation.org/</a>
Petersons	<a href="https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx">https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx</a>
PVREA	<a href="https://pvrea.coop/">https://pvrea.coop/</a>
Sallie Mae	<a href="https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/">https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/</a>
Scholarships.com	<a href="https://www.scholarships.com/">https://www.scholarships.com/</a>
Scholly	<a href="https://myscholly.com/">https://myscholly.com/</a>
Unigo	<a href="https://www.unigo.com/">https://www.unigo.com/</a>

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Name	Site Address
AmeriCorps	<a href="https://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward">https://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward</a>
FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid	<a href="http://www.FAFSA.gov">www.FAFSA.gov</a>
Federal Student Aid Information: US Department of Education	<a href="https://studentaid.gov/">https://studentaid.gov/</a>
FinAid!	<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>
Nelnet: Your Student Loan Servicer	<a href="https://www.nelnet.com/your-student-loan-servicer">https://www.nelnet.com/your-student-loan-servicer</a>
NSLP: Federal Family Education Loan Program	<a href="http://www.nslp.org/borrowers/">http://www.nslp.org/borrowers/</a>
Sallie Mae College Planning	<a href="https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/">https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/</a>
Saving for College: 529 Plans	<a href="https://www.savingforcollege.com/">https://www.savingforcollege.com/</a>
Student Loan Finder	<a href="http://www.estudentloan.com">www.estudentloan.com</a>
US News & World Report	<a href="http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college">http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college</a>
Veterans Administration	<a href="https://www.va.gov/education/">https://www.va.gov/education/</a>

## Scam Alerts:

Better Business Bureau : <https://www.bbb.org/en/us>

Colorado Attorney General's Office : <https://coag.gov/>

Federal Trade Commission : [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

National Fraud Information Center: NFIC : [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)

US Department of Education : [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

US Postal Inspection Service: USPIS : [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)