

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

Financial Aid Resources

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

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

National Fraud Information Center: NFIC : www.fraud.org

US Department of Education : www.studentaid.ed.gov

US Postal Inspection Service: USPIS : www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov