

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 185 scholarships vetted by PSD

Scholarship Search Engines:

Cappex <https://www.cappex.com/>

Chegg Scholarships <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

College Board: BigFuture <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

My Colorado Journey (formerly College in Colorado) <https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/journey>

CollegeNET www.collegenet.com/

Fastweb www.FastWeb.com

GoCollege www.gocollege.com

GoingMerry <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

National Education Loan Network www.nelnet.net

Niche <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>

MoolahSPOT <http://www.moolahspot.com/>

Peterson's <https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>

Scholarship Monkey <http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/>

Scholarship Page <http://www.scholarship-page.com/scholarships/>

Scholarships.com <https://www.scholarships.com/>

Scholly <https://myscholly.com/>

Unigo <https://www.unigo.com/>

Financial Aid Resources

AmeriCorps <https://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward>

College Opportunity Fund: COF In-State Tuition Stipend www.collegeincolorado.org

Compare Student Loans www.estudentloan.com

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.FAFSA.gov

FAFSA4caster www.fafsa4caster.ed.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 www.collegeanswer.com

Saving for College: 529 Plans <https://www.savingforcollege.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/scholarshipcams

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