



The following websites are widely recognized scholarship search tools. This list is not comprehensive and is provided strictly for informational reference. Merit does not recommend, endorse, or assume responsibility for any specific site or the information it may contain. Families are encouraged to review each site to determine whether it meets their needs.

Resources for SCHOLARSHIPS

SALLIE

While Sallie Mae still offers private student loans through its separate website, [sallie.com](https://www.sallie.com/) provides resources to help students navigate college beyond just loans, such as scholarships, college planning tools, and advice on campus life. Scholarships can be filtered by state. <https://www.sallie.com/>

BIG FUTURE (COLLEGE BOARD)

Widely recognized nonprofit that manages standardized tests (like the SAT/ACT) and offers an extensive, annually updated scholarship database of over 2,200 programs. Users can get matched to college scholarship opportunities based on their academic profile and completed college prep tasks.

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

CAREER ONE STOP

Free tool run by the U.S. Department of Labor, featuring a database of nearly 9,000 legitimate scholarship, fellowship, and grant opportunities. It allows you to filter searches by location, award type, and education level.

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

FASTWEB

One of the oldest and largest scholarship search engines, it uses your profile to match you with over 1.5 million scholarships. It is free to use and vetted by a professional research team to ensure legitimacy. <https://www.fastweb.com/>

GOING MERRY

Known for its user-friendly interface, it simplifies the application process by allowing students to apply for multiple scholarships with a single, auto-filled application. One of the few platforms that won't sell user data to third parties. <https://goingmerry.com/>

JLV COLLEGE COUNSELING

Independently maintained site run by a former admissions professional that curates and updates scholarship lists monthly, often including niche opportunities that are highly specific to certain criteria.

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

SCHOLARSHIPS 360.ORG

A large, reputable nonprofit organization that manages scholarships for over 1,400 companies and communities nationwide. They have awarded billions in grants and provide additional resources like mentoring and financial planning tools.



UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

You can use this site to search through hundreds of scholarship and grant programs administered by the United Negro College Fund. <https://uncf.org/>

SCHOLARHIPS.COM AND BOLD.COM

Also popular and reputable sites that offer extensive databases and personalized matching services. [Bold.org](https://bold.org) is a notable source for exclusive, no-essay scholarships, though some third-party reviews note potential issues with the volume of ads or the need for thorough vetting on older platforms.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Students already enrolled in higher learning institutions such as colleges and universities, as well as vocational and trade schools can enter for a chance to win one of the scholarships. <https://www.hsf.net/>

GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This program honors the legacy of our nation's 40th President by supporting college-bound students who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Application is now open and will close on January 5, 2026 at Noon CST. <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship>

THE GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this program offers scholarships to students of diverse backgrounds. <https://gmshp.org/>

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

(HACU) Over 160 scholarships worth \$270,000. <https://hacu.net/programs/hacu-scholarship-program/>

UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AIDE PROGRAM

The state of Utah offers several programs to provide financial assistance to students. Below are statewide scholarships that provide options for high school graduates to receive financial support to attend Utah colleges or universities. Read the information in the table and talk to your financial aid office to learn more about these, including programs for non-traditional students, adult learners, and current college students. <https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/>

Click [here](#) for a document with additional listings of National and State Scholarships regularly updated by the Counseling Office.

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UTAH SCHOLARSHIPS

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Opportunity Scholarship is a simplified, statewide, achievement-based program that encourages students to complete advanced courses in core subject areas while in high school, aims to make higher education more accessible, and rewards students for preparing academically for college.

Scholarship application opens: January 5, 2026

Priority deadline: January 23, 2026

Final deadline: March 20, 2026

<https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/opportunity-scholarship/>

UTAH PROMISE GRANT

The Utah Promise Grant is a statewide scholarship program that expands access to higher education opportunities to all Utahns by providing financial assistance to students who demonstrate financial need. For information on the application process, Contact the financial aid office at the institution where you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll.

<https://ushe.edu/utah-promise-grant/>

FIRST CREDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The First Credential Scholarship (formerly PRIME) is awarded to students who complete required concurrent enrollment (CE), career and technical education (CTE) coursework, or complete a youth apprenticeship in high school. Part 1 of the application will be available from January 5, 2026, to March 20, 2026.

<https://ushe.edu/first-credential-scholarship/>

TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Technical Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing a technical education certificate in high-demand industries. For the application period, contact the financial aid office at the institution where you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll.

<https://ushe.edu/technical-education-scholarship/>

TALENT DEVELOPMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The Talent Development Award program is intended to recruit and train individuals to work in jobs that have a high demand for new employees and offer high wages in Utah. For the application period, contact the financial aid office at the institution where you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll.

<https://ushe.edu/talent-development-award-program/>

T.H. BELL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The T.H. Bell Education Scholarship Program aims to recruit and support students who are interested in serving as public educators in Utah and who enroll in an approved education program. For the application period, contact the financial aid office at the institution where you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll.

<https://ushe.edu/t-h-bell-education-scholarship/>



Key Tips for a Successful Search

- **Never pay a fee:** Legitimate scholarship opportunities and search websites are always free. Be wary of any service that asks for payment or guarantees a scholarship win.
- **Create a dedicated email:** Many sites send frequent emails, so using a separate email address keeps your primary inbox organized.
- **Utilize a variety of sources:** To maximize opportunities, use several of these websites, as their databases may not all contain the same scholarships.
- **Check local resources:** Don't overlook local businesses, community foundations, religious organizations, and high school counselors. Local scholarships often have less competition.
- **Contact your college's financial aid office:** If you know which school you plan to attend, reach out to their financial aid office directly. They can provide information on institution-specific grants and scholarships.

BEWARE of SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

There are several companies that guarantee or promise scholarships, grants, or improved financial aid packages. According to the Federal Trade Commission, most of these companies are in fact "SCAMS". Please be wary of such companies. Please see the websites below to learn more about these issues:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/node/77477>