

# Scholarship Tips and Information



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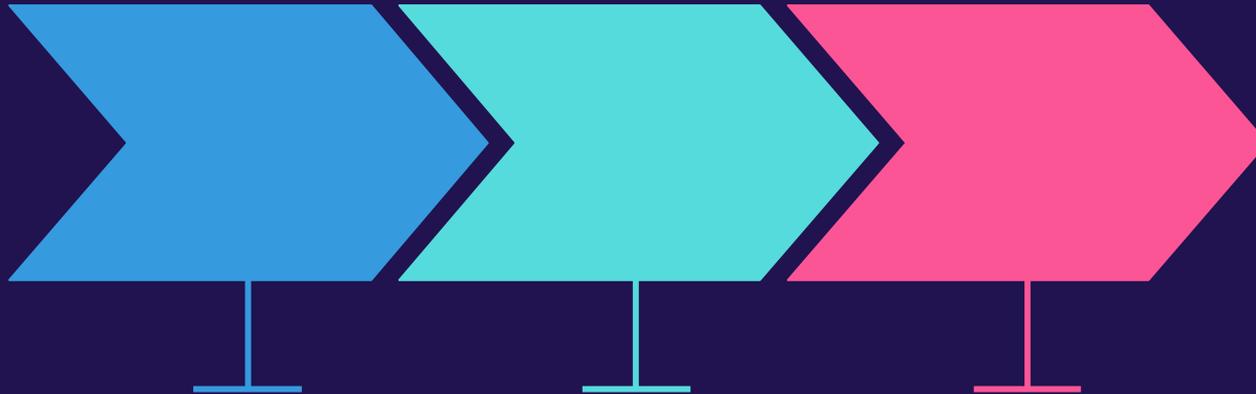
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# 01

## Scholarship Types



### **Ability**

Received based off of your athletic, artistic, etc ability.

### **Merit**

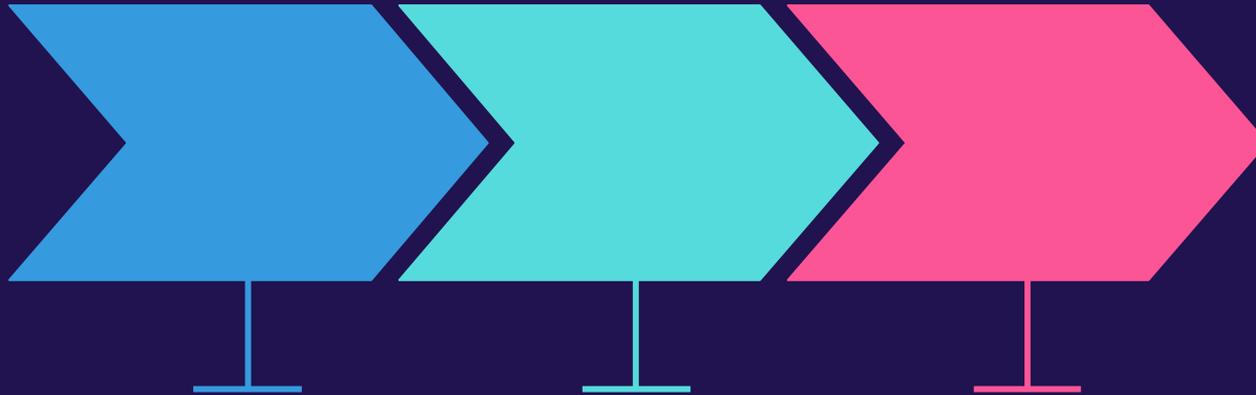
Received based off your academic ability and course rigor.

### **Need Based**

Received based off your/your family's financial need

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# Locations



## **National**

Available to students all over the U.S.

## **State**

Available to students that live in North Carolina

## **Local**

Available to students that live in Wake County/VMCCA

# National Level Scholarships

Find other sites on the VMCCA Scholarship Page

## SIX GREAT OPTIONS FOR FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

# 1

### Going Merry

#### THE NEW, COOL KID

- \$20 billion database of scholarships and aid
- Lots of local scholarships
- Bundled scholarships - One application applies you to multiple opportunities!
- Apply directly on site, with auto-filled forms
- Filter, favorite, or ignore scholarships
- No advertisements
- iOS and Android apps

# 2

### Fastweb

#### THE VETERAN

- Founded in 1995
- \$3 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters & favoriting
- Internship and part-time job search
- Android and iOS apps

# 3

### Scholarships.com

#### THE GIANT

- \$19 billion in scholarships
- Social comments section to get advice from peers
- Quick signup process
- Some advertisements (sponsored content)
- Android and iOS apps

# 4

### Chegg Scholarships

#### THE ALL-ROUNDER

- \$1 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters & favoriting
- Additional student tools to: Research colleges, Buy/sell textbooks, Find tutors

# 5

### College Board BigFuture

#### THE PLANNER

- \$6 billion in scholarships
- College search and planning tools
- Many sweepstakes-style scholarships

# 6

### College website

#### THE NEW "HOME"

Once you've gotten admitted and/or decided on a college, check out their financial aid page, which often has information on scholarships available to their students.

# State Level Scholarships



**College or  
University**



**Fraternity/Sorority**



**CFNC.org**



**Professional  
Organizations**



**Minority  
Organizations**

# State Level Scholarships

If you are looking for any scholarships specific to your college or university...



**Know the application requirements & deadlines/Read all instructions carefully.**



**FAFSA opens in December for 24-25 academic year**



**Submit FAFSA right away (see handout)**



## **CSS Profile**

College Scholarship Service PROFILE (specific schools ex/UNC CH)

# Local Level Scholarships



**Your religious  
community**



**Your parents  
employers**



**VMCCA  
Organizations**



**Local branches of  
organizations**



**Your employer**

# Examples:

**Women's Club**

**Vernon Malone  
Scholarship  
Award**

**S&ME  
Scholarship**

**NC SECU: "People  
Helping People"**

# Scholarship Tips and Tricks

NEVER pay for organizations to find you scholarships.

Do not be discouraged by smaller amount scholarships because they can add up

Millions of scholarship dollars go wasted every year because students do not apply for scholarships

Look them up at least twice a month

[VMCCA Scholarship Tab](#)

**CHECK YOUR WCPSS EMAIL!**



## Important Information:

- Student Services will send you periodic reminders to check the Student Services Scholarship tab for new scholarships.
  - We will also send you Remind messages once we have seniors register!
- This presentation will be made available on the Student Services website.
- Attend **SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT** on Thursday, 9/28, at 6:00 pm in the Media Center



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Grade**  
C/O 24