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SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE PAGE

Hello! We want to help you lower the cost of your college attendance. We've created this resource page to jumpstart your search for scholarships.

Note: These are private scholarships and are therefore not funded by the university. We encourage you to apply widely, but we cannot guarantee you will receive them. Good luck!

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

FILL OUT THE FAFSA FORM!

The FAFSA is a free application that determines your eligibility for federal, state, and college financial aid. Completing it is mandatory for most student assistance, including many private scholarships. If you have any questions, about it call or email us! We would love to help.

FAFSA LINK

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Get to know your Financial Aid Specialist! Reach out to them [here](#), or navigate to the Financial Aid tab on svu.edu.

You can also reach out via:

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APPLICATION TIPS

APPLICATION ABC'S:

WHEN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BE...

- **Authentic!** Seek and apply for scholarships based on your demographic information, culture, religion, etc.. Scholarship foundations are looking for someone like you, guaranteed.
- **Bold!** Scholarship foundations want to invest in your potential. Actively document your achievements, awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer hours, etc.
- **Creative!** Reach out to local businesses, family workplaces, high school alumni networks, community foundations, national service organizations, hobby and enthusiast groups -- ask around!
- **Diligent!** Be aware of deadlines and meet them, write essays thoughtfully, carefully revise-- For all you do, put your heart into it, and made each application the best it can be.

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SCHOLARSHIPS: WHEN? HOW?

- **Early!** Give yourself ample time to research scholarships, gather necessary documents, and write thoughtfully. Rushing leads to mistakes.
- **Frequently!** Make it a routine-- apply as consistently as time will allow, and apply year round for the most promising results. This way, you will be more aware, stay calm, and be less burnt-out.
- **Generously!** Quantify your impact by sharing specific data, metrics, and anecdotes, and contact people to who could give you high recommendation, e.g. a favorite teacher, church leader, etc.

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TIPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Here are some tips to consider for incoming freshman specifically:

- **Utilize scholarship directories and search engines--** learn more about them on the next page.
- Look for scholarships **starting in your junior year of high school.** There are tons of scholarships available then! Find suitable scholarships starting on page 8.
- **Get to know your Financial Aid Specialist.** They can help you know what scholarships are offered through the school and how to navigate your finances during your tenure here.

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UNDERSTAND YOUR TOOLS

SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORIES

- Scholarship directories are large, static **lists of scholarships**.
- They are useful for **structured, efficient, and thorough** searches, complete with categories and filters.

Explore scholarship directories here:

[Scholarships.com](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[MEFA](#)

[Native Forward](#)

[NSHSS Foundation](#)

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES

- Scholarship search engines are **databases of scholarships that use algorithms** to filter scholarships and send ones best suited to your profile.
- They provide you opportunities that are **timely, relevant, and personalized**.

Explore scholarship directories here:

[TUN AI](#)

[Fastweb](#)

[Niche](#)

[ScholarshipOwl](#)

[BigFuture](#)

[Sallie](#)

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UNDERSTAND YOUR TOOLS

THE SCHOLARSHIP REGISTRY

The Scholarship Registry is a platform that allows students to be supported by loved ones and trusted donors. It not only helps you fund your college experience, but also teaches you budgeting skills and allows family and friends to support you in a safe, secure way. **To set up your registry:**

1. Create your Registry Account
2. Create your budget
3. Connect your bank account
4. Send your profile to your friends and family so they can support you on your journey!

Funding college can be tough, but it does not have to be! Follow the link or type into a search engine:

<https://www.thestudentregistry.com/>

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SEEKING SCHOLARSHIPS

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS!

There are hundreds of scholarships out there, from art scholarships to zymology scholarships. To get you started, try looking up scholarships based on your **major, heritage, interests, military affiliation, religion**, and things of the like. You can find examples hereafter.

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SCHOLARSHIP IDEAS

INCOMING FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

It can be difficult knowing where to start as an incoming freshman. Here are some scholarships to look into as a **high school junior, senior, or current undergraduate**:

- [The Cameron Impact Scholarship](#)
- [The CAPTRUST Scholarship](#)
- [The National Videogame Museum Scholarship](#)
- [The Adam Ferrari Health Science Scholarship](#)
- [MEM Scholars Program](#)
- [The Bruce Fishkin Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards](#)
- [5 Strong Scholarship Foundation](#)
- [Kemper Human Rights Education Foundation Essay Contest](#) (open to international high schoolers too!)

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INCOMING FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

- [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program](#)
- [The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program](#)
- [The Rezvan Foundation for Excellence Scholarship](#)
- [Teacher Federal Credit Union Scholarship](#)
- [The Gill-Elliott Scholarship](#)

Reminder: these are only a few ideas-- there are hundreds more scholarships out there! Continue searching for scholarships using search engines and directories. As an aside, all of the scholarships listed here came from Scholarships.com.

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SCHOLARSHIP IDEAS

BASED ON MAJOR OR COLLEGE COURSES

- Accounting: [Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting Scholarships](#)
- Bioengineering/ Horticulture or equivalent: [National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association \(NGMA\) Scholarship](#)
- Chemistry: [NCCAUS Scholarship Opportunity, ACS Undergraduate Scholarship](#)
- Computer Science: [The SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program, RFT Cyber Security Scholarship](#)
- Environmental Studies: [Sustainability Scholarship for Rising College Seniors](#) and [Atla Sustainability Scholarship](#)
- Health Sciences: [Mary E. Smith Foundation Scholarships](#)
- Mathematics: [NCCAUS Scholarship Opportunity, SENEDIA STEM Scholarship](#)

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INTERESTS

Look for scholarships that are based on your interests, like the:

- [The Mental Health System Reform Scholarship](#)
- [Michael Moody Fitness Scholarship](#)

Some resources include: [BMI Foundation](#) (music), [Alliance for Young Artists and Writers](#), [US Sports](#), and many others!

MILITARY

Consider scholarships for military children, military aspirations, or memorial scholarships, like:

- [Military Benefits Association Scholarship](#)
- [Fisher House Scholarship for Military Children](#)
- [Airmen Memorial Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Scholarships for Military Children](#)

Look into specific resources, such as MEFA, findable [here](#).

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HERITAGE

Look into scholarships and resources for based on demographic information, including your culture, ethnicity, or beliefs. For example:

- [American Chemical Society Scholarships](#)
- [National Forum for Black Public Administrators Scholarship](#)
- [American Indian College Fund](#)
- [APIA Scholars](#)
- [Christian Missionary Scholarship Foundation](#)
- [Stoody-West Fellowship](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are scholarships specifically for international students!

- [IMG Global Scholarships](#)
- [International Student Scholarships](#)

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FOR THOSE IN SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL NEED

If you are in serious financial need, do not fret! There are plenty of scholarship opportunities available to you, such as:

- [Omi & Opi's Scholarship](#)
- [Need Based Scholarships](#)
- [Communication Sciences and Disorders Scholarship](#)

AND MANY OTHERS!

Get creative! Here are a few miscellaneous scholarships to get the gears turning:

- [American Quarter Horse Association Scholarships](#)
- [Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [Rehabs Scholarship](#)
- [International Essential Tremor Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Lisa Michelle Memorial Fund Scholarship](#)

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ONWARDS, TO GREATER HEIGHTS!

GOOD LUCK!

Now, you have all the tools you need to succeed!

Remember that you are not alone in your endeavors. If at any point you are feeling discouraged or have questions to ask, please stop by the Financial Aid Office.

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