There are a multitude of scholarship opportunities available to students who are willing to “search.” Companies, unions, foundations, community organizations, and others sponsor scholarships each year ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Searching for scholarships takes time and energy, but keep in mind that it’s free money.

**MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BASED ON CRITERIA LIKE:**
- grades - academic performance
- chosen major
- organization affiliation
- gender
- leadership ability
- artistic ability
- race, ethnicity, or cultural background
- religious affiliation
- parent(s)’ organization affiliation
- parent(s)’ place of work
- military background
- economic need

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SITES**
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)
- [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)
- [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov)
- [www.carpediemfoundation.org](http://www.carpediemfoundation.org)
- [www.dosomething.org/brick](http://www.dosomething.org/brick)

**PROGRAM SPECIFIC**
- [www.choosenursing.com](http://www.choosenursing.com)
- [www.minoritynurse.com](http://www.minoritynurse.com)
- [www.campusrn.com](http://www.campusrn.com)
- [www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com)
- [www.apta.org (PT)](http://www.apta.org)
- [www.aotf.org (OT)](http://www.aotf.org)
- [www.capa.net.org (PA)](http://www.capa.net.org)
- [www.aawpinc.com (DPM)](http://www.aawpinc.com)
- [www.aanpfoundation.org (FNP)](http://www.aanpfoundation.org)

**POPULATION SPECIFIC**
- [www.thepointfoundation.org (GLBT)](http://www.thepointfoundation.org)
- [www.uncf.org (African American)](http://www.uncf.org)
- [www.hsf.net (Latina/o)](http://www.hsf.net)
- [www.collegefund.org (Native American)](http://www.collegefund.org)
- [www.uspaacc.com (Asian American)](http://www.uspaacc.com)

**SCAM WARNING SIGNS**
- You Have to Pay a Fee
- Money-Back Guarantee
- Credit Card/Bank Account Information Required
- Offers Exclusive Information

**COMMON SCAMS**
- Phony scholarship - promises cash if you pay a registration fee
- Phony scholarship matching service - pay a fee and they guarantee you will win awards
- Phony educational loan - pay a fee and receive a low interest rate
- Phony financial aid seminar