



SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

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
- www.fastaid.com
- www.edfund.org
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.healthprofessions.ca.gov
- www.carpediemfoundation.org
- www.dosomething.org/brick

PROGRAM SPECIFIC

- www.choosenursing.com
- www.minoritynurse.com
- www.campusrn.com
- www.discovernursing.com
- www.apta.org (PT)
- www.aotf.org (OT)
- www.capa.net.org (PA)
- www.aawpinc.com (DPM)
- www.aanpfoundation.org (FNP)

POPULATION SPECIFIC

- www.thepointfoundation.org (GLBT)
- www.uncf.org (African American)
- www.hsf.net (Latina/o)
- www.collegefund.org (Native American)
- www.uspaacc.com (Asian American)

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

