

# I want to search for scholarships.



Free Arkansas scholarship search. [www.fundmyfuture.info](http://www.fundmyfuture.info)

AR Dept. of Higher Education <http://scholarships.adhe.edu/>

## Top Ten Tips to Getting a Scholarship

Scholarships are typically awarded by schools and private organizations. Use the following tips to help you maximize your scholarship opportunities:

1. Be involved in **community service activities** throughout high school. There are generally a number of community scholarships available.
2. Create and maintain a **success resume** from freshman year through your senior year in high school. Capturing your accomplishments on an annual basis will help you prepare for scholarship applications and build your personal brand.
3. Consult with your **high school guidance counselor**, especially for local and regional scholarship information. Some high schools may even assign a guidance counselor as a scholarship coordinator.
4. When writing a scholarship essay, make sure **you write it in your own voice**. Also, make sure you use **spell check** and have someone else proofread your essay.
5. Start applying for scholarships in the **fall of your senior year of high school**. You will want to take advantage of scholarships with early application deadlines.
6. Scholarship deadlines can vary. Develop a **scholarship deadline spreadsheet** to keep you organized and on time.
7. **Be mindful of the details!** Carefully read the instructions and make sure your application is filled out correctly and you have included requested items. Some scholarships will request financial information to determine a candidate's need.
8. **Apply and keep applying.** You can save time by tailoring an existing essay for multiple scholarship applications.
9. If a scholarship interview is required, **dress professionally**. You will also want to make sure your **social media** accounts do not have any **inappropriate content or pictures**. You only have one chance to make a first impression.
10. Continue to apply for **upper-class scholarships** during your freshman year in college. Even if you are turned down your freshman year, there are scholarships available for college sophomores and juniors.

## The Top 5 *FREE* Scholarship Search Engines According to US News:

### [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Fastweb, which has helped 50 million students find money since the site was founded 15 years ago, was the first online scholarship matching service and the first free national scholarship matching service. Fastweb's site indicates they currently have roughly 1.5 million scholarships worth \$3.4 billion in their database.

### [CollegeNet.com](http://CollegeNet.com)

CollegeNET is a technology company that builds web-based tools for event and academic scheduling, prospect and admissions management, tuition processing, and alumni development for colleges and universities. CollegeNET also operates a scholarship search engine and social network where students create topics, participate in discussions, and vote on scholarship winners.

### [CollegeBoard.com](http://CollegeBoard.com)

The College Board was founded in 1900 and currently helps 7 million students annually prepare for higher education. The College Board began publishing their book of scholarships in 1997 and since then has made the information available online. Their scholarship database contains more than 2,300 scholarship opportunities, totaling nearly \$3 billion.

### [Scholarships.com](http://Scholarships.com)

Founded in 1999, Scholarships.com now claims to be the largest free and independent scholarship search and financial aid information resource on the Internet, with more than 2.7 million scholarships worth a total of \$19 billion in their database.

### [ScholarshipMonkey.com](http://ScholarshipMonkey.com)

ScholarshipMonkey.com claims their database provides students access to more than 1 million undergraduate, graduate, and professional scholarship awards worth in excess of \$3 billion from greater than 4,000 sources. Like the other search engines in this article, they are committed to providing their service free of charge.