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3rd PARTY SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

Compiled from public scholarship sites and other informational sources for Counselors, Teachers, Parents, Students in their efforts to locate college monies. Tennessee Tech does not vet or endorse specific outside scholarships or scholarship search engines.

- **Scholarships.com** (<https://www.scholarships.com>) - The free scholarship search is one of the most established and robust, tracking a reported \$19 billion in scholarships. After you fill out a profile, the site will use your criteria to filter through all scholarships to generate a short list.
- **Fastweb.com** (<https://www.fastweb.com>) owned by parent company Monster.com, is also a free scholarship search provider that claims to have more than 1.5 million scholarships in its database. Like scholarships.com, the site will find scholarships in its database and email you matches, deadlines and newsletters. *Expect a flood of emails as you begin your scholarship search, Recommend creating an email address specifically to field scholarship searches.*
- **FinAid.org** (<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>) FinAid was established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. This award-winning site has grown into the most comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools -- on or off the web. Access to FinAid is free for all users and there is no charge to link to the site. FinAid has earned a stellar reputation in the educational community as the best web site of its kind. It's comprehensive, it's informative, it's objective -- and it's the first stop on the web for students looking for ways to finance their education.
- **CollegeData** (<https://www.collegedata.com/en/pay-your-way/scholarship-finder/>) Find scholarships that match the eligibility criteria you enter for GPA, gender, residency, ethnicity/heritage, religion and area of study — some of the most common eligibility criteria. Add keywords to find scholarships with eligibility requirements in other areas.
- **Broke Scholar** (<https://www.brokescholar.com>) Broke Scholar doesn't require any personal information to search for opportunities, and the search criteria is easy to use. They also have information on grants and fellowships, giving your student more options to explore.
- **Chegg.com** (<https://www.chegg.com>) Chegg is a textbook website that has a scholarship search function, offering more than 25,000 scholarships. The site also offers online tutors to help students with their scholarship essays.
- **Cappex.com** (<https://www.cappex.com>) Cappex allows students to search both schools and scholarships, with a database of more than \$11 billion in scholarships. A proprietary calculator also allows students to gauge their chances of getting into prospective schools with user-generated data.
- **JLV College Counseling** (<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/>) Jessica Velasco, a former admissions officer, started JLV College Counseling, which offers information on various scholarships. Velasco also posts scholarships every Saturday on her Facebook page with upcoming application deadlines. Via her blog, Velasco offers scholarship and college admissions tips and advice.
- **CollegeNet.com** (<https://www.collegenet.com>) CollegeNet.com is a service that not only works to develop applications and web-based events, but it also provides an entire search for students who are interested in seeking out updates and newly-promoted scholarships nationwide. The database is updated monthly at CollegeNet.com, giving students new scholarships to review and to vote on once becoming a member of the site themselves.
- **College Scholarships.org** (<http://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/101-grants.htm>) The following list of education grants is expansive in the scope of the programs it covers, but it is by no means exhaustive.

Some of the 101 listings are for single grant programs, while others are a gateway to a list of further financial aid programs.

- **The College Board** (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>) The College Board's comprehensive BigFuture site helps students look up information about colleges and how to pay for school. Its scholarships search engine provides information on more than \$6 billion in scholarships, financial aid and internships
- **Niche.com** (<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>) On Niche.com, students can gain a sense of each school's "personality," Hartley says, by reading student reviews. They can also search for scholarships. Niche pairs students with the scholarships that match their qualifications, with student-friendly categories like no-essay scholarships.
- **Unigo.com** (<https://www.unigo.com>) Unigo hosts millions of available scholarships and makes it easy to search by type, including athletic scholarships, college-specific scholarships, company-based scholarships, minority scholarships, major-specific scholarships, state-specific scholarships and more. You can search by category or create a personal profile to get more specific results that match your needs. Unigo also offers scholarship contests and sweepstakes.
- **MoolahSPOT.com** (<http://Moolahspot.com>) Everything we offer is completely free. We invite you to explore the site. Find some free money and participate in our moolahSPOT forums. As you connect with others who are working hard to find the money to make their educational or career dreams a reality, you, too, may decide to call yourself a moolahSPOTTER. This is our code word for those of us who share the values of hard work and education when it comes to making and saving money.
- **ScholarshipMonkey.com** (<http://www.ScholarshipMondy.com>) Scholarship Monkey allows you to search for scholarships a few different ways. You can search by keyword, browse scholarship lists (various categories/topics) and also see lists of the latest and featured scholarships. The site also allows you to create a personal profile for more accurate results.
- **Merit Scholarship List** (<https://meritscholarshiplist.com>) We recently found this website that has aggregated merit scholarship information from universities all over the country. Wendy Nelson, a mother who helped her own children graduate debt free created this database.
- **CareerOneStop.org** - part of the U.S. Labor Department's Free Search Tool (<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>) According to the official Student Aid website, this free tool is a great resource for students to search more than 7,500 scholarships, grants and other various types of financial aid award opportunities.
- **SallieMae.com** (<http://www.SallieMae.com>) is a well-known education and student loan provider. The site's College Planning page has a scholarship portal where you can search based on your field of study, hobbies and other parameters. Create a personal profile in order to get the most accurate matches that fit your needs.
- **Peterson's** (<https://www.petersons.com>) Peterson's hosts \$10 billion in scholarship opportunities and provides information to help you in your search. Once you fill out a short survey, you can filter your search results so they're tailored to your specific needs. The site also allows users to search by a variety of different topics, college types and personal details — in order to give you the best results.
- **Student Scholarships** (<https://studentscholarships.org>) Student Scholarships uses a variety of categories to organize their information, and a search bar also gives your child to search by their criteria. Handy career-oriented Q&A's are also available, letting your child learn more about a range of professions (which is helpful if your child is undecided about their major).
- **Tuition Funding Sources** (<https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com>) While they tout millions of scholarships, we find the list quickly dwindles down when you put in your child's search criteria. Still, even if you find a few legitimate scholarships, the search engine makes it quick and easy to narrow down the list. It's worth checking out.
- **GoodCall** (<https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/search/>) We say it on every page, but it bears repeating. The best decisions are backed by data, and our mission is to give you the knowledge, tools,

and tips you need to make Good Calls when it comes to three key components of every person's life: securing an education, finding the right home, and saving for the future. Our help is not only free, it's transparent, easy to understand, and adaptable to your situation. Why? Because we want you to make the best choices for choices about the important decisions in your life.

- **Savingforcollege.com [Scholarships for those with any type of cancer]**
<https://www.savingforcollege.com/article/cancer-scholarships> More than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. An even greater number of parents of college-age children die of cancer. Cancer is a source of stress on a family, both financial and non-financial. Cancer drains family resources that otherwise could help send their children to college. Cancer scholarships can help alleviate some of that stress.
- **Forbes [Ten Scholarships for Average Students Who are not Athletically Inclined]**
(<https://www.forbes.com/sites/financialfinesse/2012/02/23/ten-scholarships-for-average-students-who-are-not-athletically-inclined/#21fdf4327298>) A good article with links to 10 of these types of scholarships.
- **Unique Scholarships** (article
<https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/unusual-college-scholarships/0>
There are countless scholarships out there designed to reward athleticism, a high GPA, or community engagement, but what about all the students who do not fall into these categories? Are they supposed to work through college without financial support? Of course not! Here's your chance to finally cash in on the quirky, weird, and unique traits that make you your own person: someone who is entirely their own. Stressed about finding these scholarships? Not to worry, because we've already done the work for you and gathered the top unique and unusual scholarships for the 2018-2019 schoolyear.
- **High School Websites** - Don't overlook your own high school's website, which may have a list of local scholarships. These scholarships can have less competition than those posted to national databases, Matthews says. Stezala adds that if your high school doesn't have a list, you should check websites of other area high schools. "Some will post it publicly, and some won't," she says.
- **Community Foundation Websites** - Like your high school website, families should check local community foundations' websites, which may also host a list of area scholarships. "*You have to look at what is available in your local community, which may not show up on these large national websites,*" Stezala says, adding that there are lots of local scholarships from social organizations, like the Elks Lodge, or veterans groups such as the American Legion.
- **College Websites (where you're applying)** - Although not all schools award merit-based scholarships, those that do are very valuable because they'll likely renew all four years. But the process for giving out scholarship money varies from school to school. You should also check the department of the major you're considering, which may have its own scholarships and process for awarding them.

More tips for finding a college scholarship

The Department of Education recommends using the following free resources to find more information about scholarships and other financial aid opportunities:

- The financial aid office at a college or career school
- A high school or TRIO counselor
- Federal agencies
- Your state grant agency
- Your library's reference section
- Foundations, religious or community organizations, local businesses, or civic groups
- Organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest

- Ethnicity-based organizations
- Your employer or your parents' employers

LOCAL PLACES TO ASK...

Local businesses and organizations often have scholarships available for students. These can include, but are not limited to, the following: Banks; Business Chains (supermarket, clothing, financial institutions, drug stores, restaurants, soft drink companies, insurances,... ; non-profits like Rotary, Lions Club, Pace Setters, Shriners, etc; Funeral homes & Memorial scholarships; Military (ROTC, Veterans Assoc); Fairest of the Fair; PTO; Newspapers & Radio stations;

*Note - Just looking through the yellow pages (online and phone book), you can find numerous local businesses that are chain companies that may offer scholarships.

HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP/BOOKS ARTICLES / LINKS

- **US NEWS -**
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2017-09-14/10-sites-to-kick-off-your-scholarship-search>
- **SAVING FOR COLLEGE -**
<https://www.savingforcollege.com/articles/5-secrets-to-winning-a-college-scholarship-740>
- **Opportunity Guide & Workbook -** <https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html>
- **TN State Colleg Pays -** <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college.html>
- <https://bookscouter.com> - BookScouter helps you sell textbooks and used books for the most money by comparing offers from over 35 book buyback vendors with a single search.
- **US NEWS -**
https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/how-to-find-and-secure-scholarships-for-college?src=edu_advice7
- **The Frugal College Experience**
<https://www.frugalwoods.com/2015/07/15/our-guide-to-a-very-frugal-yet-still-awesome-college-experience/> Some tips to lessen the financial impact of college