

# Scholarship Toolkit

Outside scholarships are an excellent supplemental source of financial aid to help cover remaining costs after financial aid from your school. Learn more below!


## Key facts

### Outside scholarships....


- Are private sources of financial aid.
- Usually require an application - separate from FAFSA - and sometimes require an essay
- Are offered by national corporations/institutions, local businesses, community-based organizations, and private foundations.
- Have varying deadlines. Check early and often during your search process!
- Can usually be applied to any school, but some have restrictions.

## Scholarship search tips

### Assemble the pieces needed for applications

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- **Two or more letters of recommendation** from non-family adults who know you well, such as teachers, counselors, coaches, and supervisors.
  - Official high school **transcript** (or college transcript if you are a current college student).

### Search local scholarships first

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- Find scholarships from your city, state, or region.
  - Your school, neighborhood, community organization, employer, or place of worship may have scholarships they sponsor.

### Find scholarships that fit you

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- Check requirements for GPA, neighborhood of residence, ethnicity, family income, and leadership or volunteer experience.

# "About Me"

Use this worksheet to help you identify scholarships you may be eligible for based on certain characteristics. You can also provide this sheet to anyone writing you a recommendation, in case they need more information about your personal details.

<b>GPA, SAT, ACT, etc.</b>	
<b>Ethnicity / cultural background</b>	
<b>Neighborhood</b>	
<b>Academic interests</b>	
<b>Hobbies</b>	
<b>Honors, awards, recognition, or achievements</b>	
<b>School clubs, activities, and sports</b>	
<b>Volunteer work and community service</b>	
<b>Work history (formal and informal)</b>	
<b>References (name, relationship, contact info)</b>	

# Local Scholarship Resources

Region	Organization/Name	Website (hyperlinked)
<b>Boston</b>	uAspire's list for MA high school students	<a href="http://uaspire.org/ma-scholarship-list">http://uaspire.org/ma-scholarship-list</a>
	uAspire's list for MA college students	<a href="http://uaspire.org/ma-college-scholarship-list">http://uaspire.org/ma-college-scholarship-list</a>
	University Club of Boston	<a href="https://www.uclub.org/scholarship-program">https://www.uclub.org/scholarship-program</a>
	Edwards Scholarship Fund	<a href="https://edwardsfund.org/">https://edwardsfund.org/</a>
	City of Boston Scholarship	<a href="https://www.boston.gov/education/city-boston-scholarship-fund">https://www.boston.gov/education/city-boston-scholarship-fund</a>
<b>Bay Area</b>	uAspire's list for CA high school students	<a href="http://uaspire.org/bay-HS-scholarship-list">http://uaspire.org/bay-HS-scholarship-list</a>
	uAspire's list for CA college students	<a href="http://uaspire.org/bay-college-scholarship-list">http://uaspire.org/bay-college-scholarship-list</a>
	Education First	<a href="https://educationfirst.org/our-scholarships/">https://educationfirst.org/our-scholarships/</a>
	Oakland Promise Scholarship	<a href="https://scholarships.oaklandpromise.org/">https://scholarships.oaklandpromise.org/</a>
	Good Tidings Community Service Scholarship	<a href="https://goodtidings.org/impact/education-and-scholarships/">https://goodtidings.org/impact/education-and-scholarships/</a>
<b>New York</b>	uAspire's list for NY college students	<a href="http://uaspire.org/ny-scholarship-list">http://uaspire.org/ny-scholarship-list</a>
	The New York Times College Scholarship Program	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/company/the-new-york-times-college-scholarship-program/">https://www.nytimes.com/company/the-new-york-times-college-scholarship-program/</a>
	Royal Business Bank Scholarship Program	<a href="https://www.apcf.org/royal-business-bank-scholarship-open">https://www.apcf.org/royal-business-bank-scholarship-open</a>
	Greenhouse Scholars	<a href="https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/">https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/</a>

# Additional Scholarship Resources

## Identity-based scholarships

Identity/Group	Organization/Name	Website (hyperlinked)
<b>Asian American / Pacific Islander</b>	APIA Scholarship Program	<a href="https://apiascholars.org/">https://apiascholars.org/</a>
	USPAACC	<a href="https://uspaacc.com/programs/education">https://uspaacc.com/programs/education</a>
<b>Arab American / Middle Eastern</b>	The Arab American Institute	<a href="https://www.aaiusa.org/scholarships">https://www.aaiusa.org/scholarships</a>
<b>Black / African American</b>	United Negro College Fund	<a href="https://uncf.org/">https://uncf.org/</a>
	NAACP	<a href="https://naacp.org/find-resources/">https://naacp.org/find-resources/</a>
<b>Hispanic / Latinx</b>	Hispanic Scholarship Fund	<a href="https://www.hsf.net/">https://www.hsf.net/</a>
	LULAC	<a href="https://lulac.org/programs/education">https://lulac.org/programs/education</a>
<b>LGBTQ+</b>	Point Foundation Scholarships	<a href="https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships">https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
	League Foundation Scholarships	<a href="https://www.leaguefoundation.org/">https://www.leaguefoundation.org/</a>
<b>Native American / American Indian</b>	American Indian College Fund	<a href="https://collegefund.org/students/">https://collegefund.org/students/</a>
	American Indian Education Fund	<a href="http://www.nativepartnership.org/">http://www.nativepartnership.org/</a>
<b>Undocumented Students</b>	Golden Door Scholars	<a href="https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/">https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/</a>
	The Dream.US National Scholarship	<a href="https://www.thedream.us/scholarships">https://www.thedream.us/scholarships</a>

## Scholarship search engines

- **CollegeBoard:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search>
- **Fastweb:** <https://fastweb.com>
- **Cappex / College Greenlight:** <https://cappex.com/scholarships>