

Mount Si High School - Career Center

Scholarship Information

Scholarships offer money for college that does not need to be repaid. Scholarships can be based on whatever criteria are important to the organization or individual offering the funds. Never pay someone to search scholarships for you!

The total financial aid package that will pay for college costs could include a combination of grants (free \$), work study (job), federal and private loans, and scholarships (free \$ from the college or from sources outside the college).

Free scholarship sources are shown below.

- **National Scholarships** - Students across the country compete for national scholarships. Choose one or more websites from the list below. The first time the website is used, you'll need to create a profile to narrow the number of matches. Each of these websites offer free scholarship information.

www.scholarships.com

www.finaid.org

www.schoolsoup.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.princetonreview.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.gocollege.com

- **Washington scholarships** - Offers information on scholarships available to Washington students who plan to attend college in-state or out-of-state. Visit www.theWashBoard.org.
- **State programs** - for students planning to attend schools in Washington. Check the Higher Education Coordinating Board's website: www.hecb.wa.gov/paying; on the left side, click on *WA State Aid Programs*.
- **WUE-Western Undergraduate Exchange Program scholarship** - Students may be able to save tuition money with the WUE program if they go to an out-of-state public school in one of 15 western states. Check the website to see if the college participates in this program: www.wiche.edu/sep or www.wiche.edu/wue.
- **Check with your chosen colleges for:**
***Merit based (grades, community service, other) scholarships - and -
Need based (financial need) scholarships***
A college may also be able to supplement money in addition to what you receive from the federal government when you submit the FAFSA on/after January 1st during your Senior year. The college may offer scholarships for honors programs, athletics, departmental/field of study and others.

Watch all deadlines! Colleges have financial aid and scholarship deadlines which are different from the admission application deadline-don't miss out!

- **Guaranteed scholarships offered by individual colleges** - Check this website for a list of scholarships given by the individual colleges to incoming freshmen if the student meets the criteria. These scholarships are limited in number, and do not require an interview, essay, portfolio, audition, competition or other secondary requirement.
- **Scholarships at community and civic organizations** - Lions Club, Y (YMCA), Kiwanis, religious organizations and church groups, Chamber of Commerce, military organizations, foundations and student organizations.
- **Professional organizations** family members belong to, such as medical, legal, engineering, accounting.
- **Unions** also offer scholarships to their members' children.
- **Employers** - Scholarships through your *parent/guardian's employer and where the student works*. Check with the Human Resources Dept. for scholarships and tuition programs.
- Hispanic scholarship, college information: <http://www.hsf.net/innerContent.aspx?id=80>
Native American scholarship information: <http://oedb.org/scholarship/native-american>
www.indianeducation.spps.org/Scholarship_Information.html
- **Local scholarships for MSHS students**. Application packet is given out at the Senior Meeting scheduled on **Wednesday morning, March 2**, at MSHS; deadline to return the local scholarship application is Friday, March 18. The competition for these scholarships will be only the other Seniors in your graduating class who apply for each of the 40+ different scholarships.

Calculating the Cost of College:

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Estimate your FAFSA results

www.salliemae.com/plan

Estimate the total education cost

www.finaid.org/calculators
www.collegeboard.com

Offers many calculators
Click on *Pay for College* at the top

www.projectopportunity.net

Independent/private college costs

Net Price Calculator
on each college website

New! Each college will provide an estimate of the actual costs to attend their school. Check their website.

For tips on how to apply for a scholarship, visit:
www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarshipsandaid
and click on the title in the first box: *How to Apply for a Scholarship*

Additional free websites for scholarship information:

www.nela.net NW Education Loan Association (NELA) is a Seattle-based nonprofit organization

www.CheckOutACollege.com Information if you plan to go to a community or technical college in Washington state. Click For Parents, then Ways to Pay

www.supercollege.com Find scholarships to pay for college

www.gmsp.org Gates Millennium Scholarship Program
For minority scholarship information, click on Scholarship Links on the left.

www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp Sallie Mae website for college answers

www.collegeboard.com Click on the green box in the middle titled *For Parents*

www.studentaid.ed.gov Under the MyFSA heading, click on *Financial Aid and Scholarship Wizard*

www.applyweb.com Click on *Scholarships*; enter a keyword such as soccer to search

www.google.com or www.blackle.com or www.bing.com
If you have a specific interest or passion, use a search engine to check for scholarships

www.meritaid.com Comprehensive directory of merit and academic scholarships

www.wtb.wa.gov/WAVEWebpagenew.asp Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarship from the state for students taking CTE classes who have financial need.

ROTC Scholarships:

www.goarmy.com/rotc (Army)

www.nrotc.navy.mil (Navy and Marines)

www.afrotc.com (Air Force)

Athletes, check out these websites:

www.ncaa.org.

www.athleticaid.com

www.college-athletic-scholarships.com

www.athletic-scholarships.net Community college recruiting information

Connect with college recruiters and high school athletes on these free websites:

www.takkle.com

www.collegesportsconnection.com

www.berecruited.com

www.varsityedge.com

Read Ben Kaplan's book: "Go to College for Free" for practical advice

Websites for financial aid information:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

1-800-4-FED AID (1-800-433-3243)

Federal government's financial aid website. FAFSA form is here.

Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1 to see if you qualify for grants, work-study (job), loans from the federal government.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Get an early start on the financial aid process with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student financial aid using the FAFSA4caster

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

Comprehensive guide called: *Funding Education Beyond High School*.

www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov

The Dept. of Education's website is a must for any college-aid seeker.

www.students.gov

The federal government's website for students.

www.hecb.wa.gov/paying

Information from the Higher Education Board in Washington State.

www.nela.net

NELA is the Northwest Education Loan Association, a non-profit organization offering free services for college students and their families.

Onsite internet access, career & college reference material, individual counseling sessions.

www.finaid.org

FinAid website

www.college-scholarships.com

Contact information for college admissions and financial aid offices, and more.

www.collegeplan.org

Information on selecting colleges, financial aid and scholarships.

www.get.wa.gov

State sponsored college savings plans.

www.adventuresineducation.org

Offers planning for college costs.

www.nasfaa.org

National Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). Click on: Parents & Students.

www.nelliemae.org

Nellie Mae, a national non-profit student loan financing/service.

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

National Center for Education Statistics