

SCHOLARSHIPS 101



QUESTION #1: WHERE and WHEN DO I LOOK?

ANSWER: **NOW!** Apply for scholarships early and *watch the deadlines!* Check scholarship postings regularly **and** often at these resources:

- Galena College & Career Center website (**YOU** must check!): <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/9336>
See QR code posted outside Career Center!
- Online scholarship databases (**YOU** have to look and apply on time) which may include the following:
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com www.studentscholarships.org
www.TuitionFundingSources.com www.collegesportsscholarships.com
www.Cappex.com/greenlight www.unigo.com

DO NOT PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES and USE CAUTION WHEN PROVIDING PERSONAL INFORMATION!

- Galena General Scholarship Application:** this is THE one application we use for awards directly from Galena High School. The application will be available in November/December 2023
- College Financial Aid Offices: check with those you wish to attend or have applied to!
UNR: www.unr.edu/financial-aid; TMCC: www.scholarships.tmcc.edu
- Local and regional foundations, organizations, and businesses
- Parent/student employer(s)
- Religious, service, cultural and civic/community organizations
- Family connections
- DO NOT USE ANY SCHOLARSHIP OR FINANCIAL SEARCHES WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT OR A FEE!**

REMEMBER: You do NOT have to be a genius, star athlete, or talented artist to qualify! Scholarships can be based on hobbies, interests, accomplishments, organizational affiliations, academics, community service (school based or locally), test scores, financial need, career goals, ethnicity, geographic area, etc. Do not give up in your search- look at ALL your connections and beat the application deadlines!

A GUARANTEE to YOU: You cannot win a scholarship if you do not APPLY for a scholarship!

QUESTION #2: THEN WHAT DO I DO?

ANSWER:

1. **Apply, apply, and apply again!** The students that tend to receive the most scholarships spend the time to apply for a variety of scholarships. Consider it like a part-time job! Scholarship rewards generally go to the very persistent.
2. **Stay organized:**
 - Put applications in order by deadline and apply for as many as possible
 - List materials needed for each application (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.)
 - Maintain a personal resume of your history and achievements (academic history, test scores, community service and extracurricular activities, etc.).
 - Keep track of all applications, their deadlines, and materials required
 - Make sure any application you submit is typed, neat, well edited and that all of the information that you include is true and verifiable
 - Send all required documents with your application
 - Make copies of every application you submit for your records
 - **SUGGESTION:** Create an email that is reserved just for your scholarship applications so you can stay more organized and reduce spam!
3. **Make yourself STAND OUT:**
 - Participate in extracurricular activities, volunteer work, community service, etc. Get involved if you are not already!
 - Try to give a real idea of who you are. Do not just talk about academic or work experiences. Use essays to tell stories that clearly demonstrate the kind of challenges you have met or overcome- not just in school but in life
 - If applicable, include a cover letter with your application that highlights your college plans and career goals and any personal information you might want considered

Do not give up in your search for scholarships! **LOOKING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS AN ON-GOING PROCESS!** Although some scholarships may have specific eligibility requirements (such as GPA, test scores, religious or ethnic group identity, etc.), do not assume you are ineligible to apply- do your research!



MILITARY ACADEMIES (SCHOLARSHIPS)

United States Military Academy at West Point, NY:

www.usma.edu

United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD:

<https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO:

www.usafa.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY:

www.usmma.edu

United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT:

<https://uscga.edu/>

ROTC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force):

www.goarmy.com/rotc

www.afrotc.com

[College Education Opportunities in the Navy | Navy.com](#)

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/commands/naval-service-training-command/nrotc/marine/>

Nevada Air and Army National Guard Scholarship Programs:

<https://www.nationalguard.com/education-programs/college-scholarships>

<https://nevadafund.org/scholarships/nevada-air-national-guard-scholarship>