

Scholarships 101

Where to look for funding and how to pay for college

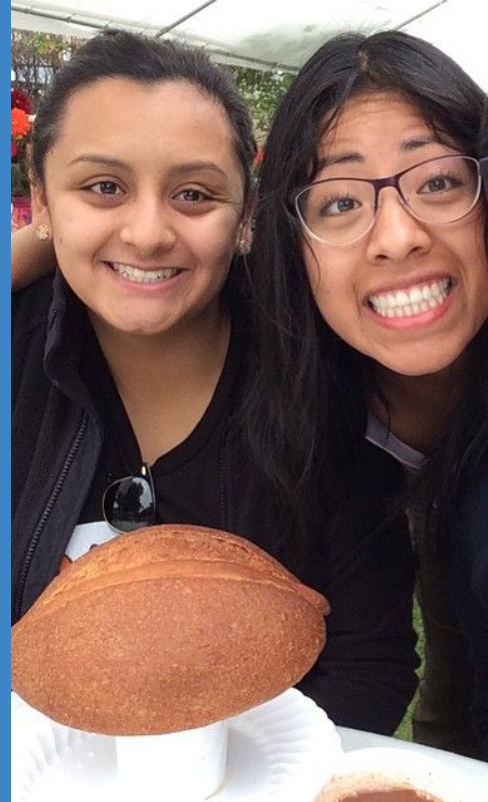
Introductions

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Agenda

1. Resources: where to find scholarships
2. Tips and tricks in finding scholarships
3. Writing a compelling essay
4. Other creative ways to pay for college outside of scholarships

Ice Breaker

How are you planning to
pay for college?



Linda's Story

How Linda payed for
UC Berkeley



Step 1: Find Scholarships

Scholarships - A Numbers Game

Scholarships

Scholarships are a great way to pay for college but students don't always apply to them. Some reasons include:

- Not aware of deadlines
- Long list is overwhelming
- Too much competition
- Time management
- Will get rejected anyway/Lack of confidence
- Application would take too long
- Essays are hard to write
- Letters of Rec (LOR) are hard to get
- Not a lot of personal relationships for LOR

Look for already curated scholarship guides

1. Dreamers Roadmap
2. The Dream US
3. Cappex
4. Immigrants Rising guide
5. 10000 degrees
6. Asian Pacific Fund
7. Hispanic Scholarship Fund
8. MALDEF

10,000 DEGREES ABOUT LEADERSHIP SUPPORTERS STUDENTS JOIN THE MOVEMENT

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Below is a list of outside scholarships **not** administered by 10,000 Degrees. Each of the listed scholarships has been awarded to at least one 10,000 Degrees student in recent years, so we are not guaranteeing you to receive these scholarship opportunities. Please carefully read through the listed details (where listed). If you qualify to apply, simply click the associated link and follow the application directions.

NOTE: Please be mindful of application deadlines, which may be different for each scholarship.

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS: If you are an undocumented student, most of the scholarships below **do not** require a social security number. For more outside scholarship inspiration, undocumented students, visit Educators for Fair Consideration (EFC) for an interview for [Scholarships for Undocumented Students](#).

Outside Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Amount	Deadline	Requirements	Applied
Albion Foundation	\$2,500 \$4,000	Not currently accepting applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduating senior or• Richmond High School• San Mateo High School• El Cerrito High School	Website
Alex and Ruth Dean Scholarship	\$5,000	Current applications open to alumni	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay describing their career goals and personal life• Letters of recommendation	Website
Bridge Housing Scholarship	\$5,000	January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for residents of Bridge housing properties	Website
College Board Opportunity Scholarship	\$100 \$1,000	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a graduating high school senior• No citizenship requirement	Website
Paul Solheim Program	\$5,000	January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in a Michael & Susan Dell Foundation sponsored college readiness program in grades 11 and 12• Graduating from an accredited high school this academic year• Earning a minimum of a 2.5 GPA• Demonstrated need for financial assistance• Eligible to receive federal student aid	Website
PL&E Engineering Scholarship	\$5,000	February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate financial need• General pre-college/community involvement• Majoring in engineering and other sciences• Strongly engineering and mathematics (STEM) student	Website

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What are College Student Scholarships?

College student scholarships are scholarships awarded to students who are currently attending or are about to attend college. Students who have graduated and been accepted to a college or Read More

Showing All Scholarships

Clear All

Application Deadline
Select Deadline

Minimum Award Amount
No minimum

Renewable

Eligibility
Location
Enter ZIP

Gender
 Female
 Male
 Non-Binary

Award Varies

Draney Family Scholarship
Public Education Foundation

Deadline: January 31, 2020
One Time Award

Start Applying

\$750

Paul W. Davis Memorial Fund Scholarship
McPherson County Community Foundation

Deadline: February 15, 2020
One Time Award

Start Applying

Specific Scholarships

1. Scholarships in your field
 - a. Talk to your professors and major advisors.
 - b. Look for fellowships in your field
2. Scholarships in your university
 - a. Talk to your current college advisor
 - b. Talk to your incoming college advisor
3. Local scholarships
 - a. Look for scholarships in your area
4. Transfer scholarships
 - a. Many scholarship guides will have different sections

Exercise

Look for 2 scholarship you would like to apply to

Step 2: Organize yourself

How linda got herself organized

Excel and calendar invites
are your best friend.

Tips and tricks in finding scholarships

1. Identify at least two qualifying requirements
2. Strategize: Local scholarships & university specific scholarships
3. Advocate! If you are not sure about the residency/citizenship requirements, ask!
4. Apply to as many scholarships as you can
5. Have a baseline essay
6. Pay attention to the DEADLINES: Most scholarships will be due in April! Start today.
7. Do research ahead of time and create a calendar of scholarships you will be applying to
8. Don't skip out on the small scholarships!

Self-care throughout this process

1. Planning is everything! Plan ahead
2. Find a support group that can give you feedback on your essays
 - a. Ask for the feedback early on
3. Treat this as a job- make sure you get rest from it too!
4. Develop 2-3 baseline essays with common questions
5. Get a scholarship buddy!
6. Don't resource hoard! Many scholarships give out more than one award
7. Check if scholarships are renewable or if they are one time awards
8. Create a budget to know how much money you will need

Exercise: How to scan/look through requirements

Following the two scholarships you chose, identify the following:

- Due Date
- Specialty (Majors)
- Transfer, high school, etc requirements
- Local, statewide, or national
- LOR requirements
- Personal Statement requirements
- Award size

Step 3: Writing a Compelling Essay

Be your best advocate!

1. Scholarship committees will read a ton of tragic stories, don't be one of them
2. If you are writing about a challenge, make your story about **your** resilience
3. If you are writing about your family, make sure you focus on yourself over everything else, mention your family - don't center the essay around them.
4. Don't re-victimize yourself.
5. Prove you are a safe investment - when things get difficult you'll fight your way through it!
6. Proofread your essays & have others proofread them.

Exercise: Baseline questions

Create a baseline essay - a lot of essays have the same/similar questions. Have a strong response to the following questions:

- Who are you? Tell us about yourself - Discuss your background, your identity, interests and talents
- How have you contributed to your community?
- What is a challenge you have overcome? What did you learn from it?
- Why do you want to go to college?
- What are your academic achievements?
- What are your career goals?
- Why do you deserve this scholarship? Why should you be picked?

Other ways to pay for college

Q & A