

SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA is only one way to get financial aid for college through student loans, parent loans, and need-based grants. When seeking financial assistance for college, you will also want to consider scholarships. Scholarships generally fall into one of three categories. Although category 1 scholarships may be the easiest to apply to, they usually have the most applicants as well that you are competing with and are often randomly selected. You should apply for scholarships in each of the 3 categories to improve your chances of winning.

Category 1 Scholarships:

Category 1 Scholarships are based on random selection or simple criteria, such as entering a drawing, filling out basic information, or taking a simple quiz to get a scholarship entry. Many students may apply to these types of scholarships as they take a small amount of time to complete.

Category 2 Scholarships:

Category 2 Scholarships may base requirements and qualifications on talents, abilities, academic and personal profiles, community service, interests, or background. Colleges sometimes automatically give these scholarships to eligible applicants as part of financial aid packages.

Category 3 Scholarships:

Category 3 Scholarships will require an essay or multiple essays. These awards may require Category 2 areas, and sometimes they may simply require an essay. Letters of recommendation are often required. Make sure that you give yourself enough time to apply to these types of scholarships.

The scholarship/grant list below is to help get you started on the search for money to help pay for college. The internet will be your greatest tool throughout this search and while it is very time consuming, with patience and persistence you can stack multiple scholarships/grants to help pay for college.

www.dosomething.org

<http://www.scholarships.com>

<http://fastweb.com>

<http://finaid.org>

<http://www.cappex.com>

<http://www.petersons.com>

<http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

<http://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>

<http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/>

<http://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

<http://www.unigo.com/>

www.raise.me

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

www.cof.org (community foundations)

www.studentaid.gov/pell-grant

www.collegexpress.com