



SEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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SCHOLARSHIPS



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- What is a scholarship?
- Do scholarships need to be repaid?
- Are scholarships renewable for future years?
- Are there specific requirements to keep a renewable scholarship?





WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- What are some of the categories of scholarships (i.e. academic, athletics)?
 - Academic merit
 - Financial need component
 - Student-specific (i.e. ethnicity, race, socioeconomic factors, illness or disability, first in the family, left-handed)
 - Athletics
 - Major/Degree-specific
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Involvement in organizations





SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

- How should a student begin a scholarship search?
- When is the best time to start?
- Is it really worth the time?
- How do colleges treat outside scholarships? Will a student lose some of the financial aid the colleges offer?





SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

NATIONAL SEARCH

- College websites
- Scholarship search engines or organizations
 - Big Future collegeboard.org
 - Fastweb fastweb.com
 - Scholarship America scholarshipamerica.org

LOCAL SEARCH

- School Counselor (website, Naviance)
- Local businesses, charities, and libraries
- Student's employer
 - Market Basket, McDonalds, Dunkin
- Parent(s)' employer



BE PREPARED: WHAT YOU MIGHT NEED TO SUBMIT

- What are some of the items a student may need to submit along with their scholarship application?

- **SAI (Student Aid Index)/FAFSA**
- **Essay**
 - May be different topics for each scholarship
- **High school transcript (or just GPA)**
- **College transcripts (if applicable)**
- **Clubs/organizations/activities/work experience**



TIPS!



- **Start early – scholarship deadlines range from fall through the spring**
- **Stay organized – make a list of potential scholarships, deadlines, and required information**
- **Research how this will affect your financial aid offer**
- **Meet the deadlines**



TIPS!



- **Complete the application forms neatly and check your grammar and spelling (capitalize “I” and your name!)**
- **Make the essay specific to the scholarship**
- **Write a thank you note**
 - If you are awarded the scholarship, include a description of how it will positively impact your pursuit of a college education
 - If rejected, thank the organizers for the opportunity and a request to be kept on a mailing list if you are able to apply in future years



NH-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for New Hampshire residents



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is the largest source of private scholarships in New Hampshire.

Each year, the Foundation awards more than \$7 million in scholarships to help New Hampshire students with the fewest resources and most promise realize their educational goals, whether it's a two- or four-year college degree, certificate, or professional license.

Applications open **January 17, 2023**, and are available online at www.nhcf.org/scholarships.

To complete your online application, you will need:

- Electronic copy of FAFSA filing
- Electronic copy of high school transcript
- Email addresses for individuals who agree to write a letter of recommendation



APPLY ONLINE
www.nhcf.org/scholarships

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR
UNDERGRADUATES ENROLLING IN:

4-YEAR PROGRAM
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

**DEADLINE: APRIL 14, 2023
5:00 PM ET**

2-YEAR PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE DEGREE,
CERTIFICATE OR
PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

**ROLLING DEADLINE UNTIL
DECEMBER 15, 2023**



NHHEAF SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Requirements:

- **NH Resident, although may attend college out-of-state**
- Enrolled in college at least half-time
- Be a returning undergraduate student (non-freshman) in **Fall 2023**
- Demonstration of financial need (see details below)
- GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application
- **Please Note:** Prior NHHEAF Scholarship recipients are welcome to reapply, but first-time applicants will be given priority.

Scholarship winners will be notified by **June 8, 2023**.

The following scholarships are available. Students may apply for multiple scholarships but will only be eligible to receive **ONE**.

1. **The NHHEAF Community Service Scholarship** Please submit an essay demonstrating your commitment to community service through extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.
2. **The NHHEAF Academic Excellence Scholarship** Please submit an essay describing your academic accomplishments. Note that for this scholarship, GPA will be considered more strongly.
3. **The NHHEAF Leadership Scholarship** Please submit an essay demonstrating your leadership abilities and/or your commitment to developing leadership skills through your academic program, extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.
4. **The NHHEAF Opportunity Scholarship** This scholarship is for **first-generation college students**. Please submit an essay demonstrating how you have created opportunity for yourself and what a college education means to you.



The NHHEAF Network
SCHOLARSHIP



DESTINATION COLLEGE SPEECH CONTEST

- Open to ALL NH High School Seniors
- Requirements
 - Submit a video of yourself presenting a 3-5 minute speech describing your college application experience AND offering advice to high school juniors starting their college search
- One \$5000 winner
One \$1000 runner up
Two \$500 honorable mentions



Opens January 2024!



THANK YOU!

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