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 are some of the categories of scholarships (i.e. academic, athletics)?
  o Academic merit
  o Financial need component
  o Student-specific (i.e. ethnicity, race, socioeconomic factors, illness or disability, first in the family, left-handed)
  o Athletics
  o Major/Degree-specific
  o Extracurricular activities
  o Involvement in organizations
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](http://collegeboard.org)
  - Fastweb [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
  - Scholarship America [scholarshipamerica.org](http://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

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

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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.
DESTINATION COLLEGE SPEECH CONTEST

• Open to ALL NH High School Seniors

• Requirements
  o 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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