

Websites with Scholarship Opportunities

American Legion Memorial Scholarship
www.americanlegion.org

Battle Creek Community Foundation
www.bccfoundation.org/

Kalamazoo Foundation
www.kalfounmd.org/scholarships

Kellogg Community College Foundation
www.kellogg.edu/foundation

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation
www.kvcc.edu/Financial/scholars.html

Michigan Oil & Gas Producers Education Scholarship
www.mogpef.org

Michigan State University
www.finaid.msu.edu/sships.asp

Michigan Society of Professional Engineers
www.michiganspe.org

NALS Scholarship Award (Legal Secretaries)
www.nalsofmichigan.org

Phi Delta Kappa Scholarship (Education Majors)
www.pdkintl.org/awards

Western Michigan University
www.wmich.edu/finaid/undergrad/scholarships

The Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship
www.nwtf.org/jakes/xtreme/scholarships.html

Local Scholarships Available Only to Climax-Scotts Students

Breanne Blodgett Scholarship
Contact: Mrs. Joann Farnham (269) 962-2181
www.bccfoundation.org

Space Mountain Scholarship
Contact: Mrs. Judi Mentzer

Climax Telephone Company
Contact: Mrs. Judi Mentzer

Josh Bishop Memorial Scholarship
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Who to Contact for More Information

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How Do Federal and State Grants/Scholarships Work?

To apply for a federal or state grant, you must complete a [federal student aid application \(FAFSA\)](#). The criteria for decid-

ing these grants include your financial need, academic major, and academic accomplishments. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible, because many student aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You may submit your aid application to the Department of Education starting January 1st prior to the academic year that you will be attending college.

Where do scholarships come from?

A wide variety of companies, foundations, and public organizations provide scholarships. Scholarships may take a little work to apply for, but they are essentially free money! Most scholarships fall into one of two categories: merit-based or need-based. Merit-based scholarships award individuals for standout academic, athletic, or artistic qualities, while need-based scholarships (or grants) provide support to students with exceptional financial need.

I'm not even a senior yet .. Should I start looking for grants and scholarships now?

Scholarships are a great way to help fund your college expenses, but keep in mind that time is of the essence! There will be several others competing for the same scholarships. The earlier you start looking, the better your

I thought scholarships were only available when attending a four-year institution?

Many scholarships are available for tech/trade schools and community colleges!

It seems like so much work. Is it really worth all the time and effort? Don't be discouraged by the application process – with the possibility of free money, it's well worth it!

I found a scholarship website but I have to pay to receive the application. I need to get money for college, not spend it. What is this all about? There are many scholarship websites, but beware of those that request money. They are usually scams.

Have more questions? See your guidance counselor for more information. Some scholarship applications may even be available for you to pick up right at school!



Grants & Scholarships Are Available.

Take the time to research the opportunities!



Tips and Advice

- * Start looking for scholarships in your junior year of high school. The earlier, the better.
- * List your best or most important qualifications first. You want to "wow" the reader as soon as possible!
- * Many applications are only a page, maybe two, in length. Be clear, concise, and compelling. Remember writing concisely and well takes time so plan to write and rewrite your application so it makes the best impression possible. Have someone, such as a teacher or parent, read it before you submit it.
- * Learn about the organization that is offering the scholarship. If you are applying for a scholarship from a community-service organization, be sure to highlight your service activities in your essay.
- * Follow the directions. Private scholarships are competitive, and you don't want to lose out on a scholarship because you didn't follow the directions!
- * Highlight academic achievements and activities that are most relevant to the scholarship that you are applying for.
- * Scholarships often have deadlines for applying. Make sure you know when the applications are due and be sure to get them in on time.