

## STEPS TO FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Use all of these or a combination. Details, hyperlinks, and additional information can be found on the Scholarships page of the Shorewood College & Career site: [www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer](http://www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer).

### Important things to know about scholarships

- Outside scholarships can help but will rarely cover the bulk of a student's college costs. Most college assistance will come through the college itself as need-based aid or merit aid. Do your research and use Net Price Calculators to estimate what a particular school will cost your family.
- Many scholarships are for seniors, but there are scholarships for all high school grades. It is never too early to start looking.
- Criteria for scholarships varies widely. Don't assume that you will or will not qualify.
- Do not pay money to get money. There are some scams; be a wise Internet user.

### 1. Use the Naviance Scholarship List

Scholarships in this list have been added with Shorewood students in mind.

Shorewood's Naviance login page: <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewoodwa> (bookmark it).

Can also be found via Shorewood home page > *Resources* > *Naviance* or via the college & career site. Student login information is the same as it is for Canvas.

- Go to *Colleges* > *Scholarships & Money* > *Scholarship List*
- Seniors: Click *Deadline* twice, go to today's date, and you have a to-do list.
- Grades 9 - 11: Browse by category at the top of the list and select your grade level in the dropdown. Each grade level appears twice; if you don't get any results, try the other listing of your grade level.

Also use the *National Scholarship Search* in Naviance.

### 2. Refer to AfterShorewood.org

Go to [aftershorewood.org](http://aftershorewood.org) > *Scholarships*

This site lists scholarships by deadline and is maintained by a local scholarship expert.

### 3. Read Your k12 Email

The College & Career emails will have some scholarship spotlights, particularly during senior year.

### 4. Register for theWashBoard.org

The Washington State scholarship search engine: [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org). You can create a profile and choose the frequency of emails with potential matches.

### 5. Use the WSU Search Tool (not only for WSU scholarships!)

Go to [financialaid.wsu.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.wsu.edu/scholarships), enter optional fields—high school grade level, GPA, citizenship type—and get a list of potential scholarships.

### 6. See the Scholarships page on the Shorewood College & Career site

There are specialized lists for certain groups of students and, other than emails, the web page will have the most up-to-date information.

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### **7. Understand how Scholarship Search sites work**

Read the guides on the *Scholarships* page of the Shorewood College & Career website:  
[www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer](http://www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer). Know before you share your information.

### **8. Look According to a Specialized Interest**

There are scholarships related to intended professional pursuits, family ancestry, parent/ guardian occupation, unique hobbies, and more. Search to find out if there is a scholarship that matches what is unusual about you.

### **9. Try Raise.me**

This site will be most useful for students in grades 9-11. [Raise.me](http://Raise.me) partners with 150+ colleges, which offer micro-scholarships for particular achievements. Students can see their work pay off in potential \$\$\$. Note that your Raise.me scholarship may or may not 'stack' with merit or need-based aid from the school.

Locally, SPU participates, and students can "earn" scholarships for specific achievements: an "A" in Biology could be worth \$400, a leadership position could be worth \$200, and an AP course could be worth \$1000. In Washington, SPU, Seattle U, and The Evergreen State College partner with [Raise.me](http://Raise.me)

### **10. Learn more about how Grants & Scholarships work**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-scholarships>