

## 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: <https://student.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: Select your grade level in the dropdown.

Also use the *National Scholarship Search* in Naviance.

### 2. Read Your k12 Email

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

### 3. Register for the WashBoard.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.

### 4. 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.

### 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. 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.

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### **7. 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.

### **8. Try Raise.me**

This site will be most useful for students in grades 9-11. [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, Saint Martin's, and The Evergreen State College partner with [Raise.me](#)

### **9. Try GoingMerry.com**

This site is trying to make it easier to apply for scholarships by consolidating both search and management. The idea has a lot of promise, and in the next couple of years this site, or another similar tool, may simplify the process. If you try it out, please let us know how it goes!

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

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