

## 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 as a result of filling out the FAFSA or WASFA. 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 Search

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

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

Or find via Shorewood home page > *Resources* > *Naviance* or via the SW College & Career site.

Students will log in with *Single Sign On*, entering through their Google k12 accounts.

- Go to *Colleges > Scholarships & Money > Scholarship Search*
- Seniors: Sort by *Deadline*, go to today's date, and you have a to-do list.
- Grades 9 - 11: Select your grade level if it is an option

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 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.

### 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. See [www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer](http://www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer) > *Scholarships*

### 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 distinctive about you.

## 8. Investigate WUE/ Western Undergraduate Exchange

If you are interested in public schools in Western states, you might qualify for Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE, pronounced woo-eee) scholarships. Some universities in Western States (and at some schools, only selected programs) offer qualified out-of-state students a tuition rate of 150% of the in-state rate rather than the usual 300% of the in-state rate.

Requirements vary. See the WUE home page [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue) for information, and use the WUE Savings Finder. Be sure that you look into the requirements for each school, since they vary. At some colleges, certain programs are excluded, and at other programs, the rate is even closer to in-state rates, so you may get great savings by being open-minded.

## 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 few years this site, or another similar tool, may simplify the process.

## 10. Consult Reliable Sources with background on how Scholarships work

Road2College.com > Financing > Scholarships for tips & sources [www.road2college.com/category/finance/scholarships](http://www.road2college.com/category/finance/scholarships)

BigFuture.collegeboard.org > Pay for College > various pages, including Scholarship Search and Scholarships, Grants, and Loans for definitions & a good intro on how to tap into scholarships <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants-loans/basics/the-basics-on-grants-and-scholarships>