

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH



UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN FINANCIAL LITERACY COMMITTEE

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: ONLINE

- **IGRAD SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH: FREE THROUGH MYCHARGER**
TO ACCESS IGRAD VISIT: [HTTPS:// NEWHAVEN.IGRAD.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://newhaven.igrad.com/scholarships)
ALONG WITH MANY OTHER FINANCIAL WELLNESS TOOLS, IGRAD GIVES YOU THE OPTION TO ENTER SEARCH PARAMETERS THAT APPLY TO YOU SO YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH CAN BE MORE EFFICIENT. CREATE AN ACCOUNT TODAY!
- **GOOGLE SEARCH (OR OTHER SEARCH ENGINE)**
TYPE IN THE GOOGLE SEARCH BAR SPECIFIC QUALITIES ABOUT YOURSELF ALONG WITH THE WORD SCHOLARSHIP AND SEE WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!
- **SCHOLARSHIPS.COM**
CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND ACCESS THOUSANDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS USING A FREE SEARCH. WITH SCHOLARSHIP.COM YOU CAN NARROW DOWN YOUR SEARCH TO QUALITIES THAT APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO YOU TO. WHEN YOU CREATE A PROFILE, SCHOLARSHIP.COM WILL GATHER SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES THAT APPLY TO YOUR CRITERIA.
- **FASTWEB.COM**
ONCE YOU SIGN UP AND CREATE A STUDENT PROFILE, FASTWEB WILL AUTOMATICALLY SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MATCH THE CRITERIA YOU ENTER. BROWSE THROUGH HUNDREDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS ALL AT ONCE. FASTWEB ALSO GIVES YOU ACCESS TO PART TIME JOB INFORMATION, INTERNSHIP OPTIONS, STUDENT LOAN INFORMATION, AND STUDENT DEALS!
- **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH**
FIND RELEVANT SCHOLARSHIPS AT www.careeronestop.org UNDER TOOLKIT – SCHOLARSHIP FINDER
- **CAPPEX**
CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND ACCESS THOUSANDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS USING A FREE SEARCH. WITH CAPPEX YOU CAN FIND SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE LOCAL TO YOU AND WEED OUT LOWER-PAYING SCHOLARSHIPS BY SETTING A MINIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT. www.cappex.com
- **THE COLLEGE BOARD**
CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND ACCESS THOUSANDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS USING A FREE SEARCH. WITH THE COLLEGE BOARD YOU CAN SET SPECIFIC FILTERS TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOU AND YOUR GOALS. <https://scholarships.collegeboard.org>

HELPFUL TIPS: CREATE AN EMAIL SPECIFICALLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHING/APPLICATIONS, CHOOSE UP TO 3 SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES TO PREVENT OVERLAP, BE AWARE OF SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS (SEE MORE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP SCAM SECTION BELOW)

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OFFERS RESOURCES YOU CAN USE DURING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH. TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THE SCHOLARSHIP BINDERS TO FIND ANY THAT APPLY TO YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP BINDER:**
 - ACCESS THIS INFORMATION ON MYCHARGER AT [Virtual Scholarship Packet \(newhaven.edu\)](http://VirtualScholarshipPacket.newhaven.edu)
- **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR WEEKLY SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT INSTAGRAM POSTS**
 - INSTAGRAM [@UNEWHAVEN.FINANCIAL.LITERACY](https://www.instagram.com/UNEWHAVEN.FINANCIAL.LITERACY)
- **SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A PEER EDUCATOR FOR HELP SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH NAVIGATE
 - EMAIL: sfwPeerEducator@newhaven.edu

FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOLARSHIPS, THERE ARE MANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE YOU TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. THINK OF QUALITIES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO YOU AND TRY LOOKING INTO THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.

- **THINK LOCAL: CONSIDER COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS AND TOWN SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS**
- **LOCAL/SMALL BUSINESSES**
- **MILITARY AFFILIATIONS**
- **EMPLOYERS: YOUR OWN EMPLOYERS OR YOUR PARENT'S EMPLOYERS**
- **COMPANIES**
 - INSURANCE COMPANIES
 - UNIONS
 - BANKS
- **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/MEMBERSHIP**
- **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**
- **ETHNICITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS**
- **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**
 - YMCA
 - GIRL/BOY SCOUTS
 - ELKS CLUB/ROTARY CLUB

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH IDEAS

LIST SOME IDEAS OF QUALITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, FOUNDATIONS THAT YOU CAN SEARCH FOR

Refining Your Search

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS THAT APPLY TO YOU:

➤ **MEET THE REQUIREMENTS**

READ THE QUALIFICATIONS CAREFULLY. DON'T WASTE TIME APPLYING FOR SOMETHING YOU DON'T QUALIFY FOR. PAY ATTENTION TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS TAILORED TO YOU. UNSURE IF YOU MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS? YOU CAN REACH OUT TO THE ORGANIZATION!

➤ **DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK**

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK ANYONE IF THEY OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP. THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN IS THAT HE OR SHE SAYS "NO". A COMPANY MAY EVEN CONSIDER OFFERING A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE FUTURE!

➤ **WHAT QUALITIES MAKE YOU SPECIAL?**

IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO THINK OF QUALITIES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO YOU. THESE QUALITIES MAY BE A PART OF THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS (DETAILS LIKE GEOGRAPHY, DEMOGRAPHICS, ATHLETIC SKILLS, ARTISTIC SKILLS, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, ETC.). THEY COULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO WRITE ABOUT IN ESSAYS.

DON'T FORGET YOUR AFFILIATIONS. ARE YOU OR HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF A CLUB (PROFESSIONAL GROUP/SORORITY/FRATERNITY), BUSINESS (GYM/BANK), SPECIFIC GROUP (GIRL/BOY SCOUTS)? WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ELKS)

Scholarship Scams

➤ **BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS**

- FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD COST YOU TIME, NOT MONEY! ALTHOUGH SOME LEGITIMATE SCHOLARSHIPS CHARGE FEES, BE WARY OF WHAT THESE CHARGES ARE. DON'T PAY TO FILL OUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.
- BE CAUTIOUS OF GUARANTEES- NO SERVICE CAN GUARANTEE YOU WILL RECEIVE MONEY
- DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION
- GET IT IN WRITING – IF YOU WIN A SCHOLARSHIP, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A LETTER ON PROFESSIONAL LETTERHEAD FROM THE ORGANIZATION.
- DO YOUR RESEARCH – IF YOU FEEL UNSURE, LOOK IT UP TO SEE IF THIS IS A VALID ORGANIZATION OR FUNDING AGENCY
- CONTEST WINNER- BE CAUTIOUS WHEN RECEIVING EMAILS ABOUT BEING A FINALIST IN A CONTEST YOU NEVER ENTERED OR RANDOMLY BEING SELECTED BY A NATIONAL FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE AN AWARD. MOST ORGANIZATIONS WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU AFTER YOU HAVE MADE AN INQUIRY.
- HIGH SUCCESS RATES- THE RATE IS USUALLY BASED ON THE PERCENT OF STUDENTS FOR WHOM THE ORGANIZATION FINDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

GET ORGANIZED

WAYS TO STAY ORGANIZED WHEN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **USE OUR SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZER**
- **CREATE A SEPARATE FOLDER OR ENVELOPE FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP (ORDER THEM BY DUE DATE!)**
- **MAKE A CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP: ESSAYS, RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC.**
- **ADD ALL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES TO A CALENDAR! MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THE DUE DATE!**
- **GATHER ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND PUT THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE ENVELOPE/FOLDER IN THE CORRECT ORDER AS REQUIRED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP AGENCY**
- **HAVE A PARENT, TEACHER, OR COUNSELOR CHECK OVER YOUR APPLICATION TO MAKE SURE IT IS READY TO GO OUT!**
- **MAIL OUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZER

USING AN ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINE OR ONE OF THE "OUT-OF-THE-BOX" SCHOLARSHIP IDEAS, LIST POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS THAT YOU COULD APPLY FOR:

Scholarship Name	Website/Contact Information	Deadline	Completed

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

STEPS TO COMPLETING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1. **COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA- SOME SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NEED BASED AND WILL REQUIRE YOUR FAFSA TO BE FILLED OUT (www.studentaid.gov)**
2. **ORGANIZE YOUR APPLICATIONS BY DEADLINE DATES AND REQUIREMENTS**
3. **READ THE APPLICATION TO MAKE SURE YOU QUALIFY**
4. **SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - **ASK PEOPLE TO WRITE YOU A LETTER OR SERVE AS A REFERENCE FOR YOU**
 - FIND PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 - PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR RESUME SO THAT YOUR RECOMMENDERS CAN WRITE SPECIFIC DETAILS
 - ASK A PROFESSOR, SUCCESS ADVISOR, ACADEMIC ADVISOR, OR EMPLOYER
 - PROVIDE YOUR REFERENCE WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OR FORM IF THERE IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT
 - PREPARE AN ADDRESSED & STAMPED ENVELOPE IF THE LETTER WILL BE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP AGENCY.
 - SEE IF YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE LETTER TO USE AGAIN (DIGITALLY IF POSSIBLE)
 - BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR REFERENCE ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE LETTER
 - SOMETIMES YOU DO NOT NEED A LETTER, BUT WILL NEED TO LIST CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOMEONE TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE
 - KEEP A CONTACT LIST WITH UPDATED INFORMATION ON EACH PERSON WHO AGREES TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE FOR YOU!
5. **REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE INCLUDED ALL YOUR SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**
6. **WRITE A SCHOLARSHIP WINNING ESSAY**
 - **WRITE A GENERALIZED ESSAY**
 - MANY TIMES, YOU WILL NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION OR PROMPT FOR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS
 - ON OCCASION, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO “RECYCLE” IDEAS FROM OTHER ESSAYS
 - LOOK AT SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND WRITE AN ESSAY THAT CAN BE USED FOR MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS
 - **FOLLOW THE RULES**
 - MAKE SURE YOUR ESSAY MEETS THE LENGTH REQUIREMENT (PAGES OR WORD COUNT)
 - CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR, SENTENCE STRUCTURE, AND WORD USAGE.
 - USE A GOOD FONT THAT IS EASY TO READ AND CHOOSE AN ACCEPTABLE FONT SIZE.
 - **HAVE SOMEONE READ YOUR ESSAY**
 - VISIT WRITER2WRITER TO REVIEW YOUR ESSAY FOR MISTAKES
 - HAVE A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, ADVISOR, OR PARENT READ YOUR ESSAY AND GIVE FEEDBACK ON CONTENT
 - REVIEW ESSAYS FROM FORMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (IF AVAILABLE) TO SEE IF YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK
 - VISIT THE WRITING CENTER

CONTACT INFORMATION

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE FORWARDED TO BELOW.

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THE MISSION OF THE FINANCIAL LITERACY COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN WITH VALUABLE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO HELP THEM MAKE INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL DECISIONS FOR A LIFETIME OF FINANCIAL WELL-BEING.

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