

Need help paying for college? Who doesn't!

Did you know that many scholarships are based on much more than your family income? Your major, grades, ethnicity, nationality, and any number of things that are special about you may make you eligible for scholarships!



Check the following free online resources:

www.fastweb.com

www.college-scholarships.com

www.collegenet.com/mach25

www.scholarsaid.com

www.finaid.org/scholarships/

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarship-page.com

www.collegeboard.com/pay

www.gocollege.com

www.zinch.com

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Scholarship Tips

A Practical Guide

Office of Student Financial Assistance



Opportunity Knocks

As you navigate your college career at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), it is important to take time now to plan your financial future.

Along with local, state, and federal financial aid programs, NSU offers many scholarship opportunities to assist students in meeting their educational goals. The best resource for updated information is the NSU scholarship Web site, since many new funds become available during the year. So look now and look often!

Office of Student Financial Assistance
(954) 262-3380 / 800-806-3680

NSU Web site
www.nova.edu/financialaid/scholarships/

FAFSA Web site www.fafsa.gov

Scholarship Tips

Rule #1—Every student should apply for financial aid.

Many students make the mistake of not applying for aid because they assume they won't qualify. Plenty of scholarships and free grants are available regardless of income, but you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible.

File your FAFSA beginning January 1 of each year at www.fafsa.gov. NSU's federal school code is 001509.

Rule #2—Apply for as many scholarships as you can.

Do your research. In addition to the NSU Web site, look for scholarships at religious organizations, local and national groups such as Rotary Clubs, professional unions, and labor organizations. If you don't find a match in one place, keep looking! You never know which ones will come through. Several small scholarships can pay off just as well as one large one.

Rule #3—Beat the crowd by getting your application in early.

Deadlines for scholarships will vary greatly. Don't wait until the last minute to submit your application. Scholarship committees receive hundreds of applications from students who meet the stated requirements. In those cases, scholarship awards are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rule #4—Enhance your chance of success.

Carefully read the requirements for each scholarship. Apply for all scholarships if you meet the eligibility requirements. Your application will likely be discarded if it is incomplete. Whenever possible, supplement your application with personal letters of recommendation. Include documentation of all your community service activities and awards you have received. Find creative ways to enhance your application.



Beware of scholarship scams.

As college costs continue to rise, students and their parents search for ways to cover their educational expenses. There are some unscrupulous companies that take advantage of the situation by “guaranteeing” scholarships and grants in exchange for an advance fee.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cautions students and parents to look for these telltale lines:

- “I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.”
- “The scholarship will cost some money.”
- “You’re a finalist” in a contest you never entered.

If you determine you are the victim of a scam, you should contact the FTC at 877-FTC-HELP. An online complaint form is also available at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams.