

DHSHS Class of 2015 Scholarships and Financial Aid

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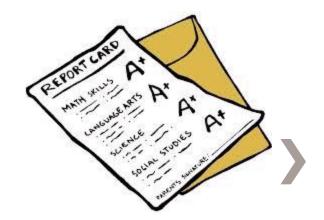
- » Apply for four-year colleges during October and November
- » If you plan to attend a 4-year college, you need to take the SAT or ACT no later than December of your senior year
- » Give teachers, counselors, and employers 2-4 weeks to write you a letter of recommendation
- » Apply for the DHSHS Local Scholarship by December 12
- » Apply for FAFSA between January 1 March 2
- » Apply for Pathways to Success scholarships by March 2
- » Apply for Cal Grant before March 2
- » Apply for Dream Act before March 2
- » Apply for two-year colleges during April and May
- » SAR is your Student Aid Report from FAFSA
- » CAR is your California Aid Report from Cal Grant

Finding Money for College

- » One of the best places to look for money to help you pay for college is at the college you plan to attend!!
- » After you complete a college application, go to the Financial Aid website of your college and apply for any scholarships for which you are eligible. It might be good grades, your choice of major, or other specific areas that will qualify you.

- » Your GPA (grade point average) is based on grades you receive in all approved "A through G" courses during high school.
- » Your counselor can print a transcript for you.
- » Do you know what courses are "A through G"?

How do I find out my GPA?



A-G College Requirements

- A. History & Social Science: 2 years
- B. English: 4 years
- C. Mathematics: 3 years (algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2)
- D. Lab Science: 2 years (1 biological, 1 physical)
- E. Language Other Than English: 2 years in the same language
- F. Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year art, dance, theater, or music
- G. Elective: 1 year additional from the above areas

www.CollegeWeekLive.com

- » Chat live with admissions representatives from over 300 colleges and universities
- » Video chat with current college students to get a real feel for college life
- » Get tips on college applications, college essays, preparing for the SAT/ACT
- » Opportunities for scholarships
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Financial Aid Terms



Grants are money you don't have to pay back and are usually based on financial need.

Scholarships are free money for college and are usually based on your area of study or merit, such as good grades, special talents, or community service.

Work Study or Student Employment

<u>Programs</u> let you earn money for college in a job on or off campus.

Loans are borrowed money that you must repay, usually with interest.

Financial Aid

- » FAFSA Seniors, apply January 1 March 2 at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- » Dream Act Dreamers should apply at www.csac.ca.gov
- » Cal Grant Make an account after you submit your FAFSA at <u>www.calgrants4students.org</u> by March 2
- » Go back to your FAFSA and Cal Grant accounts to update your information and look at the SAR (Student Aid Report) and CAR (California Aid Report)

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FAFSA

- » FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid. www.fafsa.ed.gov
- » FAFSA Completion Night is: January 15, 2015
- » Seniors must complete the FAFSA (or Dream Act application) between January 1 and March 2, 2015, to be eligible to receive money for college in Fall 2015.

- » Go to the websites shown for more information
- » Or visit the DHSHS Career Center for more information



Scholarship Search

Quest Bridge

- » National College Match program covers the full cost of tuition, room, and board at their partner colleges.
- » Students with excellent academic achievement (top 10% of their class) and financial need (family income less than \$60,000 per year), please review the Quest Bridge website.
- » www.questbridge.org
- » High school seniors, please apply by September 2014. It is free to apply.

Horatio Alger Scholarship

- » \$6,000 to \$20,000 scholarships
- » Complete an application online at www.HoratioAlger.com by October 25, 2014
- » Application opens August 1, 2014
- » Family income must be less than \$50,000 per year.
 You need a minimum GPA of 2.0
- » There will be several short essays for you to write

Young Women Leaders

- » YWL provides leadership training and one-to-one professional mentoring for female high school students. Seniors who successful complete the three mandatory sessions are eligible for a scholarship.
- » Any female high school student who wants to attend the educational sessions MUST register online at www.ywldesert.org.
- » A parent consent form must be signed and mailed to YWL.

YWL Educational Sessions

October 2014: All registrations and parent consent forms are due. Estimated dates and events:

- » November 2014: 12pm 4pm YWL Kick-Off Meeting
- » December 2014: 12pm 4pm YWL Community Service Event at FIND
- » February 2015: 12pm 4pm YWL Body Image/Girl Talk/Public Speaking

Events are held on Sundays at UC Riverside Palm Desert Graduate Center, except the event at FIND

Altura Credit Union

- » The Altura Credit Union Foundation offers scholarships to Riverside County high school seniors.
- » 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each for local students attending the University of California at Riverside, UCR.
- » 5 scholarships for students participating in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) programs in Riverside County schools.
- » 20 general scholarships
- » Scholarship applications will be available from the Career Center in January.



- » American Legion requires proof of honorable discharge or proof of U.S. military service by someone in the family to accompany the DHSHS Scholarship Application.
- » Please provide this documentation to the DHSHS scholarship coordinator by January 15, 2015.

American Legion, Owen Coffman Post #519

- » Each year the National League of American Pen Women, Palm Springs Branch, awards \$1,000 scholarships to young women who plan to pursue a course of study in the fields of Art, Letters or Music.
- You must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA and submit samples of your art, original creative writing or music.
- » Application is available at http://pspenwoman.wordpress.com

National League of American Pen Women

- » The Annual Links Scholarship Award is presented to an African American with a GPA of at least 3.3 who intends to pursue a degree from a four-year college.
- » Applications will be available in the Career Center and are due by the end of March.
- » You need a letter of recommendation from a teacher and one from a church official or community leader.

San Bernardino Valley Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

- The Coachella Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) provides a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity to students who have been accepted to a four-year college with a major in a public works related field such as civil engineering, public administration, construction management, traffic engineering or structural engineering.
- » Visit the DHSHS Career Center for more details.





Othel Britton Memorial Scholarship

- » Mr. Britton was a shop teacher at Raymond Cree Middle School for almost 30 years. He believed that all students should have the opportunity to continue their education.
- » \$500 \$750 scholarships are awarded to deserving students with at least a 2.5 GPA who have completed the DHSHS Scholarship Application.

» Attend Desert Hot Springs High School's FAFSA Night in January 2015 to be entered for an opportunity to win a \$1,000 Cash for College scholarship



Cash for College
California Student Aid Commission



- » Students who submit the DHSHS Scholarship Application will be considered. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.
- » Finalists will be interviewed in March.

California Desert Association of Realtors

- » You will be considered if you submitted the DHSHS Scholarship Application.
- » CRTA will interview finalists for their \$2,000 scholarship.
- » Special consideration given to students interested in a teaching career.
- » This group's scholarship interviews are usually held in April.

California Retired Teachers Association, Palm Springs Div 89

- » www.webgrants4students.org
- » www.calgrants.org
- » www.csac.ca.gov
- » www.ca.gov/education

California state aid



California Dream Act

- » The California Dream Act of 2011, authored by Assembly Member Gil Cedillo (Los Angeles), became law through the passage of two Assembly Bills, AB 130 and AB 131.
- » AB 130 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria (California Education Code 68130.5(a)) to apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities.
- » AB 131 allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as institutional grants, community college fee waivers, Cal Grant and Chafee Grant.
- » http://www.csac.ca.gov/





- » Scholarships made easy! Cappex.com is giving away thousands of dollars in scholarships for college.
- » All you need to apply for scholarships is a Cappex profile. One profile makes you eligible to apply for many different scholarships.
- » Once your profile is complete, click on the scholarships tab and apply. Scholarships will be given to students with well-rounded profiles, so don't hold back on the details when applying for scholarships.
- » Once you create your profile, applying for Cappex scholarships is as easy as one click. No essays. No hassle.

www.cappex.com



- Scholarship application is available <u>online</u> at https://carreonfoundation.cvscholars.com/
- Applicants must be of Mexican ancestry and have at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA
- March 1 deadline
- See winners from previous years at http://www.carreonfoundation.org

Dr. Carreon Foundation Scholarship



- » This scholarship is \$2,250 per year plus bonuses for good grades for a student attending a 4-year college, or a one-time \$2,500 award.
- » Student must be studying veterinary, agricultural business, accounting, chemistry, biology, dairy, vintners, farm management, mechanics, engineering or other related fields.
- » Pick up a paper application in the Career Center
- » Applications are due March 2015

Coachella Valley Chapter, California Women for Agriculture

- » A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a student who has submitted the DHSHS Scholarship Application.
- » The selected student must be a motivated, highly promising individual with a demonstrated interest in the fields of legal, public, community, or human services.

Walter Clark Legal Group



- » Female candidates who submit the DHSHS Scholarship Application will be considered if they meet the following requirements: 4.0 GPA, and at least 1000 combined SAT Reading & Math scores.
- » Finalists will be interviewed, probably in March.



Coachella Valley Panhellenic Association

College of the Desert Alumni Association with Pathways to Success

- » One year scholarship for \$2,500 for students who plan to attend College of the Desert
- » Apply at http://codalumni.cvscholars.com by March 2, 2015





- » REAL students are eligible for \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships awarded by Competitive Power Ventures, Inc., in North Palm Springs
- » Be sure to submit a complete DHSHS Scholarship Application to be considered!
- » www.cpv.com

CPV Sentinel

www.DateFest.org Riverside County Date Festival

- » Application DeadlineOctober 2014
- » Scholarship Amounts:

Queen Scheherazade - \$3,500

Princess Dunyazade - \$3,000 Princess Jasmine - \$3,000



Desert Escrow Association

- » A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a DHSHS student with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- » Any relationship to the real estate community will be given special consideration.
- » Students must fill out the Desert Escrow Association scholarship application and submit it by March 2015.

Desert Hot Springs Rotary

- » \$500 scholarships are available to students who have turned in the DHSHS Scholarship Application.
- » Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- » Student must have participated in extracurricular activities such as community service projects.



Dolly Sinatra Sons of Italy

- » Eligible students must be wholly or partially of Italian descent.
- » You must be a graduating senior with at least a 3.0 GPA.
- » Fill out the application from The Dolly Sinatra Lodge of the Sons of Italy and submit it by March 1.
- » You must include an essay about your Italian roots.

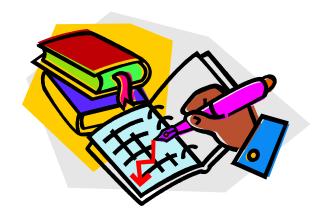


DHSHS Scholarship Application

- Due December 12, 2014, in the Career Center
- Download it to your student drive from the DHSHS Career Center website
- It prepares you to have components you need to submit other scholarship applications (see next page)



DHSHS Scholarship Application complete packet =





- 3 pages of your personal information
- A Personal Statement (500-word essay)
- At least two letters of recommendation
- Identifies clearly your college and career goals
- See next slides

DHSHS Scholarship Application

- » When your completed DHSHS scholarship application is received in the Career Center, a scholarship file is made for you.
- » Copies of your application are submitted for you when you fit specific eligibility requirements for GPA, test scores, activities, etc., for local scholarship opportunities.



 Many of the local scholarship providers accept the DHSHS Scholarship Application.



* An asterisk means an extra form, essay, photograph, or family member's military Honorable Discharge papers must also be submitted (see next two slides of names of some local scholarship providers).

- » Altura Credit Union*
- » American Legion, Owen Coffman Post #519*
- » APWA American Public Works Association*
- » Othel Britton Memorial Scholarship Foundation
- » Reynaldo Carreon M.D. Foundation* with Pathways to Success
- » California Desert Association of Realtors*
- » California Retired Teachers Association, Division #89
- » California Women for Agriculture*
- » Walter Clark Legal Group

- » COD Alumni Association in conjunction with Pathways to Success*
- » Desert Healthcare District Healthcare Professionals with Pathways to Success*
- » Coachella Valley Pathways to Success CVPTS*
- » Coachella Valley Alumnae Panhellenic CVAP
- » CPV Sentinel
- » Daughters of the American Revolution, Cahuilla Chapter*
- » Desert Escrow Association*
- » Desert Hot Springs Rotary
- » Desert Hot Springs Women's Club













- » Elks Club*
- » La Quinta Arts Foundation*
- » Ladies of Mission Lakes
- » Mission Lakes Men's Golf Club
- » National Charity League*
- » National League of American Pen Women*
- » Navy League Scholarship Fund*
- » Negro Academic Scholarship
- » Paletteers Art Club*
- » Palm Springs Art Museum*
- » PS Chapter, Military Officers Association of America*
- » Palm Springs Historical Society

- » Palm Springs Lions Club
- » Palm Springs Teachers Association* PSTA
- » Palm Springs Modern Committee
- » Palm Springs Women's Press Club
- » Parissa Labbaf Memorial Scholarship
- » SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union
- » Taber Family/NPS Commercial
- » UCLA Club of the Desert*
- » USC Trojan League of the Desert*
- » Women Leaders Forum* with Pathways to Success









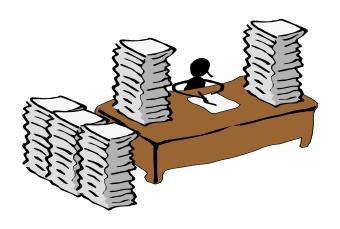






- » Members of scholarship committees read your application and make their decisions according to their own unique criteria.
- » At some point you may receive an invitation to be interviewed.

ALL scholarship applications will require time, energy, attention to detail, accuracy, and thought from you.



- » If you submit the DHSHS Scholarship Application and live in DHS, you will be considered.
- » Number of scholarships vary from year to year.
- » Finalists will be interviewed.



DHS Women's Club >

- » Scholarships from \$500 to \$1,500 for applicants with a 3.0 GPA or higher who plan to study Accounting.
- » Application can be found online at www.dhaaonline.org under Education, then Scholarship, then Scholarship application.
- » Completed applications are due in April.

Desert Hospitality Accountants' Association

- » www.desertoutreachfoundation.org
- » Up to five \$1,500 scholarships will be given.
- » Fill out the application online.



Desert Outreach Foundation

- » The 2015 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a U.S. Citizen
- » Applications are judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applications are online at http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm
- » Deadline to submit an application is late November 2014



www.elks.org/enf/scholars

FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov



- » Apply for FAFSA January 1 March 2, 2015
- "Free Application for Federal Student Aid"

- » The Gates Millennium Scholars application deadline is January 2015
- » Visit http://www.gmsp.org/
- » You need a minimum GPA of 3.3
- » You need a nominator, a recommender, and a lot of time to complete this application. Start early.

Gates Millennium Scholars



- » This application is open from September 1 through December 15. Please note that you can only apply to scholarship programs that are open.
- » http://www.hsf.net/
- » www.latinocollegedollars.org

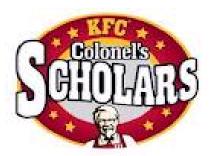


Inland Empire Scholarship Fund

- » Applications are accepted online until February 1, 2015 for low-income Hispanic/Latino students with a minimum GPA of 2.7 who plan to attend college full time beginning Fall of 2015
- » Apply at www.iesfbecas.cvscholars.com



- » Minimum high school GPA of 2.75
- » Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree
- » Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- » Demonstrate financial need
- » Accepting online applications December 1 until February
- » Up to \$20,000 scholarship



www.kfcscholars.org

La Quinta Arts Foundation

- » www.lqaf.com
- » Fill out the online scholarship application
- » Three recommendations are required, including one from your current or recent art teacher
- » Three to five images of your artwork in jpg format are required
- » You must have a declared major in the field of Visual Arts



- » Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating DHSHS students, renewable for 4 years of college
- » Candidates must demonstrate financial need, have excellent grades, and be accepted by a 4-year college to pursue a B.S. or B.A.
- » Winners will be selected from the DHSHS
- » Scholarship Application entries

Parissa Labbaf Memorial Scholarship

- » Dorothy Bradley started the Ladies of Mission Lakes Luncheon League over 20 years ago. She and her friends raise money every year to help deserving students from DHSHS.
- » They raised \$10,000 for the Class of 2014.
- » Students are selected from DHSHS Scholarship Applications.

Ladies of Mission Lakes

- » Scholarship for a female who is planning to pursue a career in the culinary, hospitality, or nutrition arts.
- » Applications will be available in the Career Center and due date is May 1.
- » Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International, Palm Springs Chapter

» Two \$500 scholarships given, chosen from students who submit the DHSHS Local Scholarship application

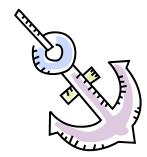


Mission Lakes Men's Golf Club

- » Female candidates who submit the DHSHS Scholarship Application will be considered.
- » Emphasis is on community service involvement and high GPA.
- » Finalists will be interviewed, probably in March or April.

National Charity League

- You must be a U.S. citizen, and belong to JROTC <u>or</u> are a dependent or direct descendant of an active, reserve, retired, or honorably discharged member of the military service.
- Download an application online at www.palmsprings.navyleague.us
- Due March 2015



Navy League Scholarship \$1,500

Negro Academic Scholarship Fund

- » Scholarships are \$1,000 for community college and \$2,000 for four-year university.
- » Students who submit the DHSHS Scholarship Application will be reviewed.
- » Eligibility is at least a 2.5 GPA and financial need.
- » Students of all ethnicities are considered.

- » This \$2,000 scholarship is for a student who submitted both the DHSHS Scholarship Application and is a cadet member of DHSHS MCJROTC.
- » Qualified applicants will also have a high GPA and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Palm Springs Chapter, Military Officers Association

- » Students who submitted the DHSHS Scholarship Application are considered for a \$1,000 award.
- » Eligible applicants must have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the culinary or hospitality industry, or in history, political science, or library science.
- » Finalists will be interviewed.

Palm Springs Historical Society



- » Two students are chosen from the DHSHS Scholarship Applications to each receive the Lions Club \$500 service award.
- » Eligible students exemplify qualities such as courtesy, integrity, friendship, responsibility, dependability, and concern for others.

Palm Springs Lions Club



- » If one of your parents is a teacher for Palm Springs Unified School District, please complete the DHSHS Scholarship Application and submit it with that information.
- » Your application will be reviewed in March.



Palm Springs Teachers Association/PSTA

- » PS Women's Press Club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a male or female who will be pursuing a career in journalism or any related media such as television writer, screenwriting, or music.
- » The application will be available in the Career Center and will be due by early March.

Palm Springs Women's Press Club

Palm Springs Modern Committee

- » The Palm Springs Modern Committee is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining the heritage of "Desert Modern" architecture and historic neighborhoods in Palm Springs and the entire Coachella Valley.
- » A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in pursuing a degree in architecture or interior design. Student will be selected from DHSHS Scholarship applicants.

Palm Springs Art Museum Georgia Fogelson Scholarships with Pathways to Success

- You must be pursuing the Visual Arts in college.
- Must have a high school GPA of 2.0 or above.
- Scholarship amounts are \$2,500 for community college or \$5,000 for fouryear college.
- Apply online at https://psam.cvscholars.com



- » Pathways to Success scholarship applications are due by March 2, 2015
- » For the online application, go to dhshs.cvscholars.com
- » You also need to upload two letters of recommendation, your personal statement, and Student Aid Report (SAR) from your FAFSA or Dream Act application
- » \$2,500 to \$5,000 scholarships



Pathways to Success

The Paletteers Art Club Scholarship \$1,000



- » For a student who has talent in painting, and who would pursue further training in art
- » You will need to submit samples of your art in jpg format
- » Ask your art teacher for help with putting your art samples into electronic format
- » Your DHSHS Scholarship Application will be submitted
- Entries complete with art samples are due by February 15,
 2015 to art teacher Rosa Loughnane
- Winner will attend an Art Show at Miracle Springs Resort& Spa in March 2015



- For students who wish to pursue a career in business administration or education.
- Essay required and 3 letters of recommendation.
- Pick up the scholarship application in the Career Center.
- Entries due January 2015.

RCAEOP Scholarship \$1,000

Riverside County Association of Educational Office Professionals

- » Two awards of \$2,500 will be granted to students graduating from high school in Riverside County.
- » Application is available at www.rcdsa.org.
- Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31.

Riverside Sheriffs' Association Student Scholarship Program

- » Apply online at http://rmhc.org/what-wedo/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/
- » Download an application for one of these:
- » RMHC Scholars
- » RMHC Asia
- » RMHC African-American
- » RMHC Hacer



Ronald McDonald Scholarships

Seattle University



- » Sullivan Leadership Award
- » Scholarships from \$11,000 to \$18,500 per year to study at Seattle University www.seattleu.edu
- » Deadline November 2014
- » See also www.seattleu.edu/sullivan

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

» A \$500 "Worthy Student" scholarship will be awarded to a student who has completed the DHSHS Scholarship Application.



Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award



- » The Coachella Valley's Soroptimist International clubs award up to five young women (14-17 years of age) with Violet B. Richardson Awards every spring.
- » These monetary awards are based on volunteer/community service (amount to be determined based upon club funds available but at least \$250 each).
- » Each of the awardees receives a cash award, and the charity for which they volunteer their time receives an equal monetary award.
- » Completed applications are due November 2014.

- » The Taber Family, owners of North Palm Springs Commercial Plaza, are honored to assist outstanding DHSHS students as they continue their education.
- » \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to a male and female graduating senior who have submitted the DHSHS Scholarship Application.
- » Eligibility includes financial need. The students must plan to attend a California public community college or public university.

Taber Company, NPS Commercial Plaza

If you plan to attend
 UC Berkeley, complete
 the online college
 application by
 November 30



» Apply for their four-year scholarship program (TAAP) at http://alumni.berkeley.edu/taap between December 15 and February 24.

UC Berkeley



UCLA

- » UCLA Club of the Desert offers \$1,000 scholarships to students who have been accepted and are committed to attend UCLA.
- Scholarship applications will be available in the Career
 Center and must be completed and postmarked by April 15.

UC Riverside

If you plan to attend UCR, look for scholarships available from the university at:

» http://my.ucr.edu/financial_aid/Pages/Scholarship satUCR.aspx



Women Leaders Forum Young Women Leaders



- » To be eligible, female seniors are must attend scheduled educational meetings of YWL from October to May at UC Riverside in Palm Desert (Cook Street and Frank Sinatra Drive).
- » WLF combines their scholarship with Pathways to Success, for a total scholarship award of \$5,000.



These scam-spotting rules are from www.FastWeb.com:

- » Don't pay money to get money.
- » Too good to be true? It probably is.
- » Spend time, not money.
- » Legitimate scholarships are <u>never</u> guaranteed.
- » Feel suspicious? Trust your instinct.

Beware of scholarship scams!

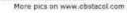


Suggestions for success

- Present yourself well. Neatness counts.
- Check your spelling on <u>everything</u>.
- Be sure your name is on each page.
- Submit all requested information, and submit it on time.
- Be prepared to go to the post office for postage and to mail your own entries.

- 1. Miss the deadline
- 2. Fail to complete the application
- 3. Do not proofread application for spelling
- 4. Do not answer the essay question
- 5. Do not read the eligibility requirements
- 6. Provide incorrect contact information
- 7. Do not follow the instructions given

Common Mistakes Students Make When Applying to Scholarships



Think about what you want:

- » Visit Career Cruising online at www.careercruising.com
- » Explore your personal interests
- » Research statistics about job availability, colleges and costs
- » Stop by the Career Center to pick up our user name and password

Register with scholarship search websites. The more scholarship applications you submit, the greater your chances of receiving scholarships. Try:

www.fastweb.com www.hsf.net www.MeritAid.com www.SchoolSoup.com www.Scholarships.com www.NextStepU.com www.icanaffordcollege.com



Google scholarships for your own situation--such as "Scholarships for Twins" or "Scholarships for Musicians" or "Scholarships for Writers." Be sure to keep a list of all user names and passwords you use.