

## Scholarship Research Worksheet

### Scholarship Quiz

#1) For most schools, the biggest factor for scholarships and admission decisions is?	a) ACT or SAT Scores b) GPA c) Recommendations d) Essay		
#2) If you don't take the ACT or SAT test, you won't be eligible for academic scholarships from a college or university.		True	False
#3) Millions of scholarship \$\$ go unclaimed every year, I just need to pay a service to find them?		True	False
#4) About 8% of students receive a <i>private</i> college scholarship?		True	False
#5) You can get a scholarship for making your prom dress out of Duck Tape?		True	False
#6) Private colleges are too expensive and you shouldn't apply if you don't have the money?		True	False
#7) To promote farming, the USDA awards a \$500 scholarship to a young person who writes a poem about farm animals. Only catch: you have to be a child of a farmer or have grown up on a farm. Is this a real scholarship?		True	False
#8) Are you an average student? There is a scholarship for normal achievers that can get you \$5,000. Qualifications: don't be too successful, accomplished or notable. Serious or not?		True	False
#9) The Ursinus College Creative Writing Award is a scholarship for \$30,000 given to writers that have quirky brilliance, an unusual perspective, and outstanding originality. Can you apply or not?		True	False
#10) The biggest source of scholarship cash comes from private scholarships such as the Coca Cola Scholars awards and the Intel Science Talent Search, not from the colleges themselves.		True	False
#11) Calling all Klingon speakers, the Klingon Language Institute offers a \$500 award for a creative student who's studying language. Bonus: You don't have to be fluent in Klingon. Does this scholarship exist on Earth?		True	False
#12) The "best" time to search for scholarships is?	a) During my senior year when applying to college b) Before my senior year c) While enrolled in college d) all of the above		
#13) If I win a scholarship, I have to pay it back. However, I can make payments interest free?		True	False
#14) I must accept all aid listed on my financial aid award letter?		True	False
#15) Which of the following is not a scholarship application must?	a) Focus on leadership and contributions. b) Make your application stand out. c) Include a resume only if they ask for it. d) Practice to make sure everything fits. e) Understand the scholarship's mission		

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<p><b>*Myths, Realities &amp; Scams</b></p>	<p>1) <b>Never, Never, Never</b> pay for a scholarship search. Unfortunately, looking for free \$\$ leads many people to pay for services that are just scams. <b>If it seems to good to be true it is.</b> Watch for lines scammers use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "You can't get this information anywhere else"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "I need your credit card or bank account number"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "We'll do all the work"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "The scholarship will cost money"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed every year"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Only one with the information"</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "You've been selected by a national foundation" or "You're a finalist in a competition."</li> </ul> <p>2) Myths &amp; Realities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myth – Most athletes get a full ride scholarship</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality – I don't have to be a superstar student or athlete for many scholarships</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality - Applying for scholarships is a lot of work!</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality - The largest % scholarship \$\$ comes from the colleges themselves             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Don't overlook schools which offer automatic scholarships</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myth - I missed "scholarship season", so I'm out of luck</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality: Colleges may have certain deadlines for the scholarships they give out, but there are plenty of other types of organizations that give out scholarships all year long.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myth – I am the top student in my class, I will get automatic scholarships at any school. Reality – there are 41,000+ valedictorians, plus many of the most selective schools do not offer merit aid.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality – The best chance of getting a merit scholarship is to be in the top 25% for both ACT/SAT scores and high school GPA for the incoming freshman class.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myth - Getting scholarships will hurt financial aid eligibility</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality – Pay close attention to scholarship criteria, there will be many you will not qualify for</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality – Don't miss deadlines, they are strictly adhered to</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reality - Official notification will arrive in writing by mail, not by telephone.</li> </ul>

## My, Myself & I - Scholarship Matchmaker

**(In the spaces provided below, enter the personal characteristics that might qualify you for a scholarship.)**

My State, City and County of Residence =				
My Current High School GPA/My Current Class Rank (if applicable)				
My Composite ACT Score/My Composite SAT Score				
My Individual ACT Scores – Math/English/Science/Reading				
My Individual SAT Scores - Reading/Math/Writing & Language				
My National Merit Scholarship Score (PSAT)				
Minority Status: (e.g., African American, Alaskan Native)				
Nationality or Ethnic Background(s): (e.g., Chinese, Greek, Norwegian, etc.)				
Religious Affiliation Organizations(s)				
Organizations/Associations/Business Affiliations: (e.g., Kiwanis, Rotary, Elks Club, Unions, Athletic, Banks, Credit Unions, Clubs, PTA's, Local Dollars for Scholars Chapters, etc., etc. you or a family member belongs to)				
Employers - Corporations & Companies (e.g., companies you or a family member <b>Philanthropic Foundations</b> (e.g., <b>Gates Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars, etc.</b> )				
List Your Hobbies, Activities, Volunteer or Community Service, Special Talents, Excellence in Academic Subject, Clubs, Camps, etc.				
Family Military Service: (Name all family members who are now or have been in the military. Include branch of service.)				
Major or Career Interest: (List all college majors or careers you are considering.)				
Learning or Physical Disability (if applicable)				
Other attributes you can think of that might aid in a scholarship search				

Guiding your admission to and graduation from college

## Top Sources to Search for Scholarships and Scholarship Information

Source	URL
Your High School Counselors Office	<b>For Local Scholarships</b>
The Colleges Themselves (#1 source of scholarship \$\$) <b>TIP: Look or Automatic Scholarships First</b>	Visit the college Financial Aid/Scholarship web page
State – Minnesota Office Higher Education	<a href="https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/">https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/</a>
National Association Financial Aid Administrators (NAFSAA)	<a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/">http://www.nasfaa.org/</a>
Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA)	<a href="http://www.mafaa.org/">http://www.mafaa.org/</a>
<b>Reputable Online Scholarship Search Resources:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fastweb	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com/">http://www.fastweb.com/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The College Board – Big Future	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarships.com	<a href="https://www.scholarships.com/">https://www.scholarships.com/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> StudentScholarshipSearch.com	<a href="http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/">http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FinAid.org	<a href="http://www.finaid.org/">http://www.finaid.org/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sallie Mae	<a href="https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/">https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/</a>
<b>Popular Local Scholarships:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tozer Foundation	<a href="http://www.tozerfoundation.com/">http://www.tozerfoundation.com/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.woodburychamber.org/">http://www.woodburychamber.org/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.cottagegrovechamber.org">http://www.cottagegrovechamber.org</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Page Education Foundation Grants	<a href="http://page-ed.org/">http://page-ed.org/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linden Scholarship	<a href="http://salvationarmynorth.org/community-pages/linden-scholarship/">http://salvationarmynorth.org/community-pages/linden-scholarship/</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury Lions Club	<a href="http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/woodburymn/page-9.php">http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/woodburymn/page-9.php</a>

**Step 1:** Find at least 5 – 10 scholarships that you believe you qualify for using your scholarship matchmaker guide and the resources listed above.

**Step 2:** Quickly jot down the basic information regarding these scholarships in the table listed below

Scholarship Name & URL	Scholarship Criteria	Scholarship Amount (\$\$)	Scholarship Deadline
#1)			
#2)			
#3)			
#4)			
#5)			
#6)			
#7)			
#8)			
#9)			
#10)			

**Step 3:** Answer more detailed questions about the scholarships on your list and enter the information about the three scholarships that you have selected into the charts below:

Scholarship Name	Scholarship 1	Scholarship 2	Scholarship 3
1. Application Deadline			
2. Type of Award			
3. Is the Award College Specific			
4. What is the \$\$ amount of the award			
5. Who is sponsoring the award			
6. What is the e-mail or mailing address			
7. What are the scholarship requirements			
8. How much time will this application take			

Scholarship Name	Scholarship 4	Scholarship 5	Scholarship 6
1. Application Deadline			
2. Type of Award			
3. Is the Award College Specific			
4. What is the \$\$ amount of the award			
5. Who is sponsoring the award			
6. What is the e-mail or mailing address			
7. What are the scholarship requirements			
8. How much time will this application take			

Scholarship Name	Scholarship 7	Scholarship 8	Scholarship 9	Scholarship 10
1. Application Deadline				
2. Type of Award				
3. Is the Award College Specific				
4. What is the \$\$ amount of the award				
5. Who is sponsoring the award				
6. What is the e-mail or mailing address				
7. What are the scholarship requirements				
8. How much time will this application take				