

Financial Aid

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Scholarship Resources

- **FAFSA** is a government-sponsored program that gives 120 billion dollars in student aid annually. Applications are totally free, and anyone can apply
- **Local scholarships**, while less glamorous than national ones, offer a better chance at winning financial aid
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible- a shotgun approach will win more money than working for just one or two

Scholarships

- Apply for all of the scholarships that are relevant to you
- Look at scholarships from different organizations (more than one!)
- Plan your letters of recommendation in advance
- Be personal in your application essays

Getting Help

- Ask counselors for assistance in applying for scholarships
- Look around for jobs to work at during and before college to save money
- Communicate with your parents or guardians about asking for a loan or getting help from a bank
- Research good scholarship websites that provide scholarships that fit your needs

Choosing a College

- Ask parents for help and guidance while choosing a college
- Make sure it is affordable for you
- Keep your grades up to improve your chances of being accepted into a better college
- Be a realist- aim high, but have something to fall back on if needed (a “safety school”)