

Scholarship Search Platforms

With tuition rising approximately 3.5% every year, the average undergraduate now finishes his/her degree with over \$37,000 in student debt.

Scholarships, **money that does not need to be repaid**, are one of the best ways to reduce these growing costs. Over \$50 billion in scholarships were awarded to students last year. Scholarship search platforms exist to help students find the most relevant ones.

The logo for fastweb, featuring the word "fastweb" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A blue graduation cap icon is positioned to the right of the text, with a white scroll emerging from its top.The logo for SCHOLARSHIPS.COM, featuring a blue graduation cap icon above the text "SCHOLARSHIPS.COM" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for Cappex, featuring a stylized orange and blue graduation cap icon to the left of the word "Cappex" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for SCHOLLY, featuring a red silhouette of a dog's head to the left of the word "SCHOLLY" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.The logo for UNIGO, featuring the word "UNIGO" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a colorful gradient bar above the letters "O" and "G". Below the word is the tagline "Go. Find. You." in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.The logo for SallieMae, featuring a blue arc above the word "SallieMae" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for StudentScholarshipSearch, featuring a yellow star icon to the left of the text "StudentScholarshipSearch" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for bigfuture, featuring the word "bigfuture" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a blue speech bubble icon to the right. Below the word is the tagline "by The College Board" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Consider the following when applying for scholarships:

- You may want to set up an email to use exclusively for your scholarship search. If not, create a Scholarship Folder in your email to stay organized and focused.
- Be thorough in completing your profile. The more information you provide in search filters, the better the scholarship matches.
- Be wary of scholarship scams; use a reputable platform. Do not pay for access to scholarship websites.
- Consider designating a certain time(s) each week to work on scholarships.
- Have someone review your application/essay prior to submitting. Make a copy. Pay attention to deadlines! Give yourself sufficient time to complete the application, write essays if necessary, and ask for recommendations if necessary.