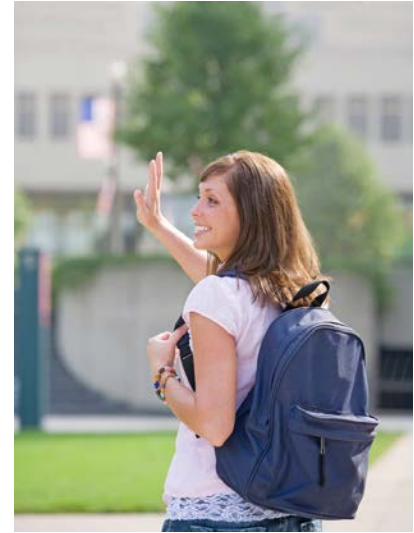
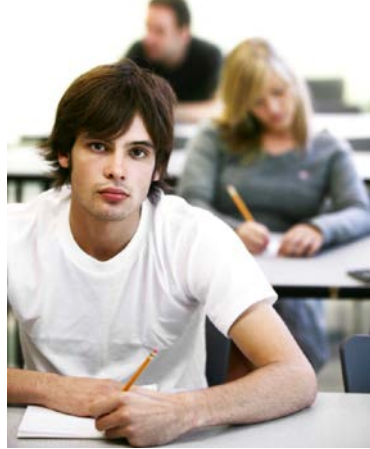


Ten Golden Rules for Winning Scholarships



These tips will help you get scholarships to pay for college:

1. **Start early** – Start looking junior year. Many scholarships have early application deadlines.
2. **Speak with your high school guidance counselor or scholarship advisor.** These people may be able to lead you to local, regional or national scholarships that you won't easily find elsewhere.
3. **If you are a volunteer or active in a community, school or religious group, ask the advisor, sponsor or benefactor about scholarships.** These people may be able to suggest and connect you with scholarship opportunities offered through their specific organization.
4. **Check out online sources.** There are many scholarship websites as well as Internet sites of scholarship sponsors that profile scholarship opportunities. Many high schools post scholarship opportunities in the Guidance Office or on the Guidance Department web site. Since many scholarships are local, state and regional, it's a good idea to seek out scholarship web sites and listings for other schools in your area.
5. **Read application requirements** - Make sure you are eligible. Invest your time and effort wisely.
6. **Follow instructions explicitly** – Most scholarships are very competitive and errors can eliminate you from consideration.
7. **Tailor your application essay to the sponsoring organization** - Resist sending your standard essay with a simple name change.
8. **Proofread your application carefully** - Errors can result in a quick denial.
9. **Be active** - Student leaders and those active in athletics, clubs and community service are more likely to win college scholarships.
10. **Maintain your GPA** - Keep your grades up. A minimum GPA is required for many scholarships. Strong academic performance will make you eligible for more scholarship opportunities.