

**Important: Before starting work on scholarships,  
please read the information on the bottom for helps & hints  
that may ease your efforts and increase your return.**

DEADLINE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP
Varied	<b>Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)</b> A tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. <a href="http://msep.mhec.org">http://msep.mhec.org</a>
Employment Scholarship	<b>Holy Family Scholarship Program</b> offers scholarship per semester for technical, state, or private college respectively to students for tuition in high-demand medical programs and who are willing to make an employment service commitment. 3.0 GPA <a href="https://www.hfmhealth.org/scholarships">https://www.hfmhealth.org/scholarships</a>
Various	<b>Daughters of American Revolution DAR</b> provides a legitimate site for a variety of scholarships in various fields for high school seniors, undergrads and graduate students. <a href="http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#history">http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#history</a>
Various	<b>The Christian Connector, Inc.</b> offers a scholarship drawing and information for select/participating Christian Colleges. <a href="http://www.ChristianConnector.com">www.ChristianConnector.com</a>
Accepting 2017-18 applications.	<b>Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund</b> honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing renewable scholarships for their children under age 26 at time of application and are a high school senior or currently enrolled as a full-time undergrad student. Students must be dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine AND whose military parent meets one of the following: has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident; OR, has been KIA; OR, has been classified as MIA; OR, has been classified a POW. <a href="http://www.FAScholarship.com">www.FAScholarship.com</a>
December 18, 2017	<b>EFW Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin</b> is offering twelve opportunities to win one of five different scholarships to high school seniors who plan to study engineering at a four-year ABET accredited program leading to a baccalaureate degree in engineering and shall intend to enter the profession of engineering upon graduation. Each applicant will be considered for all of the following scholarships: EFW Scholarship, WSPE Past Presidents Scholarship, The Behling Scholarship, The Louis C Geiger Scholarship, and The Yu-Hwa Terry Ni FREE Program Scholarship. <a href="http://www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml">http://www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml</a>
December 31, 2017	<b>The ACT Student Champion Award</b> is intended for a student who has overcome challenges and can articulate education and career actions, and has a composite ACT score of a 22 on a single test date or a 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Preference will be given to underrepresented and/or first-generation college students. <a href="http://www.act.org/readinesschampions">www.act.org/readinesschampions</a>
January 16, 2018	<b>WATDA WI Automobile &amp; Truck Dealers Association Scholarship</b> awards 70 to 90 scholarship each year and is intended for graduating seniors, or adult student who are pursuing a career in the auto and truck industry. <a href="http://www.watda.org/Scholarship">http://www.watda.org/Scholarship</a>

January 29, 2018

**Valders Youth Football Scholarship** is open to ANY Valders High School senior attending technical school, private/public college or UW System.

[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/VYFootball.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/VYFootball.docx)

January 31, 2018

**National MS Society Scholarship** is awarded to qualified individuals who have been diagnosed or who have a parent who has been diagnosed with MS. Students pursuing undergrad studies carrying at least 6 credits per semester and who are US citizens or legal residents may apply.

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Insurance-and-Financial-Information/Financial-Resources/Scholarship-Program/Scholarship-Program-Information>

January 31, 2018

EVERY student should **seriously look** at this scholarship if any of these career fields interest you!

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES for the Promise Scholarship!!!!**

- FEB 1, 2018 LTC Promise Interest Form
- FEB 15, 2018 LTC Admission Application
- MAR 1, 2018 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- MAR 15, 2018 Program Requirements
- APR 5, 2018 LTC Promise Notification

**LTC Promise Scholarship!** If you are a graduating high school senior with a cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher, living in the LTC District, have completed the FAFSA [generally with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of \$3,000 or less—but see [guidelines!](#)], have a 90% high school attendance record, obtain a minimum score of 16 on ACT, and are interested in any one of the more than 60 LTC degree programs than this scholarship is for YOU!

<http://www.gotoltc.edu/promise/>

### **Accounting**

Accounting

Accounting Assistant

### **Advanced Manufacturing**

CNC Technician

Electro-Mechanical Technology

Machine Tool Operation

Maintenance Mechanic

Maintenance Technician

Mechanical Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD)

Mechanical Design Technology

Technical Studies - Journeyworker

Welding Fabrication Technician

Welding-Industrial

### **Agriculture & Horticulture**

Agribusiness Science & Technology

Agriculture Technician

Dairy Herd Management

Horticulture Technician

Sustainable Landscape Horticulture

### **Automotive**

Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing Technician

Automotive Maintenance Technician

### **Business Management & Administration**

Administrative Professional

Business Management

Human Resource Administration

Human Resources Assistant

Individualized Technical Studies

Manufacturing Management

Office Assistant

Quality Assurance Technician

Quality Process Improvement

Supply Chain Assistant

Supply Chain Management

### **Early Childhood Education**

Child Care Services

Early Childhood Education

### **Energy**

Energy Management Technology

Environmental Engineering-Waste & Water Technology

Nuclear Technology

Radiation Safety/Health Physics

Wind Energy Technology

### **Healthcare**

Dental Assistant

Healthcare Technician

Health Information Management

Health Unit Coordinator

Medical Assistant

Medical Coding Specialist

Nursing-Associate Degree

Ophthalmic Medical Assistant

Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Services Management

Practical Nursing

Radiography

### **Hospitality & Culinary Arts**

Culinary Arts

Culinary & Baking Basics Technical Diploma

Culinary Arts Technical Diploma

Hotel/Hospitality Management

### **Information Technology (IT)**

IT- Computer Support Specialist

IT- Network Specialist

IT- Web and Software Developer

Manufacturing IT

### **Legal**

Broadcast Captioning

Court Reporting

Paralegal

### **Marketing & Graphic Design**

Graphic & Web Design

Marketing

Sales Representative

### **Public Safety**

Advanced EMT

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement

Criminal Justice 720 Embedded Academy

Basic Emergency Medical Technician

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

Fire Medic

Paramedic Technician

Security and Corrections

The Promise Scholarship will cover DEGREE programs but will NOT cover certificate programs, such as CNA.

- February 1, 2018 **Wisconsin Professional Police Association Scholarship** will award a Wisconsin resident enrolling in a college or vocational/technical school in a course of study leading to a two- or four- year degree in police science, criminal justice, or a law enforcement-related field – which does NOT include law school – is eligible.  
<http://wppa.com/resources/scholarship-program/>
- February 1, 2018  
NEW! **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders** is intended to encourage opportunities in the ag industry in fields like science, technology, business and engineering. Sponsored by Monsanto; FFA membership **not** required. <http://www.americasfarmers.com/community-outreach/grow-ag-leaders/>
- February 6, 2018  
NEW! **TDS Telecom - WI State Telecommunications Foundation Scholarship** is offering a scholarship to applicants who receive their home telecommunications bill from TDS and are graduating high school seniors. Go to the webpage below to fill out the forms but ensure your completed form is sent to TDS Telecom c/o Jean Pauk! [HINT: Use the **"ONLINE Scholarship Application 2018"** button and NOT the "Print & Complete..." as this will allow you to type directly into the applications] (*This needs a transcript and mailing time...it is recommended you come to Student Services when beginning this application for an additional note and a checklist from Jean Pauk as incomplete applications are not considered. Then, get all completed scholarship materials to Student Services on or before February 2, 2018.*) You will need to know for Page 1...there are 358 students at VHS. <http://www.wsta.info/?page=FoundationApp>
- February 12, 2018 **Herb Krueger Scholarship** will award up to five (including renewals) \$1,000 scholarships to VHS graduating seniors who are entering a university, technical college or specialty school. Students CANNOT be in the top 10% of the class. ALL eligible VHS students are encouraged to apply; however, students majoring in lumber/forestry industries will get first preference. Special consideration is given to economically disadvantaged students based on parent's income. [http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Krueger.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Krueger.docx)
- The link below is for VHS Grads who are previous Krueger recipients:  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/KruegerRenew2-4.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/KruegerRenew2-4.docx)
- February 12, 2018 **VHS Class of 1945 Scholarship** will award a scholarship to a senior student of Valders High School whose class rank ranges from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and who is planning to pursue a four-year degree. May be used for tuition, fees, books, and room and board only.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Class1945.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Class1945.docx)
- February 15  
NEW! **BBB Better Business Bureau Students of Integrity Scholarship** is intended for high school seniors who are a Wisconsin state resident with a 3.0 GPA or show academic improvement consistently over time and who plan to attend a Wisconsin-based accredited Higher Education Institution (2 or 4 year). <https://www.bbb.org/wisconsin/scholarships/>
- February 19, 2018 **Julie Thews Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a Valders High School graduating senior who is planning to enroll in a technical college or a 4-yr college/university. Applicant **must** have attended Valders Middle School (5-8) and Community Service hours **must** have been performed. [http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Thews.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Thews.docx)
- February 28, 2018 **Valders High School Scholarship Fund** will award multiple graduating seniors from Valders Area High School scholarship based upon academics, co-curricular participation, and essay.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/ValdersHS.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/ValdersHS.docx)

- February 28, 2018  
NEW! **Edward J. Shimanek Memorial Scholarship of the Manitowoc County Deputy Sheriffs/Constables Association** is sponsoring scholarships for graduating high school students going into Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement field and entering first year of college. Must be resident of Manitowoc County.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Shimanek.pdf](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Shimanek.pdf)
- February 28, 2018  
NEW! **Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department Association** is sponsoring two scholarships *with a preference* given to students pursuing a career in a criminal justice related field.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/MantySheriff.pdf](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/MantySheriff.pdf)
- March 1, 2018 **Tall Clubs International Foundation, Inc.** offers scholarships with a primary eligibility intended for a male 6'2" or taller, or a female 5' 10" or taller.  
<https://tallclubofmilwaukee.org/scholarship/>
- March 1, 2018 **Schneider-Emmanuel Scholarships** are awarded to students that best meet criteria and who have participated in at least one American Legion sponsored activity\* and have family ties to a living relative that is currently a member of The American legion or Auxiliary or who themselves are members. (*\*Students who when sophomores took the County Government Test in Mr. Lemberger's class ---this counts as your activity!*)  
<http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards>
- March 1, 2018 **Eck Education Scholarship** awards graduating seniors from Manitowoc County high schools & who are planning to attend an accredited college/tech college. Not mandatory but preference given to those in engineering sciences. <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 1, 2018 **Majel Pinney-Henrickson Memorial Music Scholarship** awarded to graduating senior from one of the following schools: Kiel, Lincoln, Lutheran, Mishicot, Reedsville, Roncalli, Sturgeon Bay, TR or Valders & who plan to pursue a degree in music.  
<https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 1, 2018 **Oliver E. Sweikar Scholarship** for Manitowoc County graduating seniors pursuing technical or college careers in electrical engineering or *RELATED FIELD!* Valders students whose fields are even remotely close are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THIS GENEROUS RENEWABLE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP! <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 1, 2018 **Ralph & Clare Rudolph Scholarship** awarded to Graduating senior who is a dependent child or step-child of an employee at Rockline Industries, who has been employed for at least one year as of December 31. <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 1, 2018 **Secura All-College Scholarship** is for dependent children of Secura's non-executive associates.  
<https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 7, 2018 **Richard A. Meyer Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a Valders High School graduating senior who is planning to enroll in a technical college or a 4-yr college/university. Applicant must have cumulative GPA of 3.000. Applicant must have shown participation in community service and must have employment history. Although not required to apply, *preference* is given to the Applicant pursuing a degree in Public Safety Services (Criminal Justice, Police Science, Pre-Law, EMT, Paramedic, Fire Protection, etc.)  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/RickMeyer.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/RickMeyer.docx)

- March 15, 2018 **St. Nazianz Lions Club Scholarship** offers scholarship to a graduating senior from either Kiel or Valders School District who is in the top 25% of class with 3.0 GPA and has demonstrated outstanding participation in community service.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/StNazianzLions.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/StNazianzLions.docx)
- March 15, 2018 **Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship** awarded to dependent children/step-children of non-executive associates employed at Jewelers.  
<https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- March 19, 2018 **Valders Lions Club Scholarship** is open to all Valders High School seniors planning to attend college or technical college. It is not necessary that your parent be affiliated with a Lions Club. Special consideration will be given to seniors who have completed forty hours of community service. [http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/ValdersLions.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/ValdersLions.docx)
- March 23, 2018 **Cleveland Athletic Club Scholarship** is awarded to qualified student residing in the 53015 zip code; or, with a (693) telephone exchange; or, who is a graduating senior of an active Cleveland Athletic Club member. Athletic participation in high school or community sports for at least three years and 3.0 GPA.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Cleveland.pdf](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Cleveland.pdf)
- April 1, 2018 **Faith Technologies Inc. Memorial Scholarship** will award graduating senior who is a dependent child/step-child of a Faith employee. <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- April 1, 2018 **Merizon Family Scholarship** will award dependent children, step-children, and grandchildren, whether by birth or adoption, of Modern Business Machines employees in good standing, who have a minimum of one year's service on or before April 1.  
<https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- April 1, 2018 **Van Hoof Family Scholarship** is awarded to dependents of an employee of Van Hoof Companies pursuing post-secondary education, based on cumulative grade point average.  
<https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>
- April 9, 2018 **Valders Basketball Club** will award scholarship to qualified individual(s) in good standing for four years of the Valders High School Basketball program. GPA, co-curriculars, service to VBC, community service, coach's recommendation, and essays are also considered components.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Basketball.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/Basketball.docx)
- April 9, 2018 **NEW!** **Valders Youth Wrestling Club** will award a graduating senior in good academic standing who has been a member of the Valders wrestling team for at least two years of his/her career and who has supported the Valders' Youth Wrestling Program during their high school career.  
[http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS\\_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/VYWrestling.docx](http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/HS_FILES/hsguidance/schforms/VYWrestling.docx)
- April 15, 2018 **UW Manitowoc Scholarship:** Incoming high school senior/freshmen  
<http://manitowoc.uwc.edu/community/foundation/foundation-scholarships>
- April 15, 2018 **Manitowoc County Assoc for Home and Community Education Scholarship** for seniors in high school or college students continuing their education. Applicants must be sons, daughters, or grandchildren of a current Manitowoc County Association for Home and Community Education member. This scholarship can be used for any field of advanced study.  
<http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/family-living/home-community-education/>

April 15, 2018 **Lendedu** will award scholarships based upon essay. US citizen. Current high school senior or full-time college student with a current 2.5 GPA. <https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-application/>

**OPENS** on *February 1* & **CLOSES** April 30 **AB Nicholas Scholarship** for senior student basketball managers or players attending any of the UW System schools. Scholarship based upon need, academic achievement and character. <http://abnicholasscholars.org/>

May 1, 2018 **U.S. Venture, Inc. College Scholarship** is intended for a Dependent of an associate employed at U.S. Venture, Inc. and divisions of U.S. Venture, Inc. for at least one year. <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/school/valders/>

**Scholarship Nuts & Bolts: How do I write scholarships and get the scholarship applications to work for me? How can I type right into a pdf file? How will I get my money?**

**INFORMATION FOR PDF FILES or paper copies!!**

**Students should not manually type or handwrite any pdf document or paper copy.**

If the document is a pdf file on this bulletin, (we suggest using Google chrome) open and download the document by doing a “save as” Next, click on “sign” on the upper right hand corner. Then, click on “Add Text” or “Fill & Sign”. You will not be able to do this directly from the browser...do a save as. If you need assistance, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East. (Hint: You can always sloppy copy at home and then type at school if having difficulties.) Additionally, if you only have access to a paper copy or pdf file of a scholarship not listed on this bulletin—SEE MRS. WILHELM. She can save you time and effort and scan and email you the scholarship from the big copier so that you can then enter your information on it. Don’t handwrite things! ☺ Good luck and if ?’s see us!

- **Keep a copy of every scholarship that you submit, whether you submit it or Student Services submits it. In the event you are awarded the scholarship, you will be responsible for contacting the agency/person who awarded the scholarship to you and follow their directions to collect your money. Local scholarships may have instructions on your awards certificates. Keep them handy!**
- **Start the application process early. Don’t procrastinate.**
- **Read & FOLLOW the instructions. Don’t hesitate to ask questions.**
- **Highlight the deadlines – note who the deadline is TO (Student Services or the organization).**
- **Allow ample time for mailing the scholarship or transcript if needed. (Official transcripts are mailed from Student Services to the organization and not given to Students. We will mail your scholarships if a transcript is needed. You mail your scholarships when transcripts are NOT needed.)**
- **Write and rewrite the essay – remove the “fluff,” provide solid reasons. –**
- **Computer generate or type everything -- typed applications make it to the top.**
  - **Hint #1: See above on how to scan and convert pdf to an editable format.**
  - **Hint #2: OR, use a pdf-to-word converter available on line.**
- **Do not use acronyms or abbreviations – spell everything out.**
- **Be professional, check for grammar, and check for spelling errors.**
- **Be neat – no whiteout, erasures, or paper smudges.**
- **Take responsibility for your application. Does it need to be signed or have other documentation submitted with it? Submit all materials together. Keep a copy for your records.**
- **Scholarships collected in Student Services are due on the due date by 4:00PM (Hard & Fast Rule) unless noted on the scholarship bulletin above.**
- **Please note: You may access scholarships using either \*Internet Explorer or Google Chrome from home. If you have difficulty accessing local scholarship web links, check your browser to see that it is up to date and in-sync. If still having difficulty, you can also try to save it to your desktop (see below \* if you have an older version of IE or Windows). From school, use only the Google Chrome browser. These files should open; we do test them; however, if you ever note difficulty and have tried these methods, please let us know.**
- **Attention all students who have \*Internet Explorer AND Windows XP (or older version) of Microsoft Word: there is a KNOWN Microsoft error. If you have IE, you may want to use Google Chrome or try this wrap-around fix: Open the file. Choose “SAVE.”When it states the file name, it will have “.zip” after it. Change this “.zip” to “.docx” and save it to your home computer drive. You can then open the document from your drive. If you have any questions or would like to be shown what to do, see Mrs. Wilhelm or Mr. East.**



## Where do I get more information & how do I find other scholarships?

- **Get Started Here:** Federal Student Aid An Office of the Dept. of Education  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- Don't forget to periodically check the High School Announcements for information on contests open to HS students that could **net you money for college!** <http://www.valders.k12.wi.us/announce/hmessage.htm>
- **UW System SCHOLARSHIPS.** Students attending any UW System campus need to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines and processes. UW information is in one location: <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/pay-for-college/financial-resources/> *Hint: For UW Manitowoc, look under "UW Colleges" Due April 15<sup>th</sup>!*
- **LTC Foundation:** <http://gotoltc.edu/foundation/scholarship/> Please note that LTC Foundation has several full-tuition scholarships for specific programs in addition to the general new high school student scholarship. Due mid-to end of April.
- **TIP Grants.** To be considered for the TIP grant a student must meet two criteria. The majority of dependent students who qualify have a parent contribution below \$200 (EFC on the FAFSA; **Check your EFC on your SAR report!**) and are first generation. First generation means neither parent graduated from a four- year college. See Student Services with questions or if you think you may qualify or need assistance. This grant is open until funds are exhausted. <http://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant>

### Free Scholarship Search Engines

- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- <http://www.finaid.org/>
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com;);
- <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/>
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>
- [https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships;);

### Military Scholarships and Benefits

Every branch is different in the amounts and types of educational benefits and scholarships they offer. There is a difference between National and Wisconsin Army Guards as well. Ensure you check out **ALL** your options if interested in funding your education with a military career. A few places to get started:

- <http://todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc?source-id=ROTC&content-id=+rotc&medium-id=BMM&campaign-id=G> Military Training Programs BMM
- <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships>
- <http://www.airforce.com/benefits/enlisted-education/>
- <http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education>
- <http://www.goarmy.com/benefits/education-benefits.html>
- <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>
- <http://www.marines.com/being-a-marine/benefits/education>
- <https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc>
- <http://www.navy.com/joining/benefits/education-opportunities.html>
- [https://www.uscg.mil/hr/cgi/active duty/pay for college/ta/default.asp](https://www.uscg.mil/hr/cgi/active%20duty/pay%20for%20college/ta/default.asp)

- **FinAid.org:** This award-winning site includes a comprehensive database of scholarships, student financial aid information, tools and advice including:

Lessons Learned: Apply for every scholarship for which you are eligible, no matter how small (or how large). Every dollar you win in scholarships is a dollar less you have to borrow. Your chances of winning a small scholarship are greater than your chances of winning a more lucrative scholarship because they are less competitive. But winning several small scholarships can add up to big money. It also gives you practice for the bigger awards and provides you with credentials to add to subsequent applications. Essays can often be reused on multiple scholarship applications with slight tweaks, saving you a lot of time. Winning a scholarship is a mark of excellence, indicating that someone thought it worthwhile to invest their money in your future.

Be thorough in searching for scholarships. Besides the free online scholarship matching services like FastWeb, ask every organization with which you are associated whether they offer scholarships. These include you and your parents employers, unions and fraternal organizations, religious organizations, ethnic groups, cultural organizations, volunteer groups, clubs, your local PTA and your high school. Ask local businesses, such as community banks, grocery stores, bowling alleys and any other business that is not part of a national chain, whether they sponsor scholarships for local students. The chamber of commerce might have information about local businesses that award scholarships. Also ask your high school guidance counselor and the financial aid administrators at nearby colleges about small local awards.

**Additional information for colleges, technical colleges, specialty schools, scholarships, FAFSA, ACT & financial aid are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/valdershighstudentservices/>**

**DO NOT SEND MONEY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL AID.**

- **Fast Tip:** Applying for financial aid should never cost more than a postage stamp!
- **Bonus Tip:** An upfront fee is not needed for scholarship or loan applications!
- If you have questions about financial aid, see the counselor.
- **FAFSA HELP!!!!** *College Goal* is at various locations throughout the state. Bring your tax forms and information and get help with the FAFSA. Info online for other dates <http://collegegoalwi.org/> Attend for a chance to win a scholarship.
- **UW Help Online** <http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>
- **If you do not have access to a computer at home and do not have study halls to access a school computer, feel free to see Student Services for assistance.**

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