

lesson 29: scholarships

outcome: *Conduct a scholarship search and create a list of scholarships to which you can apply.*

a scholarship for everyone

DIRECTIONS: Before conducting a scholarship search, review the steps below — they will help you make the most of your searches.

Think about your personal strengths, qualities, and achievements that might be scholarship-worthy. Look back to Lesson 14 to review your interests, activities, and experiences.

CHOOSE A RESOURCE TO USE IN YOUR SEARCH

You can consult:

- Another free scholarship search engine, like College Board or *www.scholarships.com* or *www.fastweb.com*
- Books on scholarships
- Your high school guidance counselor

SELECT YOUR CRITERIA

You can search by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> Country | <input type="checkbox"/> State |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County | <input type="checkbox"/> City | <input type="checkbox"/> High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School or program | <input type="checkbox"/> Major | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More! | | |

SEARCH AND EVALUATE

Read through the description of the scholarship and ask yourself these questions:

When is the deadline? Do I still have time to apply? _____

Do I meet the eligibility requirements? _____

Am I willing to do whatever it is the scholarship wants me to do (like write an essay, do a presentation, make a dress out of duct tape and wear it to prom, etc.)? _____

If you answered YES to ALL of the above questions, you might want to apply to this scholarship.

Make a list of all the scholarships you MIGHT apply to in the chart on the next page.

STUDENT HANDOUT

 My scholarship List

Name of Organization	Name of Scholarship	Requirements (essay, resume, letters of rec., GPA, etc.)	Deadline	How much \$	Why do you qualify?



FINANCIAL AWARENESS

Scholarships come in many different shapes and sizes. Some require you to fill out only a simple form. Others require you to write an essay, create a portfolio, or participate in an interview process. Depending on your strengths, experiences, and plans, you will have a wide variety of different scholarships open to you.

In order to be eligible, you must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements of the individual scholarship.
- Enroll in a school or program that meets the requirements of the scholarship.

To maximize your chances of getting a scholarship, you should:

- Research and prioritize local scholarships; there will be less competition for them.
- Conduct a scholarship search to match your strengths to available scholarships.